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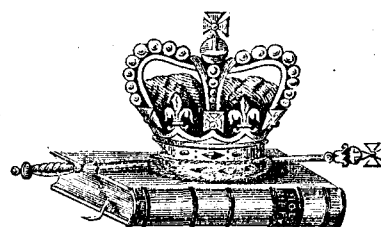
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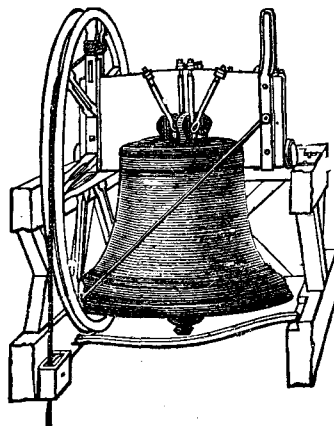
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RINGERS' DINNER AT WESTMINSTER.

THE FIRST ANNUAL DINNER of the St. Stephen's Society took place at the Victoria Restaurant, on Saturday, February 26th, the Rev. W. M. Sinclair (vicar), presiding, and Mr. W. H. Baker occupying the vice-chair. Among the visitors were the Revs. G. Tiley and — Twining (curates), and the Rev. J. Sinclair, of All Saints', Fulham. In all about twenty-eight sat down to dinner. After the cloth was removed, the usual loyal toast was given, "The Queen and Royal Family," proposed by the Chairman, and in doing so he alluded to the importance of bellringers in furthering church work, in fact he considered, next to the choir, they were the next important connected with the Church. He also spoke upon the coming Jubilee, after which the whole company sang "God save the Queen." The next on the programme was a song given by Mr. Pryor, entitled "The Golden Wedding." In proposing the health of "The President and Vice-President," Mr. Bell said they all considered themselves very fortunate in having the chair filled that evening by their worthy President, especially as it was their first dinner, but he sincerely hoped that it would not be the last, and he hoped the President would become a ringing member, but he knew it would be asking too much considering what little time he had to spare; the same remarks applied to the other rev. gentlemen. The society seemed to be progressing very favourably, and he hoped it would long continue to do so, and he hoped also that the President and Vice-President would continue to fill the positions they now held. They had through the kindness of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, began to learn change-ringing, under the able tuition of Mr. J. M. Hayes. The President in responding, said he was very pleased to be present, and hoped to be on many more occasions, and he was also pleased that the society was getting on so well. He thought that the instructor was doing his best, especially as one of the members had already rang a 5040, and he hoped that many of the others would soon follow his example. The Rev. J. Sinclair then sang "Hearts of Oak," and Mr. Duff, "Tom Bowling."

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN in proposing the toast of "The Society," said it gave him much pleasure to be in the position he held that evening. He thought the members deserved great praise for the way in which they had kept together, for he knew it had been a very uphill game both for them and their instructor, and once or twice the society seemed likely to collapse. He was very pleased to see that they had felt themselves strong enough to meet together in the manner they had done that evening, and he joined with Mr. Bell in hoping it would not be the last time. He felt rather sorry that he was not a ringer himself, but he wished them every success and hoped the Society would continue to progress as it had done of late. This was responded to by Mr. Newton. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples was rang on handbells by Messrs. Newton, McLaughlin, Hayes, and Copley. Mr. W. H. Baker then sang "Jack's the ring of all." Mr. Lamb (steeple-keeper), proposed the health of "The Chairman and Vice-Chairman," which was received with much enthusiasm, being given with musical honours. Several other toasts were then proposed, including one for "The Visitors," to which the Rev. J. Sinclair, and Mr. Trotter responded, and one for "The Stewards," responded to by Mr. Burgess. Afterwards songs were given by Messrs. Ellis, Burgess, and Trotter. The visitors left, having wished everybody good night, and hoping they would enjoy themselves. It still being quite early, Mr. Lamb was elected chairman, and Mr. Hayes to the vice-chair, when some capital singing followed, including "The long peal at Bethnal Green," by Mr. Hayes, and "Jack's Yarn," by Mr. McLaughlin, the whole terminating with "God save the Queen," and "Auld Lang Syne." The members then separated, all agreeing they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

On Friday, the 11th inst., several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the local company, with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect for the late Mrs. Lavender, mother of the late Churchwarden, and who was buried in the afternoon. The deceased lady was much beloved by the inhabitants of this small village, amongst whom she had lived all her life, and a large number of people attended the burial service, to pay their last respects to the deceased, who had reached the uncommon age of 94 years. Before falling the bells, the "Original whole pull and stand," was rung 94 times. D. Green, 1; C. West, 2; A. Ingram, 3; H. King, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; W. West, 6. On the Sunday afternoon following, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the above lady. A. Ingram, 1; H. King, 2; W. Biggs, 3; W. King, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; D. Green, 6. The captain begs herewith to thank the head ringer of St. Paul's, Bedford, Mr. I. Hills, for the use of the muffers, which he so kindly lent them.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above Association was held on Saturday, March 19th, at Harwich, but owing partly to the distance and partly to the weather, there was a very small attendance, the only visitors besides the Secretary being Messrs. Parmenter, Hawkes, and Rowland, from Chelmsford; W. Nevard, from Great Bentley; N. Hawkins from Walter Belchamp; and W. Lincoln, from Writtle. The bells of St. Nicholas Church were set going soon after their arrival, and a 924 of Grandsire Triples (Queen's Tittums, and 9,6,7's), were brought round. N. Hawktns, 1; W. Rowland, 2; W. J. Nevard, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; W. Green (Harwich), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; J. Parmenter, 8. In the afternoon after an unsuccessful attempt at a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by seven of the local company with W. Lincoln, of Writtle, a 672 of Bob Major. *W. Green (Harwich), 1; *W. Eester (Harwich), 2; W. Rowland (Chelmsford), 3; W. Hawkes (Springfield), 4; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 5; J. Parmenter (Chelmsford), 6; *W. Lincoln (Writtle, conductor), 7; N. Hawkins (Walter Belchamp), 8. *First touch of Major. The belfry which is approached by an easy staircase, is in thoroughly good order, and the ropes fall in a good circle, the only drawback being the position of the ringer of No. 5 under a sloping ladder, against which he may, if not careful, knock his head or hands. The bells are a nice ring, tenor 13½ cwt., and go easily, but one or two appear to strike somewhat false. Take it all in all, however, the Harwich belfry is a pleasant place to ring in, and the ringers (a young band), seem to have plenty of the right spirit of perseverance. Tea was served at 4 p.m. at the "Great Eastern Hotel," the Rev. G. W. Druce, Vicar of the parish, presiding. At the business meeting which followed, Messrs. H. Fruin (College Youth), Barking; A. Knight (Probationer), Harwich; and T. Goodall (Sandon), were elected ringing members of the Association, and the provisional election of Messrs. E. P. Debenham (St. Albans), and W. L. Garrard (London), on the occasion of a peal rung at Southgate, on February 5th, was confirmed. The Secretary read a letter from the firm entrusted with the entry of peals in the peal book, showing that the style of entry, and consequent charge, was in accordance with the instructions of previous secretaries, and it was agreed to reserve the question for the Annual Meeting on Whit Monday. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, who expressed his warm interest in the progress of ringing in his own parish, and his hope that the Association would pay another visit to Harwich in more genial weather. After some excellent tune playing on the handbells by five of the Harwich ringers, the party broke up for the visitors to catch the 5.40. train (the last from Harwich in the direction of Chelmsford and London), with many regrets that the railway arrangements did not permit of a return to the belfry.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, at Chelmsford. Besides St. Mary's at Chelmsford (which we hope may by that time have ten bells), there are three eight bell towers—Baddow, Galleywood, and Writtle, and three six bell towers—Broomfield, Widford, and Springfield, within easy reach, so that Chelmsford is an exceedingly good centre for a ringer's gathering. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

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NOTICE.

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5088.

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2 3 4 5 6

3 2 4 5 6 7th in three.
 4 2 6 5 3 M
 2 4 6 5 3 7th in three.
 6 4 3 5 2 M
 3 4 2 5 6 M
 4 3 2 5 6 7th in three.
 2 3 6 5 4 M
 6 3 4 5 2 M
 3 6 4 5 2 7th in three.
 4 6 2 5 3 M
 2 6 3 5 4 M
 6 2 3 5 4 7th in three.
 3 5 2 6 4 8th in two.
 5 3 2 6 4 7th in three.
 2 3 4 6 5 M
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 3 4 5 6 2 7th in three.
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 6 2 4 5 3 M
 2 6 4 5 3 7th in three.
 4 6 3 5 2 M
 3 6 2 5 4 M
 6 3 2 5 4 7th in three.
 2 3 4 5 6 M

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, the 5th twenty-four times wrong and right with all the 8-5-7's, 8-6-7's, and 6-7-8's.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal contains all of the 8-6's, and the 6th its extent in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By RICHARD WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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OXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.

A NEW METHOD.

By JAS. W. WASHBROOKE, *Oxford.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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The bob to be made in 2-3-4.

This is a perfect method, and is the only perfect method up to this time invented with the treble a dodging hunt.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By THOS. POLLITT, *Bradford.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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 BB 2 3 4 5 6 2 2

This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and eleven times right, and the 5th six times each way.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN THORPE, *Ashton-under-Lyne.*

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 2 3 5 - - -
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Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

6 2 3 4 5 I - I

4 2 3 5 6 I - I

Twice repeated.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

	Jan.	Feb.	Total.
Ancient Society of College Youths	4	11	15
Yorkshire Association	2	12	14
Sussex County Association	6	6	12
Midland Counties' Association	2	9	11
Oxford Diocesan Guild	2	7	9
St. James' Society, London	1	6	7
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	4	3	7
United Counties' Association	2	5	7
Lancashire Association	4	3	7
Hertford Association	2	3	5
Kent County Association	1	3	4
The Holt Society	2	2	4
Norwich Diocesan Association	3	1	4
Surrey Association	2	2	4
Winchester Diocesan Guild	0	2	2
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild	1	1	2
Essex Association	0	2	2
St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	1	1	2
Eastern Counties' Guild	0	1	1
Devonshire Guild	1	0	1
Bedfordshire Association	1	0	1
The Waterloo Society	1	0	1
Independent Societies	9	6	15
Less peals entered under two Associations	51	86	137
	1	10	11
Totals	50	76	126

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Albion Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Double Oxford Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5; Stedman Cinques, 2; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Triples, 10; Treble Bob Major, 24; Grandsire Caters, 5; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 46; Grandsire Doubles, 1; Bob Major, 12; Bob Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; in seven minor methods, 4; Total, 126.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

THE NUMBER OF BELLRINGERS IN ENGLAND.

The following list, taken from the *Official Year Book of the Church of England*, has been forwarded to us by a correspondent. We can scarcely agree with the figures given, though the source from which they emanate may be from a general point of view, trustworthy. Had the Editor of the *Year Book* condescended to write to us upon the matter, perhaps we could have made one or two suggestions to him.

Diocese of Canterbury ..	1080	Llandaff ..	391
York ..	946	Manchester ..	1178
London ..	679	Newcastle ..	187
Durham ..	353	Norwich ..	1578
Winchester ..	1152	Oxford ..	2091
Bangor ..	96	Peterborough ..	1873
Bath and Wells ..	1536	Ripon ..	1057
Carlisle ..	367	Rochester ..	606
Chester ..	622	St. Albans' ..	1266
Chichester ..	925	St. Asaph ..	113
Ely ..	1503	St. David's ..	381
Exeter ..	1503	Salisbury ..	1339
Gloucester and Bristol ..	1397	Southwell ..	1110
Hereford ..	711	Truro ..	785
Lichfield ..	951	Worcester ..	1354
Lincoln ..	1244	Sodor and Man ..	14
Liverpool ..	313	Total ..	30831

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.—It has been truly said that the business of this great Company continues to progress by leaps and bounds. The assurance funds have increased during the year by the sum of £1,122,054, viz.: the Ordinary branch £319,496, and the Industrial Branch £802,558. The total assets of the Company amount to £6,811,954. It may therefore with correctness be stated that the "Prudential" possesses to-day the extraordinary sum of £7,000,000 sterling. This is a very startling fact, and is without a parallel in the history of Life Assurance. The advantages to the insured are greater and more solid than any benefits offered by any other company. The management take, as it were, the general public into their confidence, everything is laid bare for inspection and criticism, and the result is astounding.

THE CONDITION OF ST. PETER'S BELFRY, ST. ALBAN'S, HERTS.

ON Wednesday, March 9th, after the evening service at St. Peter's, a meeting of the congregation, parishioners, and others interested in the church work, was held for the purpose of receiving a report concerning the belfry. The chair was taken by Mr. H. S. L. Harding, and there was an attendance of about thirty, including the two curates. A letter was laid before the meeting from Messrs. Taylor's and Co., reporting that Mr. Taylor had examined the church bells and found the fifth bell cracked, so that it must necessarily be recast, and ought long ago to have received attention. The main beams which carry the belfry are scarcely strong enough for the weight they have to sustain, and Messrs. Taylor suggested two rivetted girders being fixed under the beams.

Mr. DICKSON asked the chairman if it was true that the tower itself was unsafe, because that impression was made by his circular which was placed in the pews on Sunday.

The CHAIRMAN replied that the feeling when in the tower was anything but a safe one.

The Rev. T. PITMAN said he had been in the tower and noticed that it rocked enough to send a babe to sleep.

Mr. TARTE (an architect, who is a member of the congregation), at once explained that the tower was not unsafe because it oscillated; in fact no tower would be safe unless it did oscillate. He did not consider the oscillation of the St. Peter's tower of any great account. As he was a member of the congregation and took a great interest in Church affairs, he had made an examination, and would be pleased to make a report gratuitously if the meeting would desire it. He did not approve of the suggestion for rivetted girders, because they would be too rigid, and to use iron girders to those beams would be unscientific, and might do a deal of harm to the tower. He saw there was a crack in the tower of about two feet long, and looked like one of long years' standing. What he should advise them to do would be to cut out the crack and fill in with brick in cement and hoop iron bonding, and the cost would be, comparatively speaking, a few shillings. As he had said, if they would care for him to do so, he would get ready a report for them gratuitously.

Mr. MASTERS said it was necessary to keep before them that it was the state of the bells that required attention. £120 had been stated to be the cost of recasting and rehanging, but that not including the expenses of scaffolding, etc., would have to be increased, so that probably £200 would be wanted.

Mr. TARTE said that when he made an examination, all the timbers he tested were sound, though there were a few joists in the floor gone, yet all the large timbers were sound.

Colonel RIND thought the chief difficulty was in getting the money, for having once the funds they could then do all that was necessary, though it was satisfactory to hear that the tower was not unsafe. He should move that a committee be formed to raise a fund.

Mr. TARTE said St. Peter's was the best peal of bells in the neighbourhood, and ought of course to be kept in good condition.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that he did not understand quite what it meant, but there were great objections made to the "clogging." Of course what the churchwardens, and indeed he supposed all of them, were anxious to do, was to get the belfry in a fit state before the Jubilee celebration day, as he was sure they would be heartily sorry if they were not able to ring a peal on that occasion.

Mr. DICKSON then seconded Colonel Rind's proposition, that a committee be formed, and the following gentlemen consented to serve: the Chairman, Colonel Rind, and Messrs. Dickson, Debenham, Masters, Wroot, Tarte, Lewis, Grant, Ivory, and Fowler. The meeting then accepted Mr. Tarte's offer to prepare a report, and thanked him for his kindness, and awaiting this report it was agreed that the proceedings should be adjourned till that evening fortnight.

ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, BACUP.—A peal of bells will be placed in the tower of this church, and they will be rung for the first time on the Queen's Jubilee Day, June 21st. Four bells have already been promised, the donors being James Maden Holt, Esq., J.P., Stubbylee (whose father gave the ground and the money for building the church); E. Hoyle, Esq., J.P., Moorlands (Wesleyan); Henry Maden, Esq., J.P., Rockliffe House (Wesleyan); and Councillor Miles Ashworth, Acre Mill (Churchman). Tenders for the necessary work have been already accepted.

AT ST. STEPHEN'S.

"SAINT STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER," in fact; not that church in Rochester-row, redolent of Grandsire Major and Triples, but the palace of St. Stephen's, on which site laws, for the benefit and sometimes for the wholesome reproof of Englishmen, Irishmen, aye, and even Scotchmen, are enacted. In short the Commons' House of Parliament. Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will be surprised to hear that one of their brother-strings is a member of such an august body, and on being told so will very likely puzzle their brains to find out who the individual is, but the task will be needless and futile, because under no circumstances must his name be divulged, and no questions regarding his identity will be satisfactorily answered. The reason for such reticence must be obvious to the meanest capacity, for what is written here may be made a question of "privilege," and some busybody in the House may be impertinent enough to put a question to the Government respecting "THE BELL NEWS," its intent and objects. Imagine the hon. gentleman the member for Bottlewash asking the Home Secretary if he can inform the House whether the member for the city of ——— belongs to a secret society, whose occult problems as published week by week in their own organ are calculated in future to affect the Budget; and to move a resolution! Therefore the writer must be practically *incog*. Sufficient is it for the Editor to know his contributor, and enough for the readers of "our" paper if they find one agreeable moment while perusing these lines. By the way, I should be grateful for the names and addresses of some of the latter, just for encouragement. I shall be greatly disappointed if I do not get a host of communications denoting approval of this new feature of "THE BELL NEWS." Letters may be addressed to "M.P.' care of the Editor." So much by way of preface.

MONDAY.—The Speaker took the chair at four o'clock (and, adds a waggish fellow who is looking over my shoulder at the time I write never brought it back again). The papers say this; I can't vouch for it, because I was not present at the time. It is my invariable practice to get down to the House about half-past four, the time at which the "G. O. M." invariably arrives, and getting behind a few paces, I share the protection furnished by the police-serjeant who always follows, at a respectful distance, the right hon. gentleman the member for Midlothian, as he walks down to the house. Then as we near the palace yard, I close up, and gain some of the plaudits and enthusiasm intended for him, which of course is very gratifying. We enter Westminster Hall just as the clock is striking the half-hour, and I proceed through the corridor to my seat, which is always courteously vacated upon my entrance. Mr. W. H. Smith, the First Lord of the Treasury, is this evening answering a question respecting the Navy Estimates. The first motion was moved by the Secretary for Ireland which was in fact, what is now known as the "Irish Crimes Bill." The motion created some amount of opposition, especially from Mr. Morley, who gave notice of the following amendment: "That this House declines to set aside the business of the nation in favour of a measure for increasing the stringency of the criminal law in Ireland, while no effectual security has been taken against the abuse of the law by the exaction of excessive rents." This amendment of course was received with boisterous applause from the Home Rulers and non-Unionists. After a short desultory discussion, the House went into Committee of supply, and the vote of £992,000 for the clothing of the seamen and marines was met by a storm of opposition, in which the Home Rule members were prominent. The disclosures made one evening last week by a former navy constructor, had no doubt something to do with the repugnance displayed to this vote, and it really seems that the administration of our navy requires an efficient overhauling, or else our fancied security will some day explode. Every form of the House was brought into use to defeat the Government. At a quarter past one in the morning, Mr. Labouchere moved to report progress. This was defeated, as was also another motion for the purpose of delay. Speaking upon the question of victualling, Mr. J. O'Connor humorously "impressed upon the Government that, instead of resorting to foreign countries, they might, with great economy, obtain a better provision supply for the navy from Ireland. There

was no need to go beyond Ireland for an adequate supply of pork. Ireland, indeed, might be said to be the home of the pig. A credit to the family, he was the gentleman that paid the rent, the rates, and the taxes; and no doubt, if his unlimited resources were called upon, he would be equal to the requirements of the British navy." So much for the pig. The sitting having been inordinately prolonged, at half-past four the leader of the House proposed that the "Closure" be adopted, which was carried by a majority of 153. But this did not do away with the power of the opposing forces arrayed against the Government proposals in Supply. Personalities were freely bandied about, and as fast explained away or withdrew; relays of members, belonging to both sides of the House, kept up the proceedings, and competent chairmen came in, one after another, to relieve each occupant. At length, the orders having been disposed of, the House adjourned at twenty minutes past one on Wednesday, the sitting having lasted more than twenty-one hours.

TUESDAY.—In a somewhat brief speech, Mr. Smith pleaded "urgency" for the Crimes Bill. He was answered by Mr. Morley, who refused to accept the dictum laid down that it was necessary to have coercion previous to remedial measures, in fact it was absolutely necessary in legislating for Ireland, to pass first a measure to tranquillise that unfortunate country. Mr. Morley was very eloquent, as may have been expected, but from the views he makes plain upon the Irish difficulty, it is well known his sympathies lie in the direction of Home Rule, which, judging from the present state of political parties, does not seem to be near. Mr. Balfour (the Irish Secretary), retorted upon "the gentleman who had just sat down" in no measured terms, and at the close of the sitting (quarter past eleven), it became obvious that the Government would pursue the passage of the Bill to the bitter end. It may be confidently assumed, therefore, that should the verdict they seek upon this question be an unfavourable one, they will resign office, but whether we shall by that act be landed in the throes of a General Election, is purely a matter of conjecture.

WEDNESDAY.—This is generally a rather slack day in the House and on this occasion the questions were comparatively few, but not far between. The adjourned debate on Mr. Morley's amendment to Mr. Smith's motion for "urgency" in favour of "the introduction of several stages of the Criminal Law Amendment (Ireland) Bill," was resumed by Sir G. Campbell, and well maintained by Messrs. Bradlaugh, Brice, Lockwood, and others, the last named gentleman describing amid laughter, a previous speaker as an "Irish Scotch Unionist Liberal." After the debate upon this question had been adjourned, Mr. Smith appealed to the House to bring it to a speedy conclusion, on account of its importance to the continuation in office of the present Government. In general language Mr. Gladstone concurred in the appeal, though the reasons mentioned by the leader of the House were sufficient to prevent the debate being unduly restricted. After a few words from Mr. Parnell intimating that five or six of his party desired to have their say before the motion was put from the chair, the House adjourned at six o'clock.

THE RINGER IN PARLIAMENT.

DINTON, WILTS.

On Saturday, March 19th, six members of the Salisbury City Company paid a visit to the village of Dinton. Arriving at about 4 p.m. after an hour's drive, they were met by Mr. Wright, the captain of the Dinton Company, who had kindly got the bells all up and everything arranged for the visitors. They proceeded at once to ring a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, Mr. Wright ringing the fourth. The Salisbury men then rang a 720 Bob Minor. J. Judd, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5; J. R. Jerram, 6. Another 720 (eighteen bobs and two singles) was then rung, after which the ringers adjourned to the "Wyndham Arms" and partook of tea. After tea they again visited the tower, and rang a 720 Bob Minor (with forty-two singles), composed by Mr. C. Jackson of Hull. J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. After a "friendly glass" at the "Wyndham Arms" they made their way home to Salisbury, well satisfied with their day's outing.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The index to the fifth volume is in course of preparation, and we hope to have it ready for our readers earlier than has been usually the case. An extra number will then be issued with a PORTRAIT and MEMOIR of a well-known ringer.

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The publisher of "THE BELL NEWS" has the pleasure to announce the issue, in penny weekly numbers, of a rare old work upon ringing, entitled "Campanalogia Improved; or the Art of Ringing made easy," &c. This work is printed uniform with "Shipway" and the "Clavis," which have been so eagerly taken up.

The Publisher believes that the re-issues of these various old ringing works, which at the present day are from their scarcity, so difficult of perusal, will be approved of by ringers. Their publication enables all who have an inclination for the useful, as well as the curious, to possess in time a valuable and complete ringing library. The copy, which has been kindly lent to the editor of this journal by Mr. S. B. Goslin, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, belongs to a fifth edition, "Corrected by J. Monk." For the purposes of easy publication it is called after his name, and those intending to take in the penny weekly numbers, should ask for "Monk on Ringing."

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1887.

THERE is a very marked increase of power, at the present day, in the torrent of opposition which is manifested towards the continuance of existing institutions in their present shape and form. Notably is this the case in matters connected with the Church, whether they have a remote or near relation to it. At present the chief theatre of hostility appears to be the question of what is known as "tithe," and the inconsistency shewn in the attack is in many cases too visible to allow one atom of respect being exhibited towards the agitators. The payment of any impost is objectionable, and apt to create a certain amount of irritation. We may say the same of land-tax or ground-rent, or in fact of every conceivable amount of tribute which the world has experienced since the time of the Emperor Augustus, in whose reign, we are

told, all the world came up to Jerusalem to be taxed. Perhaps land-tax bears the greatest analogy to tithe, both being charges upon land. But whoever thinks of submitting to legal restraint upon their household goods because they object, "on principle," to pay either land-tax or ground-rent? There is evidently something else besides this "principle" that excites the opposition to tithe. It may be the want of principle; certainly it is that in many cases the objectors to the payment of tithe seem to possess little of that commodity, for how can it be regarded but as a gross breach of faith to refuse, even "upon principle," to fulfil solemn contracts entered into, merely because the honest and due performance of the covenant tends to assist the already ridiculously low stipend (in many cases) of a priest of the Church of England. The cry out at the present time against tithe is a grand sham. It really is another of the dastardly projects of the Liberation Society and its myrmidons for reopening a fresh campaign against the Church. The wire-pullers of the present agitation in Wales are fully aware that if tithes were abolished to-morrow, those who have to pay it would not be one whit the better off. If tithe were simply done away with, the landowner would gain its full amount in an increased rent, and no advantage would therefore accrue to the tenant. And if it were diverted to a "secular" purpose, in conformity with the confiscation notions of the "Member for West Birmingham," the tenant would still have to pay it like he does at present, as part of his rent. Therefore, agitation upon such a question will never materially benefit the tenants who are being made a catspaw of by enemies of the Church, for the purpose of giving aid to another conspiracy against her.

We hear of no agitation in regard to land-tax or ground-rent, though either of such payments is just as objectionable as tithes. There are those possessed of real estate who rejoice to hear of these attacks upon tithe, but who would at the same time put the law in motion to confiscate the effects of a creditor who owed them ground-rent. And yet there is very much in common between the two. Those who hire farms and other kinds of property which are subject to tithe, enter into the necessary covenants for such payment with their eyes open, and become fully acquainted with the responsibilities their tenancy enjoins. So does the lessee of property where there is a ground-rent or land-tax to be paid. But in neither of the latter do we yet hear of any organised opposition to its payment.

It is very clear that the mainspring of this agitation lies in the fact that the proceeds due from tithe goes not into the pockets of money-grubbers and land speculators, but to the incomes of benefices. This is very objectionable to the Church's enemies, and those who labour for her downfall, and it unfortunately gives occasion for the blatant atheistical demagogue or rabid Dissenter to display their abilities. But why should the parson—in many cases the only man of refinement and gentility in the parish—be mulcted of his rights, when

successful land jobbers, who have nothing but their impudence to recommend them, get their *improved* ground-rents without trouble? The fair play, upon which an Englishman prides himself, is wanted here, certainly. It would be thought a curious thing if those who have to pay ground-rents were to object—"on principle"—to pay them when the demand came, on the plea that payment was objectionable. We can picture the visages of some of those who are in the receipt of such lucrative sources of income, if a refusal, instead of prompt payment, was tendered to them—"on principle." Dire threats of legal process would of course follow. Mark the consistency of such people! Object to tithe if we will, but let us be somewhat near straightforward and consistent in our objection.

The Metropolis.

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 19, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES BEECH Treble.	*EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON* 2.	RICHARD FRENCH 6.
JOHN BONNEY 3.	ARTHUR HAYWARD 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD 4.	JOSEPH WEST Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

*First peal in the method. Debenham hails from St. Alban's.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, March 19th, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE ORIGINAL BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 13 Cwt.

GEORGE HOGG* Treble.	WILLIAM WATCHORN .. 5.
WILLIAM PEAD 2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 3.	EDWARD WELLS 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE.

*First peal.

POPLAR, MIDDLESEX.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, March 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

CHARLES HOPKINS Treble.	*ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 6.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 2.	*WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 7.
THOMAS MAYNARD 3.	HUGH SCARLETT 8.
EDWIN BARNETT 4.	WILLIAM DORAN 9.
HENRY A. BARNETT* .. 5.	WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

Messrs. Hopkins, Newman, Maynard, Scarlett, and Crockford, hail from Waltham-stow; E. Barnett from Leytonstone; H. A. Barnett from Tottenham; A. G. Freeman from Lewisham; W. H. Freeman from Southgate; and W. Doran from Stratford.

*First peal of Caters.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—It is proposed to hold two meetings of this Guild during the month of May next. One at Poole on Tuesday, May 10th, and one at Trowbridge on Thursday, May 12th.

STRATFORD-LE-BOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, March 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble.	JAMES PETTIT 5.
WILLIAM CECIL 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL 6.
YORK GREEN 3.	RICHARD TURNER 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	THOMAS BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 19th birthday of Mr. Samuel Joyce, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Provinces.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 10, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES ON FIVE BELLS IN TWENTY-ONE DIFFERENT METHODS;

Being 240 each of the following:—

Stedman Doubles, College Doubles, March Delight, Nightingale, Twilight The Dream, Dreamer, London Dream, Hourton, Morning Star, Morning Doubles, Evening Doubles, Evening Star, St. Dunstan's Doubles, Hudibras April Day, Little Bob, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles, London Doubles, Grandsire.

JOHN SELF Treble.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 3.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 2.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 4.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. Tenor.	

Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thursday, March 17, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM COOPER* Treble.	JAMES HALL 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	CHARLES PRICE 7.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 8.
ALFRED THOMAS 4.	CHARLES TIMMS 9.
REUBEN HALL 5.	THOMAS ADKINS Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, sen., and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

*First peal of Caters. Mr. Thomas hails from Birmingham; all the rest are local.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

Handbell Ringing.

On Monday, March 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY NATIONAL SCHOOLS, SPICER STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 size, in Bp.

HENRY LEWIS 1-2.	NEWMAN N. HILLS .. 5-6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL* .. 3-4.	†WALTER BATTLE .. 7-8.

Conducted by NEWMAN NORWOOD HILLS.

*First peal double-handed. †First peal on handbells.

H. Lewis is an honorary member of the cathedral society, and the above are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths', the Herts. and Essex Associations, &c. The same band broke down in the last course a fortnight previously, an attempt the following evening, also resulting in a failure about half-way, the peal being successful at the 3rd attempt. It is the first double-handed peal in the county by residents in the county, and was witnessed by Messrs. A. Barnes and T. Grant, of the Cathedral Society, who marked off every lead as rung, and J. S. Robertson, Esq.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Saturday, March 19, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF S.S. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	GEORGE MAXIM 5.
JOHN LEE 2.	ROBERT MINGAY 6.
WALTER P. GRIDLEY .. 3.	PERCY C. S. SCOTT .. 7.
FRED WELLS 4.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above peal in three parts, has the 6th two course-ends home in each part, and is now rung for the first time. The figures of the peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS," page 43, vol. 1. Mr. Scott is from Long Melford; Mr. Sillitoe from Sudbury; Messrs. Slater and Wells from Glemsford; the rest are Foxearth ringers.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH).

On Saturday, March 19, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

JOHN WILSON Treble.	JOHN MARLOW 6.
THOMAS WILSON 2.	JOHN COOPER 7.
STEPHEN COOPER 3.	ALFRED MILLIS 8.
GEORGE BURROWS 4.	JOHN BUTTERTY 9.
W. PORTER COOPER .. 5.	WILLIAM WALKER .. Tenor.

Composed by R. WILLIAMS, of Liverpool, and Conducted by JOHN BUTTERTY.

First peal of Stedman Caters by any of the above band, also the first by the Midland Counties Association.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' VARIATION (Reversed). Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. Treble.	FREDERICK CASTLE .. 5.
FREDERICK FIELD 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. 3.	JAS. W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
ALFRED BROWNING* .. 4.	THOMAS WAKENELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAS. WM. WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method. †First peal.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, March 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH Treble.	GEORGE MOBBS 5.
H. W. READ, Esq. 2.	WILLIAM FAIRHEAD* .. 6.
GEORGE PRINCE 3.	JAMES SOUTER* 7.
FREDERICK SMITH 4.	CAPTAIN MOORE Tenor.

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

*First peal.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

EDWARD WOODHALL .. Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
WILLIAM COOPER 2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 6.
JOHN SIDDONS* 3.	SIMEON SLATER 7.
EDWARD CASHMORE .. 4.	GEORGE GRIFFITHS .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. J. Siddons was elected a member of this Association previous to starting for the peal.

BRADFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 20, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS IN SEVEN DIFFERENT
TREBLE BOB METHODS;

Being 720 each of the following:—

College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford
Delight, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS WILSON* .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY 4.
JONATHAN GILLOTT .. 2.	GEORGE H. UTTLEY .. 5.
GEORGE MERRYMAN* .. 3.	ARTHUR BREARLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR BREARLEY.

*First peal.

This is the first peal accomplished by the local company without outside help, and was rung at the first attempt.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, March 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

BIDDLESTON'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

JOSEPH WINDRIDGE* .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. COPE .. 5.
JOSEPH TIMMS* 2.	HENRY SLANEY 6.
JOSEPH WAINWRIGHT* .. 3.	*GEORGE WOODS 7.
FREDERICK CHAPMAN .. 4.	*WILLIAM JENNINGS .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. COPE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. F. J. Cope hails from Lichfield; the rest are local members.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—(GARGRAVE BRANCH).

On Monday, March 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. CLARK Treble.	W. WRAY 5.
J. WANE 2.	J. MCKELL 6.
J. H. BELL 3.	C. LANGSTROTH 7.
W. WHITTAKER 4.	J. MCGOUN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES MCGOUN.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE

ASSOCIATION.—(CALVERLEY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF ROSE OF ENGLAND, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

REUBEN PAGE Treble.	JOSEPH PAGE 5.
WALTER CHILD 2.	JAMES ROSS 6.
EZRA KEIGHLEY 3.	JOHN CORDINGLEY 7.
WILLIAM HOLLINGS .. 4.	WILLIAM DAVISON .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and conducted by
JOHN CORDINGLEY.

This peal has the 6th nine times wrong and nine times right in 5-6, is the first peal in this method by the Yorkshire Association, and never been previously performed.

LANCASTER.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT HIRST Treble.	THOMAS J. PARKER .. 5.
WILLIAM CLAYTON* .. 2.	WILLIAM HIRST 6.
ROBERT WALKER* 3.	ROBERT JOHNSON 7.
WILLIAM JACKSON* .. 4.	*ROBERT STUART Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT HIRST.

This is the first peal on the new bells, which was presented to replace the old one by James Williamson, J.P., D.L. and High Sheriff of the county. *First peal.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNGAY (Norfolk).—On Monday, March 7th, the Redenhall Branch of this Association paid a friendly visit to the above place, and rang a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 14 mins. E. Smith, 1; H. W. Read, Esq., 2; G. Prince, 3; J. Bentley, 4; F. Smith 5; G. Mobbs, 6; J. Souter, 7; Capt. Moore, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt. Composed by Mr. Benjamin Smith, and conducted by Edward Smith.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, March 12th, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 17 mins. E. Smith, 1; H. W. Read, Esq., 2; C. Clarke, 3; G. Prince, 4; G. Mobbs, 5; F. Smith 6; Capt. Moore, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Monday, March 21st, for practice at the parish church, ten members of the local branch of the above Association, rang a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Rippon, 1; J. Hunt, 2; J. Goodwin, 3; I. Goodwin, 4; G. Toplis, 5; W. Ellis, 6; J. Ellis, 7; H. Nuttall, jun., 8; A. Knights (composer and conductor), 9; T. Mee, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

HUDDERSFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, March 12th, a date touch (1887 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 1 hr. 20 mins. Wm. Clay, 1; John Stead, 2; Henry Ellis, 3; George Clay, 4; R. Kitson, 5; Thomas Stead, 6; J. W. Cudworth, 7; J. Barrowclough 8; T. Haigh (conductor), 9; Wm. Brogden, 10. Tenor 18 cwt. Composed by T. Haigh.

LINDLEY (Huddersfield).—On Sunday, March 6th, a date touch of 1887 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Wilkinson, 1; A. Crosland, 2; G. Denby, 3; G. W. Schofield, 4; A. Sykes, 5; B. Shaw, 6; C. W. Clegg, 7; Fred Schofield (conductor), 8. Composed by Fred Schofield.

MIRFIELD (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday evening, March 15th, the local company rang a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. H. Collinson, 1; T. Crawshaw, 2; W. Holmes, 3; S. Peacock, 4; H. Barker, 5; W. Barrowclough, 6; W. Peacock, 7; H. Hinchliffe, 8; B. Robinson, 9; J. Peacock (conductor), 10. Composed by Mr. A. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Thursday, March 10th, six members of the above Society rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 24 mins. J. Tennent, 1; F. Weare, 2; J. Basden, 3; B. E. Batrum, 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Tennant (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday evening, March 15th, at St. John's Church, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. J. Little, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; W. Lister, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G. First 720 by J. Little and H. S. Taylor.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

TERRINGTON.—On Thursday evening, March 17th, at St. Clement's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 29 mins. W. Mallett, 1; R. Howling, 2; Dr. Seccombe, 3; F. Easton, 4; Jno. Herring, 5; Jno. Green (conductor), 6. And on Monday, March 21st, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Easton, 1; Jas. Cullen, 2; R. Stimpson, 3; W. Mallett, 4; Dr. Seccombe (conductor), 5. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the first 6-score of Grandsire rang by a Terrington company. Jas. Cullen and R. Simpson, two new members of the younger band, only commenced practice on the tower bells six weeks ago.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, February 20th, at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 27 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes (conductor), 2; H. Allen, 3; H. Hill, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. On Sunday, February 27th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, standing as before, with H. Hill as conductor. On Sunday, March 6th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen (conductor), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. On Sunday, March 13th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, with H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4. Tenor 17 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TREWESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, March 8th, at Tewkesbury Abbey, a 1008 of Stedman Triples. C. W. Dyson, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; C. Awford, 3; J. Hale, 4; S. Cleal, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Friday, March 18th, at the parish church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), with twenty-four 6-7's the right way. W. Harvey, 1; J. Everard, 2; J. Dains, 3; W. Rowland, 4; W. Hawkes, 5; E. Scotcher, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; J. Parmenter, 8. Also a course of Bob Major. J. Everard, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Harvey, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; J. Parmenter, 6; E. Scotcher, 7; W. Rowland, 8.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 16th, 720 of Bob Minor. A. Knight, 1; J. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; W. Green, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; W. Easter (conductor), 7; G. Knock, 8.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 13th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 27 mins. A. Jacobs (conductor), 1; J. Horton, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; G. B. Lucas, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; G. Griffin, 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. King, 1; J. Horton, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. Griffin, 5; A. Jacobs, 6. And a 360 of Grandsire Minor, by six of the above.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY (Near Rochester).—On Friday evening, March 18th, for practice, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, each called differently, in 22 mins. D. Winsor, 1; *E. Collard, 2; *J. Tully, 3; A. Ring, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. *First peal. And a 120 of Plain Bob Doubles, with A. Ring, 3; and G. Hutchings, 4. This is the first in the method by all. And on Sunday morning, March 20th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 15 mins. D. Winsor, 1; E. Collard, 2; A. Ring, 3; G. Hutchings, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt. The above is also the first rung by all Frindsbury ringers.

STAPLEHURST.—On Monday, March 21st, for practice, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes, ninety-six bobs and twenty-four singles) in 1 hr. and 39 mins. W. Collison, 1; W. Pope, 2; J. Tillmon, 3; W. E. Pope, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. E. Nunn (conductor), 7; T. Colvin, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

WROTHAM.—On Friday, March 11th, at St. George's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Taylor, 1; G. Barham, 2; M. Taylor, 3; G. Osborne, 4; J. Rogers, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6; H. Hosmer, 7. On Friday, March 18th, a 720 of Bob Minor, standing as before. On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor. F. Taylor, 1; G. Barham, 2; M. Taylor, 3; G. Osborne, 4; B. Edge, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6; H. Hosmer, 7. Tenor 21 cwt.

YORKSHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

SADDLEWORTH (Yorks.).—On Saturday, March 19th, eight members of the above Associations attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, at the parish church, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 40 mins., it unfortunately came to grief, in the last course but one, owing to the 3rd rope breaking. John J. Brierley, 1; Joseph Radcliffe, 2; John Holden, 3; Franklin Brierley, 4; Joseph L. Buckley, 5; James Radcliffe, 6; Edward Wood, 7; Joseph Wood (conductor), 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT.—On Saturday, February 19th, at St. Anne's Church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Frances (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner, 6. Also over 300 of Plain Bob Minor, standing as before, E. Spooner conductor, which is part of a 720 with sixteen bobs and two singles. Also on Saturday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. called six different ways. H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Frances (conductor), 3; E. Spooner, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Varndell, 6. Tenor 21 cwt. Longest touch on the bells.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, March 16th, at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, 1330 Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 44 mins. W. Tyack, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; W. Coppage, 3; C. E. Malim, 4; F. L. Davies, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; H. J. Davies, 7; G. Wild, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

ANSTON (Yorks.).—On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service at St. James's Church, a 720 of Oxford, 360 Duke of York, 360 Kent, 120 each of New London Pleasure, and Violet Minor. G. Lister, 1; R. S. Fox, 2; J. Bland, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; T. Silvester (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, March 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 120 of Bob Doubles. R. Hutton, 1; W. Nudds, 2; C. Tite, 3; C. Chapman, 4; W. Nudds, 5. Also on handbells, two 120's of Bob Minor. R. Hutton (conductor), 1-2; W. Nudds, 3; C. Tite, 4; R. Chapman, 5; W. Nudds, 6.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, March 17th, at Christ Church, 120 of College Single Minor, 120 of Grandsire Minor, 120 of Plain Bob Minor, and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Yates, 1; T. Woodward, 2; W. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; R. H. Barton, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton.

CROOME D'ABITOT (Worcestershire).—*Handbell ringing.*—On Thursday, March 10th, 360 of Grandsire Doubles. *A. Clifford, 1-2; L. Longney (conductor), 3-4; W. Longney, 5-6. Also on Thursday, March 18th, 600 of Grandsire Doubles (each 6-score called differently), in the same order as the above. Also a course of Grandsire Minor, †W. Longney, 1-2; †A. Clifford, 3-4; L. Longney, 5-6. Also 120 of Plain Bob Doubles. †A. Clifford, 1-2; *L. Longney (conductor), 3-4; †W. Longney, 5-6. *First in the method double-handed. †First in the method.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 6th, 1887, the local Society, with C. Axford, of Tewkesbury, and C. Dyson, Tredington, rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. C. Roles, 1; C. Willis, 2; C. Dyson, 3; C. Axford, 4; H. Roberts, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6. And after service, ten 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. C. Axford, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; J. Bartlett, 5; R. Niblett, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

LLKLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor, on the middle six, in 28 mins. S. Gill, 1; C. Stephenson, 2; W. Cook, 3; A. Dacre, 4; F. Pell, 5; W. Beanlands, 6; W. Beanlands (conductor), 7; W. E. Waland, 8.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, March 15th, eight of the local company rang for practice the first quarter of Brook's peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. J. Burgess, 1; J. Holt, 2; C. Bamford, 3; W. Kenny, 4; J. M. Davenport, 5; W. Walmsley (conductor), 6; W. Ingham, 7; J. Morlidge, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's church, on Monday, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), was rang by the following, in 47 minutes. E. Hughes, 1; W. Fox, 2; C. Wilkinson, 3; G. H. Denman, 4; T. Hattersley (Sheffield, conductor), 5; G. H. Johnson, 6; W. Lee, 7; W. Nibbs, 8.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, March 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 of Place Minor, in 28 mins. W. Green, 1; W. Bird, 2; H. Mason, 3; R. Bird, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday, March 20th, for morning service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. W. Bird, 1; R. Bird, 2; W. Green, 3; H. Mason, 4; H. Cartwright (conductor), 5; A. H. Bassano, 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. H. Johnson, 1; H. Mason, 2; W. Bird, 3; R. Bird, 4; W. Green, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 19th, at the parish church, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. Harry Baldwin, 1; James Sholicar, 2; Wm. M. Varley, 3; Joseph Lea, 4; Wm. Ellis, 5; W. J. Taylor (conductor), 6; George Prescott, 7; Wm. Baldwin, 8. Composed by J. Sholicar, and rung on the occasion of the conductor's 20th birthday. Messrs. H. Baldwin, W. M. Varley, Joseph Lea, and W. Baldwin are from Southport, the rest are the local company.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 13th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. H. Symonds, 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. On Wednesday evening, March 16th, a 552 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Symonds (conductor), 1; J. Moore, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Smith, 4; W. Snell, 5; John Levitt, 6. And a 720 of Bob Major. H. Symonds, 1; Wm. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; John Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; A. Symonds (conductor), 7-8. Composed by the late John Elmer, of Stowmarket. First 720 of Major on handbells by all the above. On Sunday, March 20th, after service in the afternoon, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. Symonds, 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Tenor 11½ cwt. First 720 in the method by W. Snell.

SOWTON (Devon).—On Saturday, March 12th, eight members of St. Sidwells' Society, Exeter, visited this place, and attempted Reeves's variation peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4536 changes, the conductor called "stand," a shift course having occurred. W. Munday, 1; F. Shepherd (conductor), 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Pitt, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; W. Richardson, 7; T. J. Lake, 8. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, March 21st, at St. Thomas' church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 behind, in 30 mins. A. W. Pugh, 1; J. Guest, 2; *H. Harris (conductor), 3; T. Lees, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; J. Rogers, 6; G. H. Paget, 7; C. Barrett, 8. *First 720 as con-

ductor, and his brother ringers congratulate him on the progress he has made in so short a time. And a 360 of Bob Minor (nine bobs), on the middle six, with tenor cover, in 15 mins. W. A. Pugh, 1; H. Harris, 2; J. Guest, 3; T. Lees, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; *G. H. Paget first 360 as conductor), 6; C. Barrett, 7. Tenor 9½ cwt. in Bb.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 5th, the local company with Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Reeves' variation), but after reaching the third part-end (1540), it was deemed advisable to let the bells run home, on account of the big bell going badly. A. Scott, 1; J. Campin, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Howell, 4; W. Griggs, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; H. Harper, 7; S. Slater, 8. Also on Tuesday, March 8th, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (864 changes). C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; R. Mingay (Foxearth), 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Bacon, 4; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 5; J. Lee (Foxearth), 6; H. Harper, 7; A. Scott and W. Cross, 8. Also at the meeting house, Gregory-street, on handbells, retained in hand, a course of Stedman Triples. W. B. Ransom, Esq., 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; A. Scott, 7-8. And a 252 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1-2; G. Brown, 3; W. B. Ransom, Esq., 4; W. Howell, 5; M. Silvester, 6; A. Scott, 7-8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, March 19th, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. Francis Hales, 1; William Stringer, 2; Peter Conlon, 3; John Murphy, 4; Martin Murphy, Thomas Miller (conductor), 6. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb. This is believed to be the first 720 rung here since 1831.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, March 6th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and after service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Nudds, jun., 1; G. Manser, sen., 2; G. Manser, jun., 3; R. Hutton (conductor), 4; W. Nudds, sen., 5; E. Websdale, 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). W. Nudds, jun., 1; G. Manser, jun., 2; R. Hutton (conductor), 3; E. Cornman, 4; W. Nudds, 5; E. Websdale, 6. Also 180 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Manser, sen., 1; G. Manser, jun., 2; W. Nudds, jun., 3; C. Tite, 4; R. Hutton (conductor), 5; E. Websdale, 6.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Saturday evening, March 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of College Single Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. Also 360 of London Single Bob, 360 of Grandsire Minor, and 360 of Plain Bob Minor in 37 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; T. R. Somerville, 2; W. Short, 3; T. Rushton, 4; W. Rushton, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 1080 changes, being a 720 of London Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), and 360 of Oxford Single Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 37 mins. Also in the evening, for Divine Service, 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (nine bobs). J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. Messrs. Short and W. Rushton hail from Bootle.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE HOLT SOCIETY, (ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM), AND THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED.

SIR,—As Secretary of the Birmingham Amalgamated society, I most emphatically deny that any resolution was passed prohibiting members of the Amalgamated Society from ringing with the Holt Society in their handbell performances. In January of last year, I myself rang two peals with the Holt Society, though I had been requested by four of our members not to ring handbell peals with the Holt Society, under that designation, neither Mr. Townsend or any other members of our society knowing this requisition. How Mr. Kent reconciles this with a resolution of the Amalgamated Society, I cannot understand. I may add that two of the above members alluded to have seceded from our ranks. What shape Mr. Kent's substantiation of which he speaks will now take I am utterly at a loss to discern, and I think that were ringers to make themselves more conversant with facts, they would prevent a great deal of unpleasantness, which is the outcome of ignorance of the subject under discussion.

Bracebridge Street, Birmingham.

JOHN CARTER.

RINGING WITHOUT ROPE-SIGHT.

SIR,—Deaf and blind men have before now been successful change-ringers, and it may be worth while to bring to the notice of your readers a method which should be useful to clergymen and others who wish to be able to ring without giving much time to practising with a band. I do not suppose that this method is new, though I have had to work it out for myself, from a rule-of-thumb system,

which I was taught many years ago. Each ringer had a slip of paper, shewing the order of the bells, which he followed in a set peal, and which he learnt by heart. I give a specimen below: The course of your bell may be shewn by marks, with which I need not trouble the printer. The peal is Grandsire Doubles. The bars are for leads.

For the Fifth.		For the Treble.	
Plain Course.	Bob	Single	
34	—	—	23
12	31	31	45
34	B. 31	S. 33	23
—	—	13	45
12	—	—	—
12	—	—	—

It is not absolutely necessary to have any knowledge of "Ropesight," but it will be much better to learn the very simple rule that "each bell in hunting up, follows the bell, which in the preceding change struck after it." The learner will then, after leading, have only to note where he passes the treble, and to pursue his course till he leads again, taking the bells in an order which he will have learnt by observation. My own experience of this plan is limited to Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Minor, and I have had no opportunity of putting the latter method to the test of practice. But there is no theoretical difficulty in the matter. Take a paper and pencil, and you will soon find the order in which the bell you suppose yourself to be ringing, will follow the others through every peal in which the treble has a plain hunt. When you can do this readily on paper, do it in your head, then try it on a muffled bell in the steeple, and then with the band.

Whitstone, 19th March.

C. PEARSON.

CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—The peal of Treble Bob Royal, rung at Manchester Cathedral on the 10th of March, and reported in your impression of the 19th inst., was one of 5080 changes, and not 5040 as stated. Thanking you for inserting this correction.

A. ED. WREAKS.

SIR,—The quarter-peal by H. J. Tucker (No. 128 "BELL NEWS") rung at Galleywood, and reported last week, as containing twelve 7-4's, twelve 4-6's, and twelve 6-7's is wrong as regards these qualities. The quarter-peal contains twelve 7-4's, eight 4-6's, and eight 6-7's.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of March 12th, a date touch that read Major should read Royal.

A. SYKES.

Huddersfield.

A REQUEST.

SIR,—Will you allow me space in your column to ask our bell ringing friends if some one will forward me a lead, with a bob and a single of Warnham Court Bob Minor, for the good of a six bell company.

Market Lane, Lavenham, Suffolk.

ARTHUR SYMONDS.

DIAGRAMS *versus* FIGURES.

SIR,—Allow me to congratulate you on the completion of your fifth volume and the enlargement of your paper, and to answer your appeal to those who read regularly but do not write by this letter. First, I should like to begin with a little grumble. Since I have been a ringer I have been a diligent reader of your paper, and I always look forward to its arrival; but from time to time my pleasure in reading it has been greatly marred by the little squabbles and private disputes and personalities which have happened in the correspondence column. Do you not think that ringers, as office bearers in the House of the Prince of Peace, might be a little more peaceably disposed one to another? If one claims a method or a peal as original that seems hardly enough to make another fly at him as a pirate and a robber, because he happens to have seen the method or the peal before. May I make an appeal through you for a little more politeness and gentleness amongst the brothers of the art? I want to bring before your readers a plan that I have used with success for learning various methods. I do not claim it as original, and if others have used it before, I gladly give place to them, but I have not come across it and I think it useful both for beginners and also in learning more advanced methods. It has always seemed to me that one of the great difficulties or obstacles in the way of learning for a beginner, is that he sees in his book, or he pricks down on his paper, a number of figures, and when he sees the figure 2 or the figure 4, it for a time means the 2nd or the 4th bell for him and no other. Now, it occurred to me that if the learner could be taught *without the use of figures at all*, he would escape a good deal of difficulty, and would be saved having to unlearn afterwards much that he learns at first. The diagrams of Snowdon's "Standard Methods" gave me the idea. I printed a quantity of paper with a cyclostyle ruled into little squares. The copying paper is ruled with about nine to the square inch, so that by ruling another line in between those on

the paper I got about 36 to the square inch which I found a convenient size. Now suppose I want to learn a triple method, I take a sheet of my paper and with a pen and ink, rule it into columns with seven squares in a row (for Minor, of course, there would be six, for Major eight, and so on). Then a horizontal line at every fourteenth row and the paper is ready for working out the plain course. Each little square will represent the place of a bell and each row of seven will be a change. I then take a red pencil and mark out the path of the treble through as many leads as there are in the plain course, and if there is a bell in the hunt I put that in with a black lead pencil. Then with a blue pencil I put in the work of an inside bell, in the same way as in Snowdon's diagrams, but without any figures. In this way the work may be learnt with comparative ease. Of course, one pencil may be used instead of three, but the different colours make it clearer. The paper will be found useful also for writing out or composing peals, and I should think that learners, conductors, and composers would be grateful if you were to issue paper ruled in this manner, as every one is not able to print it for themselves.

E. W. C.

BOB MINOR VARIATIONS.

SIR,—My attention having been called to the correspondence on the above subject in "THE BELL NEWS," I beg to state that the complete 720 with 148 calls, was composed by me in 1868, as stated by Mr. Spencer. Previous to that time only 616 had been accomplished. The following copies of Mr. Dixon's letters which he subsequently addressed to me, and which I still retain in my possession, should leave no doubts in the minds of anyone as to who or who is not the author of the 720 above-mentioned. "St. Martins', Stamford, September 13th, 1868. Mr. Hollis,—Dear Sir,—I am much delighted with your accomplishment of 720 changes of Bob Minor Variations; I tried to get the full peal a long time in the year 1830, but could not accomplish more than 616 changes, it would give me great pleasure if you would kindly forward me by letter upon what bells you have made the bobs through the peal, as also what bells the singles are made upon. I purpose being at Maxey feast the last week in September, and after receiving your information, the Maxey society and others no doubt will endeavour to ring the peal." The peal was afterwards printed on sheets of paper by some person who gave Mr. Dixon all the credit of composing, etc., a copy of which Mr. Dixon forwarded to me with the following note. "May 10th, 1869—Sir,—Please accept the enclosed which was printed without my knowledge, the cause of double paper at the top is, that the parties had given me all the credit of composing, but knowing it was not due to me, I had it printed in its present state." I may say that on a visit to Mr. Dixon on a subsequent occasion, he presented me with a copy of Hubbard's work on ringing, saying, "Accept this as a present from me, you have done well my boy."

Wakefield.

Jno. T. HOLLIS.

ANSWER TO OBSERVER.

SIR,—In your issue of the 12th inst., I notice a letter from one who subscribes himself "Observer," asking for information respecting the weight of the tenor bell at Chichester Cathedral, and interrogating the original plan concerning the bells at St. Paul's Church, Brighton, by enquiring whether "the big bell, which is clocked previous to Divine Service on Sundays, was ever intended for a tenor to a ring of ten." In answer to your correspondent's first query, I beg to state that the weight of the tenor at Chichester is about 21 cwt. This statement is borne out to a great extent by the fact that her dimensions do not exceed 44 inches in height and 49 inches in diameter. This bell is somewhat similar to the tenor of a ring of eight which is to be met with in the tower of S. Mary's Church, Scarborough, weighing 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs., and measuring 50½ inches in diameter. I must not omit to mention that both these bells are in the key of E flat. Your correspondent observes that there exists a difference of opinion as to the weight of the bell in question. This, undoubtedly, arises from the fact that the Chichester campanologists are wont to declare that their tenor weighs 27 cwt. If one were to visit their campanile he might see this weight recorded in a manuscript book kept in the ringing chamber. I have always received with some amount of incredulity the statements of ringers regarding weights of tenors, simply because they are so apt to assert that a bell weighing 21 cwt. weighs no less than 27 cwt. It is greatly to be wished that ringers would turn their attention to the importance of ascertaining the accurate weights of tenors.

In answer to "Observer's" second query, I will quote a passage from Vol. 16 of the Sussex Archaeological Collections, which was written before the bells of S. Paul's were augmented to their present number. "The big bell at S. Paul's, Brighton, weighs more than two tons; it is destined to be the tenor of a peal of eight, of which the four smaller bells are already provided." The four bells alluded to were, with the big bell, the sole occupiers of the tower for a period of 20 years. The number was afterwards increased by the addition of four lighter ones in the year 1873.

GEORGE MURRAY.

The S. Paul's Guild, Brighton, March 22nd, 1887.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Reports presented at the Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 3rd March, 1887.

In the Ordinary Branch the number of policies issued during the year was 25,567, assuring the sum of £2,715,429, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £125,604. The Premiums of the year were £396,940, being an increase of £93,665 over the year 1885. The claims of the year amounted to £135,361.

The rate of expenditure of the Branch was little more than Ten per cent. on the Premium Income. The number of policies in force was 85,089.

An alteration has been made in the Regulations of the Company, empowering the Directors in future to pay an interim bonus upon all Participating Policies on their becoming Claims, in respect of any Premiums paid subsequent to the last distribution of profits.

The Premiums received during the year in the Industrial Branch were £2,911,295, being an increase of £116,773. The claims of the year amounted to £1,123,428. The number of deaths was 135,851. The rate of expenditure of the Branch shows a slight reduction. The number of Policies in force, including 58,099, Free Policies, was 7,111,828.

A supplement to this Report will also be submitted, showing how the assets of the Company are invested.

The tables of the Industrial Branch have been again revised, and additional advantages are secured to the Assured which the Directors believe will yet further enhance the popularity of the Company.

SUMMARY OF THE QUINQUENNIAL REPORT.

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1886.

In the Ordinary Branch the Annual Premium Income has increased from £142,732 to £407,360. The Assurance Fund has grown from £744,583 to £1,764,600.

In the Industrial Branch the Annual Premium Income has increased from £2,051,024 to £3,065,551. The Assurance Fund has grown from £1,721,493 to £4,937,003.

The Total Assets of the Company have grown from £2,580,002 to £6,811,954, being an increase of £4,231,952 in the five years under inspection. The rate of expenditure during the Quinquennium in the Ordinary Branch has remained nearly stationary, at little more than ten per cent. A reduction of seven and a-half per cent. has been effected in the expenses of the Industrial Branch.

It will be seen from Mr. Dewey's Report that the average duration of all the Policies in the Industrial Branch is now no less than five and a-half years, a satisfactory indication of the success which is attending the efforts of the Directors to increase the duration of the assurances.

Extract from Mr. A. H. BAILEY'S Report.

Having from time to time been consulted as to the principles upon which the valuations should be made of the outstanding liabilities of your Company on the 31st December last, I have now examined the results of those valuations, the processes employed in obtaining and checking the particulars from the records, and the methods adopted to insure accuracy in the calculations.

Some notion may be formed of the magnitude of the work when it is stated that the number of assurances in force, exclusive of annuity grants, is 7,196,917; so that if each policy were on a different life, which is probably not very far from the truth, the lives of 19.6 per cent., or very nearly one-fifth of the entire population of Great Britain and Ireland are assured in this Company.

The business is carried on under two distinct branches, the "Ordinary" and the "Industrial." In the former, the premiums are payable annually, half-yearly, or quarterly; and the terms and conditions resemble those of the majority of the Life Assurance Companies of the country. In the latter branch the rates are higher, because, without exception, the premiums are payable weekly, an arrangement which the ordinary Companies will not adopt on account of the heavy expense and trouble of collection, but which experience seems to show is the only way whereby the wage-earning portion of the community can be reached.

For ten years the two Branches have been conducted independently of each other, as if they were distinct societies; separate accounts being kept, and separate investments made for each. Being now, however, practically worked by the same agents, the public select whichever best suits their convenience, and consequently the distinction between the character of the business of the two branches is becoming

less. As an instance of this it is noticeable that while the average amount assured by each policy in the "Ordinary" Branch has diminished since the last valuation, being now £116 against the £137 five years ago; in the Industrial Branch the average amount has slightly increased, and is now £9 8s.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The growth of this Branch has been very remarkable. The premium income from the assurances is £406,852, having nearly trebled in the quinquennium, and being surpassed by only four other Life Assurance Companies in the United Kingdom. The basis upon which the valuation of the liabilities has been made is explained in Mr. Hughes' report. It may be shortly described as follows:—The past experience of Assured and Annuitant lives has been adopted for the rates of mortality; 3 per cent. for the rate of interest, and 22.7 per cent. of the premium income, which is the whole of what is called the loading, has been reserved for future expenses, profits, and contingencies. Of the ample sufficiency of this reserve no doubt can be entertained, especially as it has now been resolved that the whole expenses of this Branch shall be limited to 10 per cent. of the premium income.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—In this Branch the Premium Income has now reached the enormous total of £3,065,551, payable in weekly premiums averaging about twopence each. The ages of the lives assured vary from 1 year to upwards of 100, fourteen centenarians being found upon the registers. The females outnumber the males in the proportion of 1,075 to 1,000, an excess somewhat above that of the general population, whereas in the ordinary Companies the number of male lives assured is found to be about eight times that of the females. A large number of the policies in force have been effected on the lives of children. And if death occur during the first year of assurance, the contract provides that, with some exceptions, a deduction shall be made from the sum assured.

From these circumstances some modifications in the principles of valuation adopted for the Ordinary Branch become necessary. These are explained by Mr. Dewey in his report, with which I concur. For instance, the table of mortality employed for the Ordinary Branch represents the experience of adult male lives only, children being altogether omitted. For the Industrial Branch, therefore, Farr's English Life tables have been used, and separate valuations made for the male and female risks, the mortality of the two sexes being different. Again, the rate of mortality of children, unlike that of adults, diminishes from year to year up to a certain age. And therefore the risks on the lives of children not exceeding ten years of age, and those under all Policies granted during last year, have been treated as short term assurances, for which a nominal reserve only is necessary. With these exceptions, a valuation on the principles as in the Ordinary Branch has been made of all the outstanding Policies.

These facts and figures speak for themselves, and it is hardly necessary to add how eminently satisfactory the results of this elaborate investigation must be to all who are interested in the welfare of the Company.

Extract from the Report of Mr. W. HUGHES, Actuary of the Ordinary Branch.

The Valuation is as before on the net premium system, the whole of the loading or difference between the premiums payable and the risk premiums being reserved as a provision for future expenses and profit. This loading amounts to £91,078 per annum. The number of Policies in force at 31st December last was £85,089, assuring with Bonus £10,226,238, and producing an annual premium income of £407,360 8s. Of this amount £13,726 is re-assured at an annual cost of £508 7s.

A feature worthy of note is the large proportion of Endowment Assurances lately effected. At the last Valuation, 1881, these Policies formed 16 per cent. of the whole number in force; on the 31st December, 1886, there were 31,120 of these Policies, being no less than 36 per cent. of the whole number of Assurances.

The net results of the Valuation are as follows: Life Assurance Fund, 31st December, 1886, £1,764,600; Reserve for Life Assurance and Annuity Contracts, £1,457,873.

Extract from the Report of Mr. T. C. DEWEY, Actuary of the Industrial Branch.

The Policies in existence on the 31st December, 1886 (the date of Valuation), were 7,111,328 in number, assuring the sum of £66,689,111, and producing a weekly income from

Premiums of £58,953, and an Annual Income of £3,065,551. The number of Free or Paid-up Policies which have been granted in lieu of Discontinued Policies is now 58,099, and will be seen that the average amount assured by each is £9 8s., and that the average weekly premium is twopence.

The experience of the Quinquennium shows that business is yearly becoming of a more stable character, notwithstanding the large influx of new business during the period, the average duration of the Policies now in existence is about five and a-half years.

I believe that as Industrial Assurance becomes better appreciated, it will assume an even more permanent character, and that the difference in this respect between Ordinary and Industrial Policies will disappear. I can see no reason, therefore, why different principles should now be adopted in the valuation of the two classes of assurances, and I consequently value pure premiums only, reserving the whole of the loading, distinguishing male from females. The proportion of the premium reserved is 43.3 per cent. The mortality of this Branch having been recorded for many years, I find that the English Life Table (No 3) most closely accords with our experience, and I therefore adopted that Table for every description of assurance. In all calculations I have assumed that £3 per annum will be realised on the investments.

The result of the Valuation is as follows: Present value of sums assured, £32,760,509; present value of future premiums, £28,283,658. Net liability, £4,476,851.

It may be contended that the principles which are adopted in the valuation of Ordinary assurances are not applicable to Industrial risks, but it must be a source of the highest gratification to you and to everyone connected with this Company, to feel that the business of this Branch will bear a test so severe and one hitherto unknown in the history of Industrial Assurance.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, the 31st December, 1886.

LIABILITIES.

Shareholders' Capital	£80,028
Ordinary Branch Funds	1,765,193
Industrial Branch Funds	4,937,003
Claims under Life Policies admitted	29,723
	£6,811,953

ASSETS.

British Government Securities, Consols and New 3 per cents.	£1,003,325
Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	152,443
Bank of England Stock	29,493
Loans on Municipal and other Rates	1,468,459
Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feudal Duties	1,316,532
Freehold and Leasehold Property	614,169
Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	234,331
Reversions	129,383
Railway and other Debentures	850,477
Railway and other Shares	20,471
Mortgages	577,741
Loans on the Company's Policies	47,141
Furniture and Fittings	20,500
Loans upon Personal Security	712
Outstanding Premiums	145,176
Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents	39,151
Outstanding Interest and Rents	63,100
Cash—On deposit, on current account, and in hand	90,331
	£6,811,953

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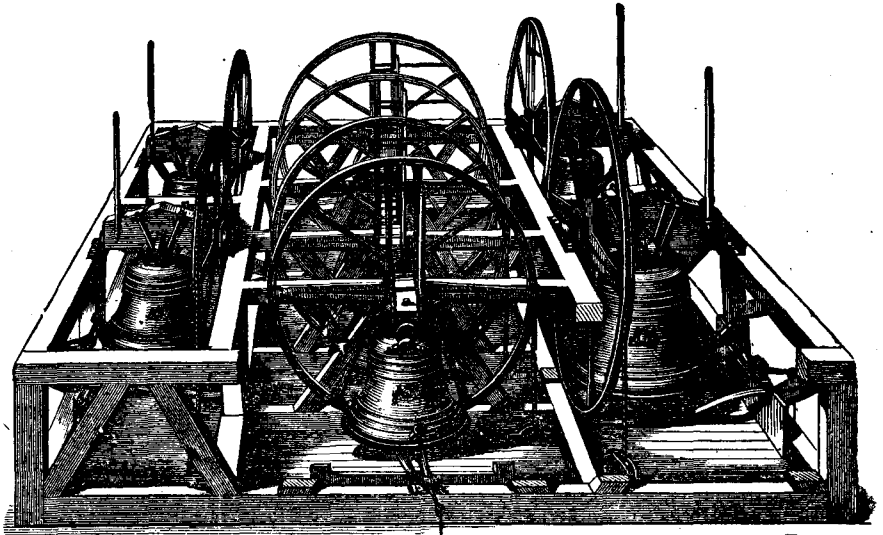
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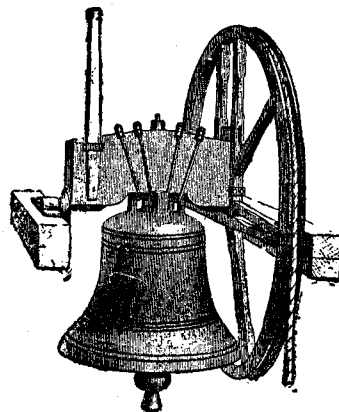
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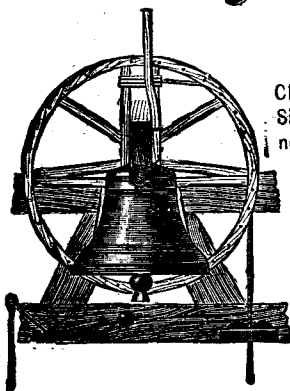
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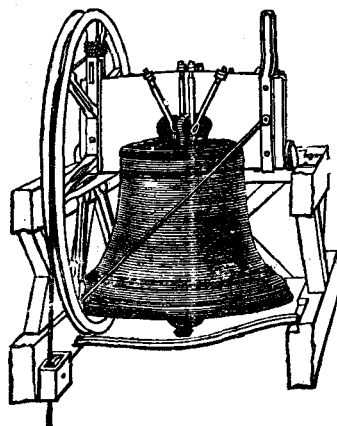
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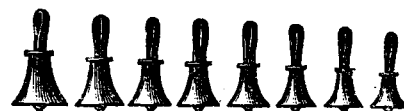
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It will be remembered that a few years ago a new peal of eight bells was hung in Duffield Church, its dedication by the Bishop of Lichfield forming quite an impressive function. After the formal service on that occasion the bells began their first joyous melody, and continued to ring for several hours. The Duffield men were congratulated on having raised and rung this new peal as well as they did, considering that they had not only to contend with the difficulty of new ropes, but also with the disadvantage of having only once rung on eight bells before. They were almost entirely self-taught in the hard-to-be-acquired accomplishment of change-ringing. After they had mastered Grandsire on five bells, they engaged the services of Mr. John Howe, of Derby, who rapidly initiated them into the mysteries of the art, of which they are now such able exponents. The Duffield ringers have had an excellent guide in A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield Bank, President of the Midland Counties' Association change ringers, and now a recognised authority throughout the country on matters campanalogical. Under his conductorship they accomplished the first full peal of 5,040 changes, and since that time peals have been rung by the local band in Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Oxford, and Double Norwich Court methods, which have nearly all been composed and conducted by Mr. Heywood. The original peal of four bells at this church was increased to the half-dozen by the addition of two trebles in 1720, between which year and 1799 each of the older four was at various times recast in a more or less indifferent manner. The inscriptions were as follow:—On all the date; on three the founder's name; on three the names of the churchwardens; on one bell the vicar's name; on the fourth bell the motto "God save the Church," which was reproduced on the present tenor. In 1866 an attempt was made to put the bells in order, they being in a very dilapidated condition; but although repeated breakdowns kept the case continually under public notice, nothing was done until the occasion above mentioned, when, on a report by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, of the uselessness of rehanging them on account of their many defective qualities, it was resolved to replace them by a peal of eight. This desirable decision was successfully carried into effect, and one of the most enthusiastic and hopeful among the parishioners to bring about the result was Mr. Heywood. Since then, as previously indicated, this gentleman has done much, both by example and precept, in the direction of educating the Duffield men, until now there is undoubtedly not a better village band of ringers in the Midland Counties. This leads us to make an announcement which we are sure will be hailed locally with much pleasure. There being ample room and strength in the tower of Duffield's fine old tower, Mr. Heywood has signified his intention of presenting at his own cost two more bells, making a peal of ten. This will place Duffield in the proud position of being the only village in the county possessing such a numerically strong peal, and will, indeed, enable it to rank next to Derby (All Saints') among the towns. It is, we believe, the determination of the donor that the new bells shall be hung by jubilee day, when the peal of ten bells will be rung for the first time. This novel method of celebrating the jubilee is one that should commend itself to the emulation of other villages, where difficulty has arisen as to a means of marking the fiftieth year of her Majesty's accession, and is, we understand, being taken up in at least one other place in Derbyshire, viz., Melbourne, where the bells are to be increased from six to eight. A good peal of bells, says a local contemporary, is as much a desideratum, especially in connection with country churches, as a good parson. Instead of the sepulchral one, the tingle-tangling one-two, or the ridiculous one-two-three (suggestive of the lamentable end of that particular member of the feline *genus* whose sad story is familiar to the occupants of every nursery), how much better it is to hear and interpret the music and romance of a melodious peal, stealing over and hallowing the country side on calm summer evenings or starlit winter nights, and crowding the mind with higher aspirations than those engendered by the contact with the sordid world!

"How soft the music of those village bells,
Falling at intervals upon the ear
In cadence sweet!"

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

The adjourned meeting of parishioners and others interested in the restoration of this structure, was held in the vestry on Wednesday evening, March 23rd. There were present—Mr. S. L. Harding (churchwarden), in the chair, Revs. V. Faulkner and T. Pitman, Messrs. Masters and Brabant (churchwardens), Colonel Rind, Messrs. Tarte, Dickson, E. P. Debenham, Ivory, Fowler, Wroot, Waller, H. Lewis, Wise, Parkins, Barnes, Cartmel, Hull, Tatt, etc.

The CHAIRMAN said the object of the meeting was to receive a report from Mr. Tarte with regard to the state of the Church. Also to ascertain what the committee had done towards getting the £200 together, and to arrange how the collecting should be worked. He had received about £6 6s., being two guineas each from three persons, and Mr. Brabant had received a letter from the Earl of Verulam promising £10.

Mr. TARTE, who had volunteered to examine the condition of the Church, then read a report, of which the following is a *resumé*:

The parish church of St. Peter is one of the three churches founded by Abbot Ulsin, in the reign of Edred, about the middle of the tenth century, the other two being St. Stephen's and St. Michael's. The church, as it originally stood, had a tower rising from the intersection of the nave, chancel, and transepts, the tower being 33 feet square, and the chancel extending 40 feet. The original belfry obstructed the view of the chancel, therefore the churchwardens had a new belfry erected, the floor of which was about 22 feet higher than the old floor, this opened the view, but did essential injury to the building. It appears that originally there were four large piers supporting the tower, and it was found in 1785 that they were in a dangerous and ruinous state. A carpenter from the parish was employed to carry out the work, and a friend of his acted as architect. These men actually under-pinned the piers of the tower with nine large upright timbers under each pier, and plastered the outside of them to make them appear massive. £2,790 was wasted by these men. In 1790 a survey was made, and in consequence of which the ringing was discontinued for a time, the close of the scene being that on Saturday morning, November 21st, 1801, the belfry floor fell into the body of the church. An Act of Parliament, passed in 1803, empowered certain trustees to raise £4,000 by means of a tax on the parishioners, the tower having been pulled down previously. Robert Chapman, architect, carried out this restoration, the chancel being rebuilt about two-thirds shorter, the transepts done away with, and the tower was rebuilt on a much smaller plan. A second Act of Parliament passed in 1806 allowed £2,000 more to be raised. Many of the slain in the battles of St. Albans were buried in the church and churchyard, the helmet and anklets hanging in the vestry belonged without doubt to some of the warriors. At one time there were many fine brasses, one being the figure of a priest, another a knight in armour, Sir Bertin Entwysel. It is said that at the commencement of this century his sword was dug up in the choir. I have found four brasses in a cupboard in the vestry. No. 1—the family of Roger and Elizabeth Pemberton, a brass about twelve inches square. Nos. 2 and 3 a man and a woman, each eighteen inches long. These are probably Roger and Elizabeth Pemberton. I find these brasses fit into the stone in the south aisle. Nos. 4 sixteen inches long by twelve inches, with an inscription and coat of arms impaled on a shield, dated 1735. The old glass in north aisle windows dates from about 1400. The shield represents the coat of arms of Edmund of Langley, fifth son of Edward III. Some of the subjects are quite decipherable. I have found about 100 small pieces, but have not yet put them together. I conclude that originally there were only six bells, four still bear the date of 1725. Not only is the fifth bell cracked, but I find the cannons of the third are broken, and it would be dangerous to ring it. The oak window sills are very decayed, and the louvred frames admit a quantity of snow and rain, the lower frame on south side being loose and dangerous. The floor is defective in places. The present bell frame is too weak, and has been most injudiciously cut to allow the ropes to come through. The weakness of the present frame probably accounts for the damage two of the bells have sustained. I would strongly urge the necessity of stopping ringing until the frame and bearings, etc., are in a more satisfactory state. The beams under the bells are sufficiently strong, but the weight of the bells (which is considerable when being rung), should be brought down to near the ringing chamber floor, where the walls of the tower thicken about 1ft. 3in.; by this means the upper portion of the tower would be greatly relieved. *Ringling Chamber*.—The stone of the windows is much decayed, being of soft local stone, probably from the Totterhoe quarries. These windows threaten shortly to become dangerous, the design being weak, and the jointing opposed to all rules of good masonry. The crack on east side should be treated in the way I described at the previous meeting. *Exterior of Tower*.—There is no

lightning conductor to the church, and from its exposed and elevated position it seems marvellous that it has escaped being struck. The slating requires being put in order, and the battlements should be rebuilt where defective. The flag pole, weather vane, and door to lucerne are sadly in need of paint. The rough cast is rapidly peeling off, and presents an extremely shabby appearance. The design of tower is bad, being moulded on gothic lines, but having classic pilasters in pairs at each angle in place of Gothic buttresses. I recommend the rough cast be hacked off, and the whole fabric pointed. The nave is faced externally with flint and local rubble, with local dressings plastered with rough cast which will never key properly on the ashlar. The porch and vestry are modern, and in many places decayed. Many windows are much decayed. The brick chimney on the vestry is out of the perpendicular, and it is questionable as to whether it is safe. The turrets at the west end of nave require restoration, the south-west turret being in an unsafe condition. The nave was most probably rebuilt in the 13th century, the west doorway being a very fair example of that period, the south and north doorways are also of the 13th century. The interior of the nave is of the 15th century period. The organ is the gift of Christopher Pache, M.D., the gallery for it being erected by voluntary contribution, and the whole being opened in 1725-6. There is ample room under the tower for the choir, and if thought fit, at some future date, the organ could, without great cost, be removed, and placed in the more modern and suitable position, in a chamber at the south side of the tower, having an opening for the pipes in the east end of the south aisle.

The CHAIRMAN asked what would be the approximate cost of doing the repairs proposed at the previous meeting—to recast the bells, put the framework in order, and to make the tower safe.

Mr. TARTE replied that he thought it would be a little over £250. He then gave some further details of the work required to be done.

The CHAIRMAN said he was sure they all felt indebted to Mr. Tarte for his report, and proposed a vote of thanks to him, which was seconded and carried unanimously.

A discussion then took place as to the best way of raising the necessary money, during the course of which it was elicited that the cost of putting the whole edifice into good order would be something like £3000.

Mr. GRANT suggested that the churchwardens should have the necessary work carried out, and borrow the £250 it would cost, until the committee could raise that sum. He understood that a gentleman had offered to find the money at 5 per cent., and he thought it would be well to accept the offer.

Mr. MASTERS said that Mr. Grant was mistaken. The churchwardens had not heard of any such offer, or it would have been accepted at once.

The CHAIRMAN said the vicar had kindly offered to let £50 which would be due to him in June out of the offertory fund, stand over for twelve months. They could fall back on that if necessary.

COLONEL RIND said his idea was that twelve or thirteen members of the committee should guarantee each to raise £12 or £13.

Mr. DICKSON supposed some one would be appointed to look after the work. Were they going to appoint a stranger or Mr. Tarte, who had taken interest in the matter? Of course, commission would have to be paid. There was no doubt the money would be raised.

It was ultimately agreed to adjourn the meeting for a fortnight, and for the committee to meet in the meantime to decide as to how the necessary amount of money should be raised.

BELLS.

From the Newcastle Chronicle.

"Ring out, wild bells?" cries Mr. Alfred Tennyson; and Edgar Poe has apotheosised the tintinnabular nuisance in some wonderfully fluent and melodious verses. But these poetic invitations find no echoes in the prosaics of everyday life. Not only have a large number of metropolitan householders taken up the deadly arm of the pen against bells, but in several provincial towns there are murmurs against the infliction, and letters from people who describe themselves as distracted grow apace in the weekly issues of the local prints. No doubt it is easy to say many pretty things about the clanging discords of the church steeple. English poetry is full of verses about the melodious tinkling which calls the faithful

to worship. Then, again, gentlemen taking their holiday pleasures abroad have written luxuriantly about Continental bells. And, heard at a very great distance, and for a short time only, the village or any other bell may be fairly admitted to contribute a pleasing colour of sound to the landscape. But when a clashing peal is located close to the house in which you live, the cadences and harmonies of bells take a very serious and uncomfortable significance. All the poetry vanishes. The weary parishioner groans over the eternal jangle, and would part with a round sum of money for the privilege of muffling the clappers of the bells with the bodies of the men who tug at ropes. Schiller has a fine poem on the casting of the bell: but we may rest assured that that would not have been the only poem he would have written on the subject had that same bell been suspended within a few hundred feet of his house, and rung when he was writing "Fiesco" or the "Robbers," or when he was doing a wiser thing than writing plays—going to bed. Is it quite tolerable that a whole parish of hardworking business men, of invalids, children, and others, should be awakened every morning at an unearthly hour by a clanging summons to early matins? In what sort of temper do people who are called by a peal of bells at daybreak to their devotions attend them? We all know how Clothair was obliged to raise the siege of Lens by the Bishop of Orleans terrifying the King's army by violently ringing the bells. And is it not recorded that Pope John IX. ordered the bells to be rung as a defence against thunder and lightning? If whole armies—nay, if the very elements can be subdued and frightened off by bells, how much greater must be the terror and fear they inspire in the poor sleeping parishioner? In olden days bells had a use which is no longer required of them. There was, for instance, the curfew bell, which knelled the hour of parting day and gave an excuse to the weary ploughman to light his pipe and wend his way homewards. That was before steam horns and "buzzers" were invented. But when the curfew bell had dispatched the weary ploughman home and summoned all peaceable villagers to extinguish their "dips," it did not go on tolling and knelling and keeping the weary ploughman and his neighbours awake. In this busy age, there are scores of people who work to a very late hour in the night, and sometimes to a very late hour in the morning. To them it is something worse than a nuisance; it is a positive hardship, to be awakened an hour after they have fallen asleep by the torturing notes of a bell. It is a tyranny at which we cannot be surprised to hear that people are protesting violently in other places than in London, where the grievance is most felt. That our forefathers suffered in this way—though not to any extent—is shown by an old canon of 1603, which prohibits churchwardens from allowing their bells to be rung "superstitiously on holidays for ever abrogated by the Book of Common Prayer, nor at any other time without good cause, to be allowed by the minister of the place and by themselves." This was better than a strong hint, and furnished ancient parishioners with days on which they could study or sleep without risk of distraction from the bell-ringers. As a rule the parson is as much to blame as the churchwardens: but there have been times—and one reads such law reports with mixed emotions—when the rector has actually been forced to apply for protection to a court of justice against the intolerable nuisance of bells inflicted upon him by his own churchwardens. One such instance came before Lord Stowell, brother to Lord Eldon, whom Newcastle has reason to remember. The rectory was near the church, and the churchwardens insisted upon having the bells rung at what the rector chose to consider unreasonable hours. "If," said Sir William Scott, "the bells are so constantly rung as to be a nuisance, the parties who are guilty of that nuisance might be punished at the common law, and the mere consent of the churchwardens would not be a sufficient defence to such a prosecution." Apparently we have here a legal decision which aggrieved parishioners might apply with some tolerable certainty of relief. Many years ago, but subsequent to Lord Stowell's time, in the days of Vice-Chancellor Kindersley, a gentleman applied to be relieved from the nuisance of a peal of bells that awoke him every morning at five o'clock. In the plaintiff's affidavit were set out, in eloquent terms, all the suffering of mind and body inflicted on him by that peal of bells. He obtained an injunction, and was disturbed no more. The principle of the Vice-Chancellor's judgement was sound and instructive. In his opinion the

important question to be decided was whether such complaints were merely fanciful, emanating from the delicacy or fastidiousness of the complainants, or whether the nuisance was not an inconvenience which materially interfered with the ordinary comfort of human existence, not merely according to elegant and dainty modes and habits of living, but according to plain, sober, and simple notions amongst English people. He founded his judgment upon the latter conclusion, and no one who considers it carefully will dispute its wisdom. There cannot be a doubt that the constant ringing of bells does materially interfere with the ordinary comfort of human existence, and it is surprising that sufferers, instead of writing letters to the papers, should not proceed against such bell-ringers as annoy them on the ground that such dangling discord is not "according to plain, sober, and simple notions among English people."

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

A visit from Mr. Joseph Field, of Oxford, at whose hands the local company received their first instruction in change-ringing eighteen months ago, was the occasion on Saturday and Sunday, March 26th and 27th, of some satisfactory meetings in the Writtle belfry. On Saturday evening, the ringers from the neighbouring parish of Widford, with Mr. W. Hawkes from Springfield, came over, and the following touches were rung by mixed bands:—A 882 of Grandsire Triples. J. Everard, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; J. Field (conductor), 4; W. Hawkes, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Piper, 7; W. Harvey, 8. And 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; J. Dains, 3; F. Radley, 4; J. Field, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; W. Piper, 8. On Sunday, March 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, the Writtle company, with Mr. Field, rang the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal (1008 changes). A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; J. Field (conductor), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; H. Bonnington, 8. After afternoon service, standing in the same order, a half-peal was attempted, but was stopped to avoid annoyance to an invalid, when 2086 changes had been rung. This is the longest by any of the Writtle company.

NEWTON BROMSWOLD, NORTHANTS.

The Church of St. Peter, in this parish, has three bells only, the second is missing, and the Rector is anxious during this year of Jubilee to replace it. He asks contributions from relations, friends, and neighbours. The cost will be about £50, which would include taking down and tuning, and replacing the bells. There is not quite a whole tone between the middle bell and the largest, and rather more than a minor third between the middle bell and the smallest; there is therefore a space left between the two latter for another bell.

THE WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of this Association will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 11th, 1887, at two o'clock, when the Dean, Dr. Gott, president, will preside, and also deliver an address after the business. Full particulars next week.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The fifth ANNUAL MEETING of this Association will be held at Derby, on Easter Monday, April 11th, 1887, and the usual towers will be open for ringing between the hours of 10.0 a.m. and 3.0 p.m., and from 7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m. Tea will be provided "free of charge" to all visiting members (except those belonging to the Derby district) who have previously paid their subscriptions, by giving seven clear days' notice of their intention to be present, to the local Honorary Secretary of the District to which they belong. Committee Meeting in St. Andrew's Sunday School at 3.0 p.m.—Tea in the schoolroom at 4.0 p.m., tickets 1s. 2d. each. General Meeting and election of officers immediately after tea, to which all ringers and friends are earnestly invited. The Easter "Handbell Competition" will take place after the General Meeting. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.
5, St. Paul's Street, E., Burton-on-Trent.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT SILVERDALE.

On Friday afternoon, March 18th, an interesting event in the annals of the picturesque village of Silverdale was enacted, namely, the dedication of a fine peal of six bells for the beautiful parish church of St. John's, which was consecrated by the Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Moorhouse), on the 14th of July last. From the time of the opening of the sacred edifice, the sound of the church-going bell has not been heard summoning the parishioners to worship, therefore the inauguration of the new bells has been looked forward to with more than ordinary pleasure, although, by the way, that pleasure would have been enhanced if the worthy donor who was the means of providing the peal had been spared to hear the melodious strains resulting from his noble gift to the church in which, during his life-time, he had taken such a warm and practical interest. We are, of course alluding to the late Mr. Henry Boddington, of Silverdale, whose death some months ago was a matter of much regret, and who was greatly esteemed by those who knew him. The volunteer band of ringers, who have been practising with the bells during the last few weeks, have given the inhabitants an opportunity of judging of the quality of tone and general merit of the peal, and there is no question that it forms a very pleasing and valuable addition to the spacious and noble-looking church, whilst it is one in every respect worthy of the donor, and reflects the highest credit upon the founders, Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, London, who have succeeded in producing a most perfect and harmonious set of bells, of which local ringers, as well as the residents generally, may justly feel proud. Subjoined is a detailed account of the size, weight, &c., of the different bells:—

Bells.	Notes.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Treble, 1.—29½ diam...	E. . . . .	..6	1	18
2.—31 " " " "	D. . . . .	..6	2	20
3.—33 " " " "	C. . . . .	..7	1	17
4.—35 " " " "	B. . . . .	..8	1	14
5.—37 " " " "	A. . . . .	..9	0	7
Tenor, 6.—41 " " " "	G.	12	0	16
50 0 0				

The bells are hung in the a massive oak frame, well bolted together, with iron T plates, &c., wood head stocks, gun-metal bearings, wheels, stays, sliders, pulleys, rope stay irons, grease and slider boards, complete for ringing. The cost has been about £420. The inscription on the tenor bell is as follows:—"For the honour of God, and the use of this church, these bells were raised by Henry Boddington, of Silverdale, A.D. 1886."

The dedication service at the church took place last Friday afternoon.

IRCHESTER CHURCH, NORTHANTS.

The restoration of the above Church is going to be taken in hand at once by Mr. Pearson, R.A., as architect, and Mr. Henson, of Wellingborough, as builder. The Committee are afraid that their means will only allow them to substitute a new pine roof for the present dilapidated oak one. Mr. Pearson says, justly, that the Church is not an ordinary one, but has a wide-world interest attached to it from its architectural peculiarities; that it would be "absolutely wrong" to put up a deal roof. But what are the Committee to do? If the churchmen of the county would be good enough to interest themselves in the work (some have done so, whose assistance the committee desire gratefully to record); or if those in the neighbourhood, who, not being churchmen, look nevertheless upon such architectural ornaments as Irchester Church, as national glories and treasures, would assist the Committee (especially now, in our Queen's Jubilee year), the Committee feel that a complete restoration might still be possible. They have raised £2132 (some of which is conditional upon £2500 being raised), and a balance of £368 is required, or else the restoration cannot be a complete one. It is to be hoped the five bells will also receive attention, as they much need rehanging. The tenor (diameter 50 inches), is a beautiful bell weighing about 23 cwt. It was cast by Arnold of Leicester, 1792.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

By the kind permission of the rector and churchwardens, twelve members of the above society will attempt a peal of 10,000 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Easter Monday, April 11th. Meeting time 9.30. a.m.

AT ST. STEPHEN'S.

THURSDAY.—A weekly contemporary, which presumes to educate "the people" in the paths of Radicalism, says that the Imperial Parliament spent the first portion of its time to-day in discussing the question whether the district of Kensington should be allowed to cremate its dead cats, dead dogs, and street sweepings. This sort of language savours of frivolity, at any rate it is not calculated to command the respect of those who lay claim to some degree of refinement. It seems that the authorities of the parish above-named wanted to erect a "destructor" for all the collected refuse, and the grievance, real or supposed, was the idea of its being built in a part of the parish inhabited by the poorer classes. Such a grievance is a capital thing to-go-ahead with, in fact, it is a hobby with many people, who ride it to death. The "dead dogs' bill," as this weekly calls it, was, however, carried, forming a strange prelude to what followed. The G.O.M. was in force this evening. Truly, Mr. Gladstone is a wonderful man, a man in fact of whom all Englishmen, no matter how strongly they may be politically opposed to him, ought to be proud of. He rose on this occasion to attack the proposals of the Leader of the House for urgency on the Crimes Bill. He protested against Mr. Smith's request for all the time of the House, and denied there was any urgency for giving precedence to coercion over cure, contending that the circumstances of to-day were entirely different from those of five or six years ago, when the number of crimes was double the highest figure it had reached in any year since 1844. In those days there was an agitation against rent as such; nowadays the agitation is directed against unfair rents only. The remainder of the speech was principally devoted to General Buller's evidence. Mr. Chamberlain girded himself ready for the affray, and after a brief interval, which was filled by a clever young barrister, Mr. Asquith, the member for West Birmingham rose to reply. In a speech of some length, the hon. gentleman intimated that he would not be satisfied unless the league was suppressed. Crime in Ireland, said Mr. Chamberlain, springs from Chicago. He rejected Mr. Morley's demonstration of its natural origin in the abuses of Irish landlordism. But he would not administer a general and strong dose of coercion; he would restrict the treatment to a limited area. He disowned any knowledge of the bill. He had no objection to coercion over a limited area, implying suppression of the National League; this coercion to be accompanied by a measure for temporarily suspending evictions; and, later on, the production of a grand scheme for abolishing the present system of landlordism in Ireland—in other words, for the establishment of proprietorship—this scheme not to involve risk to the taxpayers of Great Britain. Believing all this could be done, he would support the Ministerial motion for urgency.

FRIDAY.—The final debate on Mr. John Morley's amendment occupied nearly the whole of to-day's sitting, and came to an end at half-past one of the clock on Saturday morning. Six hundred and nine members took part in the division, which resulted thus:—260 for the amendment, 349 against; majority, 89. The debate was opened by Mr. Shaw-Lefevre, a late Cabinet Minister, who expressed surprise at Mr. Chamberlain's acquaintance with the contents of the bill. What an "unprecedented circumstance" it was, he remarked, that they should have heard from an Opposition leader a "fuller exposition" of the Ministerial scheme than Mr. Smith or Mr. Balfour, or any of them, had vouchsafed. Sir Henry James took part in the debate. It goes without saying that he adhered to the Government proposals. The learned gentleman, as is well-known, would have been Lord Chancellor in the late Government had he agreed with the Home Rule measure of Mr. Gladstone; and a knowledge by the House of such a sacrifice of his prospects for conscience sake, enhances the respect in which he is held. Sir William Harcourt wound up the debate on the Liberal side, and was very merciless on the position he thought Mr. Chamberlain had taken up.

MONDAY.—Mr. Balfour was loudly cheered by his party when he rose to ask leave to bring in the bill for the Prevention and Punishment of Crime in Ireland. And as usual, the Parnellite section of the House did not fail to make the most of the opportunities afforded them for obstructing business, especially when the Irish Secretary asked the question "Whence come this paralysis of the Courts of Law in Ireland?" The first answer he had to give was "That evidence to convict was not forthcoming." He said he would not trouble the House with any long particulars on the subject. Here an Irish member said, with no light voice, "We want particulars." Mr. Balfour replied that he thought he could give enough to satisfy the hon. member. In the counties he had just enumerated the number of offences since the previous Summer Assizes amounted to 756. The number of cases in which there was no clue to the offenders was 536. At this juncture Mr. J. Kenny interpolated the remark "How many threatening letters?" Mr. Balfour said "That the figures he was giving had no reference to threatening letters. The number of cases

in which the injured persons declined to swear any information, was 422. So terrified were they by the system of intimidation—(cheers)—which prevailed in those counties, that they did not dare to come forward and bear evidence against those who had outraged them. Thus it went on until the hon. gentleman resumed his seat, after a long and stirring speech, amid Ministerial cheers and Home Rule derisive cheers and laughter. Mr. Dillon, rising amid loud Home Rule cheers, replied in the manner so characteristic of Irishmen. At once going into the question, he said if now after 87 years of the pretended Union, the best proposal that could be made by the people of England for the Government of Ireland was to suspend in that country every liberty which the English people held dear, then he, for one, would either abandon all public agitation, or if the people were brave and willing, he would lead them to battle. Concluding, after a powerful speech, he said if the bill pass in spite of the opposition of the people, he should continue to carry on the Plan of Campaign. He did not care whether Her Majesty's Government tried him in Dublin or at the Old Bailey, and if they succeed by packed juries in convicting him, and put him into prison, on their head be the crimes and horrors of the situation. After other members of the Government had made remarks of the question, the debate was adjourned at five minutes to one, and the House itself at a quarter-past two.

TUESDAY.—After a certain amount of time had been devoted to the asking and answering of questions, Mr. Gladstone resumed the debate on Mr. Balfour's motion. As I saw the hon. gentleman from my seat I could not help being struck with the remarkable power of the veteran "parliamentary hand" as taking up his cudgels he combated the question before the House. Attacking the arguments put by the hon. gentleman referred to, he asked how the case stood with respect to cases other than threatening letters, because, said he, this is the first count in the speech of the hon. gentleman. He kept back the figures, but I have got them. He prudently had no desire—. Here he was interrupted by Mr. Balfour with: "they are already before the House." Mr. Gladstone: Before the House, before the compilers of public papers, before those who can go and bury themselves in the library and can search out the papers of successive years, who can do work which is and ought to be done in the public offices, and which on every occasion was being done. Mr. Balfour: The right hon. gentleman asked for a return a few days ago. I put the matter into the hands of those whose business it is to furnish such returns. Mr. Gladstone: As a supplement to that I return my thanks to the right hon. gentleman for the mercy he was pleased to show me. Then proceeding in his own incomparable style, he works up to the belief that their course would tend towards a restraint of crime, until he concludes with that belief he certainly, as he hopes they would, resist this deplorable proposal, and remain convinced that in resisting and in serving the cause of Ireland, shall more essentially and effectually serve the cause of Britain and of this wide-spread Empire. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Gane, Mr. Austin, Sir T. Esmonde, and others having spoken on the question, the House adjourned at twenty minutes to one.

WEDNESDAY.—There was some sharp shooting in the House to-day between supporters of the Government and the Opposition, the debate on Mr. Balfour's motion being resumed by Mr. M'Neil, who said Ireland in spite of coercion would emerge from her struggles victorious, self-governed, and free. Mr. De Lisle represented the Roman Catholic Tories of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and he believed also the Roman Catholic Unionists, who were grieved at the attitude of the majority of Irish representatives.—Viscount Kilcoursie followed as a supporter of Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Dalrymple attributed Ireland's sufferings to the Land League. Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Schwann, and Lord Geo. Hamilton followed, and here Mr. Healy interrupted by questions on matters purely personal, and the noble lord said the Government asked for powers which would end in working out the prosperity of Ireland, and secure the maintenance of the Union.—Mr. Coleridge opposed the Bill, and the debate was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Labouchere.

THE RINGER IN PARLIAMENT.

DEVONSHIRE CLERGYMEN AS BELLRINGERS.

On the occasion of the dedication of the enlarged and restored ring of bells in St. Brannock's Church, Braunton, North Devon, on Easter Monday, one of the first peals will be rung by an octave of Devonshire clergymen, composed of the following:—The Rev. R. Martin, Swymbridge, and Vicar Designate of Ilfracombe; the Rev. W. E. Cox, Lynton; the Rev. W. W. Arthur, Atherington; the Rev. H. Bremridge, Winkleigh; the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, Upton Pyne; the Rev. R. W. S. Vidal, Abbotsham; the Rev. H. A. Bowles, Arlington; and the Rev. W. E. Durham, Eastdown. This is a gratifying evidence of an increased interest in a noble art of an elevating influence when rightly used, and as an adjunct to Divine worship.—*From the Exeter Gazette.*

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR

5088.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

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

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By YORKE GREEN, *West Ham.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B

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

Twice repeated.

First rung at Putney. Conducted by J. M. Hayes.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 6 4 5 2 I B
6 3 2 5 4 I I 2
2 3 5 6 4 2 I
6 5 3 2 4 2 2
2 4 5 3 6 I 2 2

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Twice repeated.

Rung at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, December 4th, 1886. Conducted by A. E. Wreaks.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5184.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

B 3 6 4 5 2 I 2
6 2 4 5 3 I 2
2 6 3 5 4 2 2
2 3 5 6 4 I 2
3 4 5 6 2 I 2
4 2 5 6 3 I 2
2 4 3 6 5 2 2
2 3 6 4 5 I 2
2 5 3 4 6 2 I
BB 2 3 4 5 6 I 2

This peal contains the 6th twelve times wrong and five times right, and the 5th twelve times right and six times right.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

5400.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Four time repeated.

P.S.—This must not be called round at the 13th course with a M W to reduce the number to 5040, as it will repeat in the first and second leads of rounds and 13th courses.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal has the 6th the extent wrong and right with all the 8-6's, and twenty-two 8-6-7's, the 5th twelve times wrong and nine times right, and has not yet been rung.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss.*

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Twice repeated.

A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

1887.

By H. JOHNSON, SEN., *Birmingham.*

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

2 1 3 4 6 5 7 3 4 6 7 10
5 1 2 4 6 3 7 3 7 10
2 1 5 3 6 4 7 4 13
2 1 4 5 6 3 7 13
4 1 2 3 6 5 7 4 13
4 1 5 2 6 3 7 13
4 1 3 5 6 2 7 13
3 1 4 2 6 5 7 4 13
3 1 5 4 6 2 7 13
5 1 3 2 6 4 7 4 13
5 1 4 3 6 2 7 13

5 1 4 2 6 3 7 4S 13
5 1 3 4 6 2 7 13
5 1 2 3 6 4 7 13
2 1 5 4 6 3 7 4 13
2 1 3 5 6 4 7 13
3 1 2 4 6 5 7 4 13
3 1 5 2 6 4 7 13
3 1 4 5 6 2 7 13
4 1 3 2 6 5 7 4 13
4 1 5 3 6 2 7 13
4 1 2 5 6 3 7 13
2 1 4 3 6 5 7 4 13

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Round at one change.

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE.

5120.

By F. HARDING, *Eastbourne.*

2 3 4 5 6 B M W H

5 2 3 6 4 - 2
6 3 2 5 4 IB 2
6 2 5 3 4 I 2
6 5 3 2 4 I 2
4 3 2 6 5 - I 2 2
5 4 6 3 2 - IB 2

3 5 4 2 6 - 2
2 4 5 3 6 IB 2
2 5 3 4 6 I 2
2 3 4 5 6 I 2

The above contains the 4th and 6th their extent right, and the 5th and 6th six times wrong.

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

1887.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Start at backstroke. These seven changes make first treble lead.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8 9 0
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
1 2 3 4 6 5 8 7 0 9
2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8 9 0
1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9
1 4 2 6 3 8 5 0 7 9

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The index to the fifth volume is in course of preparation, and we hope to have it ready for our readers earlier than has been usually the case. An extra number will then be issued with a PORTRAIT and MEMOIR of a well-known ringer.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1887.

A SLIGHT difference of opinion, which has recently occurred between prominent members of the Birmingham ringing societies, and which has found vent in our correspondence columns, points very forcibly to a matter which is not without importance. But simple as the question may appear, it is one which, for the purpose of comment, presents some difficulty, because, however it is dealt with, there is the risk, and a very great one, too, of injuring the susceptibilities of one or other of the parties concerned.

As long as the art of ringing lives, we may expect that rivalry among ringers will never cease. In fact, the absence of competition would denote at once its decadence and loss of popularity. But rivalry, if it is to exist at all, should be real, and competition *bona fide*. Let us suppose, for the sake of illustration, a contest between

university crews—Oxford and Cambridge. What sort of a contest would it be thought if it was discovered that Oxford, not having sufficient reliable men, had induced some Cambridge men to "come over" and help them? On Easter Monday next the College Youths intend to attempt a 10,000 at St Michael's, Cornhill. What would be said if they were previously to seek the assistance of a few leading members of the rival society to help them on that occasion? And yet something of this kind happens very frequently in the ringing Exercise.

The root of the evil lies in the fact of ringers belonging to two or more different societies within their immediate neighbourhood. The question why ringing companies should be multiplied in places where one good company would thrive and flourish, can only be answered at the expense of a certain few of the members of such societies. To come to the point. What is the reason of the existence of more than one ringing company in the town of Birmingham? Or the question should be, perhaps, why do not the existing ones amalgamate and form one grand society? Whatever may be said by members of these societies themselves, we unhesitatingly assert that the present state of affairs in that town is to be deplored. Each of these separate bodies may be, and no doubt are, in a most flourishing condition. Then, if so, what a magnificent body the combined whole would make; such a company, in fact, that would be able to score anything that is possible of accomplishment. At any rate, whatever may be said relative to the existence of more than one society in a town, the fact remains that where the interests of these societies clash, confusion is the result, which will continue to reign till an amalgamation is carried into effect. When two societies are striving for some especial honour, such as the first peal in a particular method, any collusion between them should not be encouraged; and whoever, under such circumstances, secretly connives by such means to obtain this desirable end, is guilty of a dishonourable action. The recent case of handbell ringing at Birmingham is not, however, of this description, we are glad to say, though unfortunately, we know of such instances that our allusions will fitly apply to. Maybe, however, some of the parties concerned in these latter cases are not mentally qualified to discern between honour and dishonour.

The Metropolis.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, March 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' 5-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY W. GROUT Treble.	WILLIAM WATCHORN .. 5.
HENRY BRIGHT 2.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 6.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. 7.
ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM FOREMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by A. G. FREEMAN.

Mr. Henry Bright, who rang the 2nd, is in his 78th year.

The Provinces.**RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE RAUNDS AND WELLINGBORO' DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT
METHODS,***Being 720 each of the following :—***Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Court Single, Oxford
Bob, and Plain Bob.****Tenor 20 cwt.**

BENJAMIN W. ALLEN* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 4.
HENRY W. STUBBS 2.	FRED GILBERT 5.
RICHARD PENDERED 3.	WILLIAM A. HALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. A. HALL.

*First peal. This was rung to commemorate the Sunday School Centenary, which was established on Sunday, March 18th, 1787, the Vicar then being Rev. J. Smith, and the present Vicar being Rev. Hugh Bryan.

**DRAYTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, March 23, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
ON SIX BELLS:***Being 720 changes of each of the following :—***Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College
Single, Grandsire, and Double Court.****Tenor 8 cwt.**

FREDERICK FIELD Treble.	CHARLES TRINDER 4.
GEORGE JONES 2.	THOMAS FULKER 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	*H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. Tenor.

Conducted by H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq.

*First peal as conductor.

**BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, March 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART.**

ALBERT SAYER Treble.	THOMAS B. REED 5.
PERCIVAL A. REED 2.	LEON WILLSHIRE 6.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE 3.	JNO. J. BRISTOW 7.
THOMAS B. REED, JUN. .. 4.	EDWARD GOLDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by PERCIVAL A. REED.

By the request of H. H. Powell Cotton, Esq., the above peal was rung with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. W. H. Thornton, Surgeon, of Margate, a very old friend of Mr. Cotton, and whose remains were interred the same day at Margate Cemetery.

**HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE.
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — (BEDFORD BRANCH).***On Saturday, March 26, 1887, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS IN SEVEN DIFFERENT
METHODS;***Being 720 each of the following :—***Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob,
Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Bob Minor.****Tenor 13 cwt. in F#.**

FREDERICK KEECH Treble.	WILLIAM G. BIGGS 4.
CHAS. WM. CLARKE 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL 5.
HARRY CHAPMAN 3.	ISSAC HILLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

*This is the first 5040 rang on these bells, which contains ninety-nine bobs and eight singles. The Bedford Company take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. E. W. Bowling for the use of the bells on this occasion.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.*On Wednesday, March 23, 1887, in Six Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 9020 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt.**

ARTHUR J. JONES Treble.	JOHN BUFFERY 7.
JOE JOYNES 2.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 8.
WILLIAM KENT 3.	JOHN SANDERS 9.
SAMUEL REEVES 4.	HENRY JOHNSON, JUNR. .. 10.
W. ROCK SMALL 5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 11.
BERNARD WITCHELL 6.	ALFRED THOMAS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, Sen., and conducted by JOHN BUFFERY.

The peal, which will appear in a later edition of "THE BELL NEWS," contains the sixty course-ends in the Tittum position, with bobs only.

PUDSEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 26th, 1887, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION.****Tenor 16 cwt.**

HENRY HUBBARD† Treble.	ROBERT BINNS 5.
THOMAS WEST 2.	*LIENORA LONGSTAFF .. 6.
HARRY LOCKWOOD† 3.	CHARLES BENNETT 7.
HERBERT W NEEDHAM .. 4.	CHARLES JACKSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. THORPE, and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This peal has been long contemplated, with the intention of two old soldiers ringing together. *Fought and was wounded in the Battle of Alma, 1855, with the 33rd Duke of Wellington's Own Regiment. †Was engaged in the Indian Mutiny 1857-8, was present at the siege and capture of Lucknow with the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers. ‡First peal of Treble Bob. Fiftieth Association peal by Robert Binns. Bennett and Jackson hail from Hull; Longstaff from Pudsey; the rest from Leeds.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;****Tenor 24½ cwt. in Eb.**

HERBERT RIPPON* Treble.	WILLIAM ELLIS 6.
JAMES HUNT 2.	JOHN ELLIS 7.
ISAAC GOODWIN 3.	HARRY NUTTALL, JUN. .. 8.
HENRY NUTTALL, SEN. .. 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9.
GEORGE TOPLIS 5.	HERBERT MADIN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal. H. Madin hails from Staveley.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****Tenor 15 cwt.**

J. MAWSON* Treble.	*A. RILEY 5.
S. H. LONDON 2.	F. LONDON 6.
BEN. T. COPLEY 3.	†BEN F. LAMB 7.
G. TITTERTON 4.	S. PALFRAMAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and conducted by BEN F. LAMB.

First peal of Bob Triples on these bells, and by all the ringers. *First peal. †First peal as conductor. S. H. and F. London hail from Shipley; A. Riley from Saltaire; the rest are members of the local company.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, March 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;****BROOK'S VARIATION.****Tenor 20 cwt. in E.**

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	FREDERICK FIELD 5.
ALFRED H. BROWNING .. 2.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. 6.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
CHARLES TOLLEY* 4.	WILLIAM NAPPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Ringing.

On Monday, March 27th, 1887, In Three Hours,

AT THE "HALBERT INN," NORTHGATE STREET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM MOTTS 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS.. .. 5-6.
CHARLES MEE.. .. 3-4.	THOMAS STEWARD.. .. 7-8.
FREDERICK MEE 9-10.	

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Messrs. J. W. Lines and Alfred Durrant acted as referees, who had a copy of the peal before them and marked off the lead-ends as they were rung. The above is a one-part peal, see Hubbard's first edition, page 142.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight-and- $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

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

JAMES DIXEY Treble.	ROBERT CHAFFER 5.
TOM STOCKDALE 2.	JNO. WM. STICKNEY 6.
JNO. POLLARD 3.	CHARLES BENNET 7.
HENRY JENKINS 4.	CHAS. JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, of Leeds, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

FELIX KNIGHT Treble.	THOMAS ANDREWS 5.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 2.	HENRY WOOD 6.
WALTER WADEY.. .. 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
HENRY COOK 4.	HENRY CHANDLER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

This is the first peal of Major by all the band, and the first by the Association. The above was rung with the bells muffled, through the severe illness of an old ringer near the church.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S THREE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES WANT Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS 5.
WILLIAM MESSAM 2.	EDWARD HULL 6.
HENRY WOOD 3.	STEPHEN BROOKER 7.
HENRY NEWNHAM 4.	JOSEPH LISNEY Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN BROOKER.

First peal in the method by all; also of the Guild.

RADCLIFFE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ in F#.

FREDERICK RUDMAN Treble.	JOHN E. POLLITT 5.
ARTHUR BARRETT 2.	ALBERT E. WREAKS 6.
JAMES GRATRICK 3.	PETER BRICKELL 7.
JOHN MORRIS 4.	JOHN HARDMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. WREAKS.

This peal was rung deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Nathan Hardman, who was formally a ringer at the above church. Messrs. Wreaks, Pollitt, and Gratrix hail from the Manchester Cathedral; Brickell from Northenden, Cheshire; the rest are of the local company.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT
SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

W. FINCH Treble.	W. BENNETT 5.
H. D. BETTERIDGE 2.	J. W. WASHBROOK 6.
B. BARRETT.. .. 3.	G. HOLIFIELD 7.
C. HOUNSLOW 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's rooth peal.

Date Touches.

LEEDS (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, March 27th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's Church, 1887 changes of Stedman Caters, in 1 hr. and 22 mins. J. Lockwood (composer and conductor), 1; W. Pawson, 2; H. Lockwood, 3; M. Tomlinson, 4; W. Walker, 5; H. Hubbard, 6; H. W. Needham, 7; J. Hutchinson, 8; R. Binns, 9; T. West, 10. This was rung in honour of the 26th birthday of Mr. Matthew Tomlinson of Holbeck, and the company wish him many happy returns of the day.

YORK.—On Saturday, March 26th, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1887 changes) was rung on the Minster bells, in 1 hr. 23 mins., it being the closing night of the practice season. G. Worth, 1; J. W. Cundall, 2; E. Dawson, 3; R. Thompson, 4; A. C. Fearnley, 5; W. H. Howard (composer), 6; T. Haigh, 7; T. Hodgson, 8; J. Thompson (conductor), 9; J. Underwood (assisted by E. Morrod), 10. Tenor 54 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SOUTHWARK.—On Tuesday, March 29th, at St. Saviour's Church, three courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cooter, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; J. R. Haworth, 4; J. Field, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; G. Mash, 7; E. Horrex, 8; R. T. Woodley, 9; A. R. Aldham, 10; F. E. Dawe, 11; F. G. Newman, 12. Messrs. Field and Aldham hail from Oxford and Ipswich respectively.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBOURN.—On Sunday morning, March 27th, a 720 of College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. And for evening service a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. G. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON.—On Sunday, March 13th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, without calling the bobs. J. Clarkson, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; T. Burdon, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. Also on Sunday, March 20th, a 720 of York Surprise, and a 720 of Durham Surprise. J. Clarkson, 1; T. Burdon, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton, 6. Also on Wednesday, March 23rd, a 720 of Plain Bob (first 720 with treble plain hunt since December 16th, 1885). G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. J. Blakiston, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; W. C. Barrett (late of Oxon, first 720), 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. Also on Sunday, March 27th, a 720 of London Surprise. J. Clarkson, 1; C. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. Burdon, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, March 6th, prior to Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. H. Barnes, 1; S. Romans, 2; J. Yeates, 3; R. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6.

BROCKWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday afternoon, March 13th, before Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. G. Price, 1; F. Hannis, 2; E. Smart, 3; H. Downham, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; W. Gregory, 6. H. Mitchell hails from Barnwood, all the rest are local men.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, March 13th, prior to Divine Service, a 1568 of Grandsire Triples, being the three middle parts of the first half of Holt's ten-part peal, in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. Middlecote, 1; H. Gardner (conductor), 2; H. Mitchell, 3; R. Wilkins, 4; A. A. Waite, 5; S. Romans, 6; D. J. Aston, 7; T. White, 8. This is the longest touch for R. Wilkins, S. Romans, and T. White in the above method with a bob bell. On Monday evening, March 14th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and two singles), in 30 mins., the 7th covering. *R. Wilkins, 1; H. Mitchell, 2; J. Middlecote, 3; *F. White, 4; H. Gardner (conductor), 5; D. J. Aston, 6; *T. White, 7. *First 720 in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, March 27th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Broom, 4; W. Harper, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—On Monday, March 28th, ten members of the above association attempted a peal of Bob Royal at the Cathedral, but was lost after ringing 3280 changes in 2 hr. 10 mins., owing to one of the band being taken suddenly ill. Thomas Thorpe, 1; James Gratrix, 2; Thomas G. Downs, 3; Samuel West, 4; John E. Pollitt, 5; James Barratt, 6; Edward Cash, 7; A. Ed. Wreaks (conductor), 8; Peter Brickell, 9; John Eachus, 10. The peal is the composition of Mr. J. Thorp, of Ashton-under-Lyne. Messrs. Cash and Barratt belong to Eccles, P. Brickell to Northenden, Cheshire, the rest belong to Manchester.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 19th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major was made, but after ringing 1056 changes, in 38 mins., the fifth rope broke. G. Perry, 1; W. Whiting, 2; C. Wightman, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; H. Peper, 6; A. S. Wightman, 7; S. Wightman, 8. Some courses of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters on handbells were also rang, as there was no time to make another start.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 19th, for practice, 384 of Bob Major. T. Staulkey, 1; C. Smith, 2; F. Wilson, 3; R. Wells, 4; A. Rodwell, 5; W. Button, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; S. Edmunds, 8. Also 672 of Grandsire Triples. G. Cooper, 1; E. Cooper, 2; H. Button, 3; R. Stannard (conductor), 4; A. Lincoln, 5; C. Smith, 6; H. Cooper, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also 500 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. T. Staulkey, 1; G. Cooper, 2; W. Lambert, 3; R. Wells, 4; W. Button, 5; H. Cooper, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; S. Edmunds, 8. Also on Tuesday, February 22nd, 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Flegg, 1; J. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except the conductor. Also on Saturday, February 26th, 448 of Grandsire Triples. F. Wilson, 1; C. Smith, 2; H. Button, 3; T. Staulkey, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; A. Lincoln, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; T. Staulkey, 3; C. Smith, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; A. Lincoln, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON.—On Sunday, March 20th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Baddeley (conductor), 1; W. Baddeley, 2; G. Walker, 3; *D. Bradberry, 4; J. W. Brough, 5; J. Wood, 6. *First peal in the method, and hails from Horton.

THE WANSTEAD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, March 27th, after Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). T. Wood, 1; H. Scarlett (conductor), 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; W. Manning, 4; J. Nunn, 5; F. Bines, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). F. A. Nunn, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; W. Manning, 4; J. Nunn (conductor), 5; F. Bines, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, March 12th, a 180 of Bob Minor. W. Richards, 1; J. Martin, 2; J. Pettit, 3; E. Chapman, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5-6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; J. Martin, 3; J. Pettit, 4; E. Chapman (conductor), 5. Also 120 of St. Simon's Doubles, standing as before. Also 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Richards, 1; E. Chapman, 2-3; R. Dunkley (conductor), 4-5; E. Howell, 6. Also at the house of Mr. J. Chapman, two 120's of Bob Doubles, with 4, 6, 8, covering. W. Richards, 1; E. Chapman, 2-3; R. Dunkley (conductor), 4-5; F. Smith, 6; E. Howell, 7; J. Dunkley, 8. Also 120 in the same method. C. Dunkley, 1; W. Richards, 2; E. Chapman, 3; R. Dunkley (conductor), 4-5.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, March 17th, a mixed band rang Penning's 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 27 mins. C. Beasley (first 720), 1; F. Davis, 2; H. Mason, 3; G. A. Hatton, 4. A. H. Bassano, Esq., 5; J. Brooks (conductor), 6. And 240 of Bob Minor. C. Beasley, 1; F. Davis, 2; H. Mason, 3; G. A. Hatton, 4; J. Brooks, 5; A. H. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. G. A. Hatton, 1; J. Brooks, 2; H. Mason, 3; C. Daniels, 4; C. Beasley (conductor), 5; F. Davis, 6. And on March 26th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. C. Wor-ton, 1; J. Brooks, 2; F. Davis, 3; C. Daniels, 4; C. Beasley (conductor), 5; G. Dukes, 6. Mason and Bassano hail from Old Hill; Brooks, Davis, and Hatton from Lye; the rest belong to Cradley.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday, March 7th, for practice, a 1008 of Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Maxim, 5; F. Hawkins (first 1000), 6; N. Hawkins, 7; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 8. On Monday, March 21st, a 1120 of Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; R. Mingay, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; D. Ward (first 1000), 8.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST (Bedfordshire).—Recently, at the parish church, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. G. Biggs, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; T. Hills, 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and the first by any of the above, and was rang at the first attempt.

IGHTHAM (Kent).—On Monday, March 28th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, in 24 mins. F. Webb, 1; Rev. H. E. Polehampton, 2; T. Hollman, 3; G. Moore, 4; F. Shoebridge (conductor), 5. Tenor 11 cwt. This is the first 720 rung by the present band.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 13th, for evening service, a 1008 of Bob Major. J. Lee, 1; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; S. Slater (conductor), 4; J. Bird, 5; N. Hawkins, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; O. Garwood, 8. On Saturday evening, March 26th, the following met and attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing for upwards of one hour, was stopped by an unforeseen accident. Percy Scott, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; S. Slater, 4; J. Bird, 5; F. Wells, 6; G. Maxim, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday March 15th, 112 Bob Triples. W. Taylor, 1; F. Davies, 2; H. Mason, 3; J. Brooks, 4; G. A. Hatton, 5; A. Folkes, 6; A. H. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 7; C. Beasley, 8. First touch of Triples on the Bells. Tuesday, March 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Davis, 1; A. Folkes, 2; G. A. Hatton, 3; H. Mason, 4; F. Davis, 5; J. Brook (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 27th, 720 Bob Minor Annables, (twenty-six singles) in 26 mins. W. Taylor, 1; G. A. Hatton, 2; F. Davis, 3; A. Folkes, 4; *H. Mason (conductor), 5; J. Brook, 6. Also 120 Bob Doubles, in 6 mins. The above was rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to an old parishioner, who died on March 24th. Also 140 Bob Minor (eight bobs and four singles), conducted by J. Brooks standing as above. *First 720 as conductor. Messrs. Mason and Bassano hail from Old Hill.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday evening, March 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, was rung with the bells muffled, 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins., as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Smith, mother to one of the local ringers. W. Prestidge, 1; F. Hotchkiss, 2; J. Townsend, 3; A. Baddall, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; W. Micklewright (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Grandsire Minor. E. Hampton, 1; J. Townsend, 2; F. Hotchkiss, 3; W. Hartshorne, 4; H. Hartshorn, 5; W. Micklewright (conductor), 6.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Monday, March 14th, at St. Peter's Church, for practice, a 720 of Court Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Kirk, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; J. Stubbs, 4; H. W. Stubbs, 5; F. Slade (first 720 as conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Kirk, 1; H. W. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; B. W. Allen (first 720 in this method), 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service, a 360 of Court Single. A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; T. W. Stubbs, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. And for 2 o'clock service, a 720 of College Single. A. Coles, 1; W. A. Hall, 2; H. W. Stubbs, 3; B. W. Allen, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Bob. A. Coles, 1; H. W. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob. W. J. Gilbert, 1; W. A. Hall, 2; R. Pendered, 3; B. W. Allen, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. W. Stubbs (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, March 27th, at the house of Mr. J. Gilbert, a 252 of Bob Triples. W. J. Gilbert, 1-2; B. W. Allen, 3; R. Pendered, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5-6; W. A. Hall, 7-8. And a 180 of Plain Bob. W. J. Gilbert, 1-2; F. Gilbert (conductor), 3-4; W. A. Hall, 5-6. And a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. F. Gilbert, 1-2; R. Pendered, 3; B. W. Allen, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5-6.

RINGSTEAD (Northants).—On Saturday, March 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Kirk, 1; F. Chapman, 2; E. Mayes, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; T. Wilson (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; J. Braybrook (conductor), 6. Also 360 of College Single. J. Bunning, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; F. Chapman, 5; T. Roberts, 6. Also 360 of Double Court. E. Mayes, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; J. Braybrook (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. And on Saturday, March 26th, 720 of Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. J. Gilbert, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And 360 of Oxford Bob. T. Roberts, 1; E. Mayes, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; F. Chapman, 4; T. Wilson (first 360 in the method), 5; J. Braybrook (conductor), 6. And 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. W. J. Gilbert, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; E. Mayes, 4; J. Braybrook, T. Roberts (conductor), 6. T. Wilson and J. Bunning hail from Woodford; W. J. Gilbert and F. Kirk from Raunds, the rest belong to the local company.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Chiming*—On Sunday, March 20th, at St. Peter's Church, three plain courses of Grandsire Caters. T. Waller, 1-2; H. Lewis, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; E. P. Debenham, 7-8; G. W. Cartmel, 9-10. —*Handbell Ringing*—On Saturday, March 19th, a 720 of College Single, in 16 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also on Friday evening, March 25th, a 335 of Grandsire Triples, with H. Brewer at the 4th, this being his longest touch. And on Saturday evening, March 25th, a 503 of Grandsire Caters. A. Barnes, 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; G. W. Cartmel, 7-8; W. Battle, 9-10.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, February 27th, at St. Martin's Church, for Divine service, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. M. Lush, 8. Also on Sunday, March 13th, another 518 of Grandsire Triples by the same company. —*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday March 11th, at Mr. Gifford's rooms, a 518 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams (first touch), 7-8. A 518 again on Thursday, March 17th, and on the 18th, a 350 and two 168's by the same company, placed as above.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, March 22nd, at All Saints' Church, a 504 of Stedman Triples. W. Howell, 1; W. B. Ransom, 2; G. S. Brown, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott (conductor), 7; H. Brackett, 8. Also 384 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. Scott, the members standing as before, with W. Cross assisting H. Brackett on the tenor.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 16th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, six of the local company rang a 720 of College Single Minor in 25½ mins. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; I. Hammond, 6. And on Sunday, March 20th, for morning service, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 25 mins. I. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. Prior (composer), 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. H. J. Tucker hails from Bishops Stortford. And for afternoon service, 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; H. Prior, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey, 6. And on Sunday, March 27th, for morning service a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, (thirty-five bobs and six singles), in 24½ mins. composed by Mr. J. Parker of Farnham Royal, Bucks. G. Grey, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Gray, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. And on Saturday, March 26th, on handbells, retained in hand, a plain course of Grandsire Triples. W. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; H. J. Tucker, 5-6; G. Prior, 7; W. Prior, 8. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Prior, 1-2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3-4; H. Prior, 5-6. And a plain course of Grandsire Minor. W. F. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. Prior, 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior (conductor), 5.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, March 26th, at St. James Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from *The Clavis*, was rung in 45 mins. W. Alley, 1; A. Anderson (Bristol), 2; *A. Prescott, 3; A. Palmer, 4; J. Hayward, 5; W. McCaffrey, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 7; *G. Houlton, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. *First quarter-peal.

UPPER CLAPTON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 27th, at the St. Matthew's Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. *W. Masters, 1; T. Jackson,

2; F. Rumens, 3; T. Page (conductor), 4; G. Page, 5; J. Barry, 6; W. D. Smith, 7; C. Davidson, 8. *First quarter-peal.

UPTON PYNE (near Exeter).—On Saturday, March 5th, by kind invitation of the Rector, the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, the Crediton, S. Sidwells, and S. David's bands met together for joint practice, and some very good 6-scores were rung. J. Moss, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; S. Binfield, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; J. Lake, 6. And J. Perkins, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Moss, 5; J. Pope, 6. The following also took part in the ringing:—C. Carter, W. Davey, J. Burridge (2), and J. Dyer. Tenor 11 cwt. A jovial evening was spent at the club, and the walk (4 miles) both out and back was thoroughly enjoyed.

WHITSTONE (near Exeter).—On Thursday, March 3rd, for practice, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Chudley, 1; F. Shepherd (conductor), 2; W. Sercombe, 3; G. Baxter, 4; W. Sampson, 5; W. Pester, 6. On Sunday, March 27th, before evening service, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, being the first ten 6-scores rung by the band. W. Chudley, 1; H. Baxter, 2; W. Sercombe, 3; G. Baxter, 4; W. Sampson, 5; W. Pester, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

ST. SEPULCHRE'S, LONDON.

On Saturday, March 12th, after an unsuccessful attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters, the local band dined together at the White Hart Hotel, Giltspur-street, E.C., Mr. Churchwarden Simpson kindly acting as chairman. Having done full justice to the good things provided and the cloths removed, the Chairman proposed the "Health of the Queen and Royal Family," which was heartily drunk by all. A course of Caters on the handbells followed, and a duet on the pianoforte by Messrs. Harrington and Rumsey was listened to with marked attention. Several other toasts followed, viz., the "Rector," "Churchwardens," and "Ringers," which were received with musical honours. The Chairman remarked that this being the Jubilee Year he hoped the ringers would accomplish a few peals on the fine old ring of ten bells that hang in the tower of St. Sepulchre's Church. At intervals songs were given by Messrs. Barry, Church, Clarkson, Stackwood, and Rumsey, jun., and some excellent marches, &c., on the handbells were given by the tune band attached to St. Sepulchre's, viz., Messrs. Clarkson, Lovett, Matthews, Nelms, Rumsey, &c., accompanied by the pianoforte. After thanking the chairman for presiding, Mr. T. Harrington for so ably performing on the pianoforte, and Mr. D. Lovett for arranging everything so satisfactorily, the company separated, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In Memoriam.

FRANCIS R. SHEPHERD.

With great regret we record the death of the above gentleman, which took place on March 20th, in his 21st year. Deceased (one of the four brothers Shepherd) joined the S. Sidwells Society on June 19th, 1882, and for 12 months fulfilled the duties of hon. secretary to this society, but was compelled to resign last Easter through ill health. Although so young, he had taken part in five peals of 5040 Grandsire Triples, his last peal being at S. Sidwells on April 11th, 1885, when he rang the 5th. Deceased was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Devonshire Guild. The number of change ringers in Exeter being very limited, his death is a great loss to the exercise in that city. His progress in change-ringing was very rapid, and his quiet and unassuming disposition, as well as his abilities both on tower and handbells, caused him to be a general favourite with all whom he came in contact. The funeral took place on Saturday, March 26th, and he was carried to his last resting-place by his brother ringers, the funeral ceremony being performed by the Rev. Samuel Hosking, foreman of S. Sidwells Society. In the evening muffled peals were rung at St. David's, St. Thomas's, and also at S. Sidwells, by the following:—C. Carter, 1; T. Townsend, 2; W. Goss, 3; H. Swift, 4; W. Mundy, 5; W. Richardson, 6; J. Moss, 7; T. J. Lake, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Easter Monday, April 11th. Tower open from 3 p.m. At 6 p.m. there will be a plain tea in the church room, followed by the business meeting. All who wish to be present at the tea are requested to send their names to the Hon. Secretary by Friday, April 8th. The tea will be free to all ringing friends, who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, and who have sent in their names as directed above.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Report for the fortnight ending March 29th, 1887.—*By the Arundel branch at Arundel.*—On Saturday, March 12th, Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 4620 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. O. Evershed, 1; H. Haggett, 2; F. Luxford, 3; W. L. Chamberlain, 4; G. Baker, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Yetman, 8. Also on Sunday, March 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. O. Evershed, 1; F. Luxford, 2; G. Baker (conductor), 3; C. Blackman, 4; H. Haggett, 5; G. Balchin, 6; W. L. Chamberlain, 7; H. Peckham, 8. And on March 14th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. O. Evershed, 1; G. Baker, 2; F. Luxford, 3; H. Haggett, 4; G. Balchin, 5; Rev. — Tompkins, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Yetman, 8.

By the Brighton Branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Monday, March 14th, a 560 of Bob Major, in 20 mins. A. C. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; W. Allfrey, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; W. Palmer, 5; J. Searle, 6; J. Jay, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. Also for morning service on Sunday, March 20th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. H. Eves, 1; H. Weston, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. King, 4; J. Jay, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Cornwall, 7; J. Hodges, 8. Also for afternoon service, a 518 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. H. Weston (conductor), 1; J. Salmon, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; C. E. Golds, 4; W. Allfrey, 5; G. King, 6; G. F. Attree, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also on Sunday, March 27th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Jay, 1; C. E. Golds, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; J. Salmon, 4; G. King, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. Also at St. Nicholas Church, for confirmation service, a 560 of Grandsire Triples.

By the Eastbourne and Brighton branches at St. Mary's, Eastbourne.—On Saturday, March 19th, an attempt for Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief just before the midway single owing to the treble bell casting her rope. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; J. Jay, 3; L. Huggett, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. E. Attree (conductor), 6; T. Hart, 7; J. Rollison, 8.

By the Christ Church Eastbourne branch, at Westham.—On Saturday March 12th, a 720 of College Single (first by all). H. Knight, 1; J. Sharp, 2; G. Howse, 3; C. Smith, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. Also a 360 in the same method with R. Howse on the treble. Also on Sunday, March 20th, at Christ Church, Eastbourne, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples. H. Knight, 1; G. Howse, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Sharp, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. Also a 360 in the same method with R. Howse on the treble. Also a 720 of College Single. R. Howse, 1; H. Colbran, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Sharp, 4; F. Harding, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 22nd, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 27 mins. R. Howse, 1; T. Smith, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Smith, 4; H. Colbran, 5; G. Howse (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, March 15th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Woolgar, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, March 17th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Gatland, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, March 18th, a 120 of Stedman Doubles. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Tyler (conductor), 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; J. Smart, 6. 6th cover. First touch in the method by all except the conductor. Also on Sunday, March 20th, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Single Court Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob. F. Morris, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, March 24th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. Tyler, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, March 26th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, March 27th, 360 of Plain Bob. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; F. Morris, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; E. Brackley, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch, at Warnham.—On Monday, March 14th, with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Duchess of Richmond, a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor. W. Sharman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Chandler, 3; H. Wood, 4; T. Andrews, 5; G. Woodman, 6; H. Cook (conductor), 7; J. Wood, 8. Also a 720 of London New Bob Minor. W. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Wood, 4; H. Cook, 5; G. Woodman, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; J. Wood, 8. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Short, 1; W. Charman, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Wood, 4; H. Cook, 5; G. Woodman, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; J. Wood, 8.

By the Warnham branch, at Horsham.—On Sunday, March 27th, a 960 of Treble Bob Major. G. Rapley, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. Also a 576 Treble Bob Major. G. Rapley, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8.

By the Warnham branch, at Horsham.—On Saturday, March 26th, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but came to grief after ringing 800. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. Another attempt was made, but came to grief again after ringing upwards of 1200. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; H. Cook, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. Greatest length by all the band.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

AN ENQUIRY.

SIR,—Can any of your readers inform me whether it is the custom to ring muffled on Good Friday, if so where, and whether full or half-muffled. I would also like the opinion of our clerical brother strings, as to whether they think it advisable to do so or not. An early reply through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" will oblige.

ENQUIRER.

M. TUCKER'S REPLY.

SIR,—Seeing in your last issue of "THE BELL NEWS," some correspondent writes to say that the quarter peal composed by me, and lately rung at Galleywood, Essex, only contains twelve 6-7's, eight 7-4's, and eight 4-6's, and not twelve of each as stated, I beg leave to inform him that if he will only take the trouble to prick it out he will find that it does contain twelve 7-4's, twelve 4-6's, and twelve 6-7's, and I defy him to alter it.

H. J. TUCKER.

Bishop Stortford, March 28.

HON. MEMBERS.

SIR,—In your issue of March 12th (pages 421), a peal of Bob Major rung at Harlow on March 12th, is headed "The Essex Association." Six of the ringers were previously members of this Association, and one was duly elected by them in the tower before starting for the peal. The eighth member of the band was, but is not now, a member of the Association; his name having been removed in the year 1885-6, after notice given by the then secretary, for non-payment of the subscription due for that and two previous years. Under these circumstances, the peal cannot be reckoned as an "Essex Association" peal, or entered as such in our peal book. I regret this, for the sake not only of the ringers in the peal, but of the Association itself, for we are anxious to have more records of peals rung by its members within the limits of the county.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I see in "THE BELL NEWS" for this week a peal of 5040 changes, rung in twenty-one different methods on five bells. As I am a regular reader of "THE BELL NEWS," and a young change ringer practising with a band who are at present only able to ring Doubles, I through the medium of your valuable and interesting paper ask one of those gentlemen if he could send me the methods mentioned, as I am not acquainted with any of them but Stedman, and Grandsire. Hoping I am not trespassing too much on your valuable space, and not asking too much at the hands of either of those gentlemen.

Biddenham, Bedford.

H. KING.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

SIR,—Since the announcement in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 19th inst., that the Snowdon Memorial Fund would be closed at the end of this month, we have been asked to keep it open for a week or two longer. The committee have therefore decided to finally close it on the 30th of April, when we hope that all who are desirous to contribute to the above object will have done so before that date, as no further postponement can take place. We would also take this opportunity of again asking those friends who have so kindly promised, and whose names have appeared in the list as paid, to send in their subscriptions as soon as possible, in order that we may get our accounts ready for issuing the balance sheet, which the committee are anxious to place in the hands of all subscribers.

W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD SURPRISE.

SIR,—It ought to be known to the Exercise that Mr. Washbrook's new method is very false with the treble in 3-4 and 5-6.

H. EARLE BULWER.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Reports presented at the Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 3rd March, 1887.

In the Ordinary Branch the number of policies issued during the year was 25,567, assuring the sum of £2,715,429, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £125,604. The Premiums of the year were £396,940, being an increase of £93,665 over the year 1885. The claims of the year amounted to £135,361.

The rate of expenditure of the Branch was little more than Ten per cent. on the Premium Income. The number of policies in force was 85,089.

An alteration has been made in the Regulations of the Company, empowering the Directors in future to pay an interim bonus upon all Participating Policies on their becoming Claims, in respect of any Premiums paid subsequent to the last distribution of profits.

The Premiums received during the year in the Industrial Branch were £2,911,295, being an increase of £116,773. The claims of the year amounted to £1,123,428. The number of deaths was 135,851. The rate of expenditure of the Branch shows a slight reduction. The number of Policies in force, including 58,099, Free Policies, was 7,111,828.

A supplement to this Report will also be submitted, showing how the assets of the Company are invested.

The tables of the Industrial Branch have been again revised, and additional advantages are secured to the Assured which the Directors believe will yet further enhance the popularity of the Company.

SUMMARY OF THE QUINQUENNIAL REPORT.

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1886.

In the Ordinary Branch the Annual Premium Income has increased from £142,732 to £407,360. The Assurance Fund has grown from £744,583 to £1,764,800.

In the Industrial Branch the Annual Premium Income has increased from £2,051,024 to £3,065,551. The Assurance Fund has grown from £1,721,493 to £4,937,003.

The Total Assets of the Company have grown from £2,580,002 to £6,811,954, being an increase of £4,231,952 in the five years under inspection. The rate of expenditure during the Quinquennium in the Ordinary Branch has remained nearly stationary, at little more than ten per cent. A reduction of seven and a-half per cent. has been effected in the expenses of the Industrial Branch.

It will be seen from Mr. DEWEY's Report that the average duration of all the Policies in the Industrial Branch is now no less than five and a-half years, a satisfactory indication of the success which is attending the efforts of the Directors to increase the duration of the assurances.

Extract from Mr. A. H. BAILEY's Report.

Having from time to time been consulted as to the principles upon which the valuations should be made of the outstanding liabilities of your Company on the 31st December last, I have now examined the results of those valuations, the processes employed in obtaining and checking the particulars from the records, and the methods adopted to insure accuracy in the calculations.

Some notion may be formed of the magnitude of the work when it is stated that the number of assurances in force, exclusive of annuity grants, is 7,196,917; so that if each policy were on a different life, which is probably not very far from the truth, the lives of 19.6 per cent., or very nearly one-fifth of the entire population of Great Britain and Ireland are assured in this Company.

The business is carried on under two distinct branches, the "Ordinary" and the "Industrial." In the former, the premiums are payable annually, half-yearly, or quarterly; and the terms and conditions resemble those of the majority of the Life Assurance Companies of the country. In the latter branch the rates are higher, because, without exception, the premiums are payable weekly; an arrangement which the ordinary Companies will not adopt on account of the heavy expense and trouble of collection, but which experience seems so show is the only way whereby the wage-earning portion of the community can be reached.

For ten years the two Branches have been conducted independently of each other, as if they were distinct societies; separate accounts being kept, and separate investments made for each. Being now, however, practically worked by the same agents, the public select whichever best suits their convenience, and consequently the distinction between the character of the business of the two branches is becoming

less. As an instance of this it is noticeable that while the average amount assured by each policy in the "Ordinary" Branch has diminished since the last valuation, being now £116 against the £137 five years ago; in the Industrial Branch the average amount has slightly increased, and is now £9 8s.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The growth of this Branch has been very remarkable. The premium income from the assurances is £406,852, having nearly trebled in the quinquennium, and being surpassed by only four other Life Assurance Companies in the United Kingdom. The basis upon which the valuation of the liabilities has been made is explained in Mr. Hughes' report. It may be shortly described as follows:—The past experience of Assured and Annuitant lives has been adopted for the rates of mortality; 3 per cent. for the rate of interest, and 22.7 per cent. of the premium income, which is the whole of what is called the loading, has been reserved for future expenses, profits, and contingencies. Of the ample sufficiency of this reserve no doubt can be entertained, especially as it has now been resolved that the whole expenses of this Branch shall be limited to 10 per cent. of the premium income.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—In this Branch the Premium Income has now reached the enormous total of £3,065,551, payable in weekly premiums averaging about twopence each. The ages of the lives assured vary from 1 year to upwards of 100, fourteen centenarians being found upon the registers. The females outnumber the males in the proportion of 1,075 to 1,000, an excess somewhat above that of the general population, whereas in the ordinary Companies the number of male lives assured is found to be about eight times that of the females. A large number of the policies in force have been effected on the lives of children. And if death occur during the first year of assurance, the contract provides that, with some exceptions, a deduction shall be made from the sum assured.

From these circumstances some modifications in the principles of valuation adopted for the Ordinary Branch become necessary. These are explained by Mr. Dewey in his report, with which I concur. For instance, the table of mortality employed for the Ordinary Branch represents the experience of adult male lives only, children being altogether omitted. For the Industrial Branch, therefore, Farr's English Life tables have been used, and separate valuations made for the male and female risks, the mortality of the two sexes being different. Again, the rate of mortality of children, unlike that of adults, diminishes from year to year up to a certain age. And therefore the risks on the lives of children not exceeding ten years of age, and those under all Policies granted during last year, have been treated as short term assurances, for which a nominal reserve only is necessary. With these exceptions, a valuation on the principles as in the Ordinary Branch has been made of all the outstanding Policies.

These facts and figures speak for themselves, and it is hardly necessary to add how eminently satisfactory the results of this elaborate investigation must be to all who are interested in the welfare of the Company.

Extract from the Report of Mr. W. HUGHES, Actuary of the Ordinary Branch.

The Valuation is as before on the net premium system, the whole of the loading or difference between the premiums payable and the risk premiums being reserved as a provision for future expenses and profit. This loading amounts to £91,078 per annum. The number of Policies in force at 31st December last was £85,089, assuring with Bonus £10,226,238, and producing an annual premium income of £407,360 8s. Of this amount £13,726 is re-assured at an annual cost of £508 7s.

A feature worthy of note is the large proportion of Endowment Assurances lately effected. At the last Valuation, 1881, these Policies formed 16 per cent. of the whole number in force; on the 31st December, 1886, there were 31,120 of these Policies, being no less than 36 per cent. of the whole number of Assurances.

The net results of the Valuation are as follows: Life Assurance Fund, 31st December, 1886, £1,764,600; Reserve for Life Assurance and Annuity Contracts, £1,457,873.

Extract from the Report of Mr. T. C. DEWEY, Actuary of the Industrial Branch.

The Policies in existence on the 31st December, 1886 (the date of Valuation), were 7,111,828 in number, assuring the sum of £66,689,111, and producing a weekly income from

Premiums of £58,953, and an Annual Income of £3,065,551. The number of Free or Paid-up Policies which have been granted in lieu of Discontinued Policies is now 58,099. It will be seen that the average amount assured by each policy is £9 8s., and that the average weekly premium is twopence.

The experience of the Quinquennium shows that the business is yearly becoming of a more stable character, for notwithstanding the large influx of new business during that period, the average duration of the Policies now in existence is about five and a-half years.

I believe that as Industrial Assurance become better appreciated, it will assume an even more permanent character, and that the difference in this respect between Ordinary and Industrial Policies will disappear. I can see no reason, therefore, why different principles should now be adopted in the valuation of the two classes of assurances, and I have consequently valued pure premiums only, reserving the whole of the loading, distinguishing male from female lives. The proportion of the premium reserved is 43.5 per cent.

The mortality of this Branch having been carefully recorded for many years, I find that the English Life Table (No 3) most closely accords with our experience, and I have therefore adopted that Table for every description of Assurance. In all calculations I have assumed that £3 per cent. per annum will be realised on the investments.

The result of the Valuation is as follows: Present value of sums assured, £32,760,509; present value of future pure premiums, £28,288,658. Net liability, £4,471,851.

It may be contended that the principles which are adopted in the valuation of Ordinary assurances are not applicable to Industrial risks, but it must be a source of the highest gratification to you and to everyone connected with the Company, to feel that the business of this Branch will now bear a test so severe and one hitherto unknown in the history of Industrial Assurance.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1886.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	80,028	0	0
Ordinary Branch Funds	1,765,193	15	6
Industrial Branch Funds	4,937,003	4	4
Claims under Life Policies admitted	29,728	18	4
	£6,811,953	18	2

ASSETS.

British Government Securities, Consols and New 3 per cents.	£1,003,325	18	7
Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	152,443	10	0
Bank of England Stock	29,483	6	10
Loans on Municipal and other Rates	1,468,459	19	10
Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	1,316,532	1	7
Freehold and Leasehold Property	614,169	4	5
Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	234,331	15	0
Reversions	129,389	2	3
Railway and other Debentures	859,476	17	11
Railway and other Shares	20,471	2	9
Mortgages	577,740	13	1
Loans on the Company's Policies	47,145	4	0
Furniture and Fittings	20,500	0	0
Loans upon Personal Security	712	10	0
Outstanding Premiums	145,176	15	0
Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents	39,153	12	8
Outstanding Interest and Rents	63,106	2	4
Cash—On deposit, on current account, and in hand	90,336	1	11
	£6,811,953	18	2

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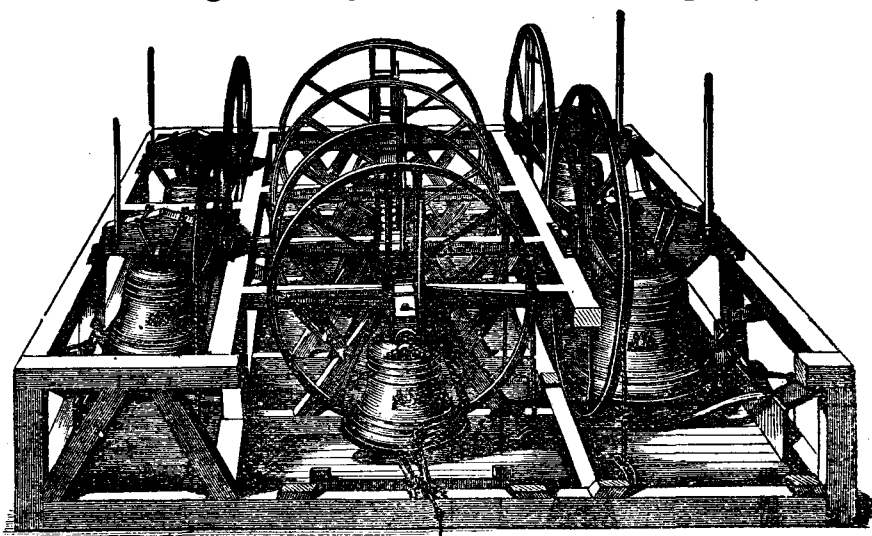


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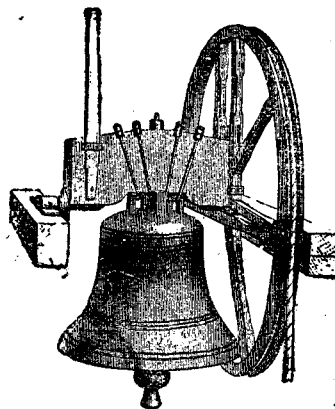
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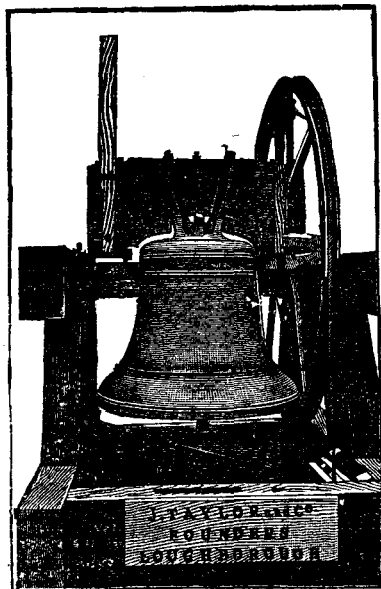
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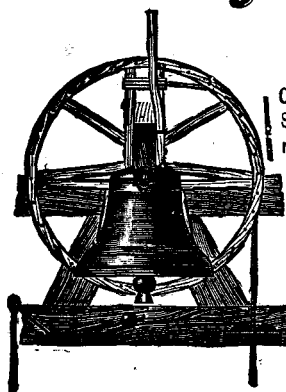
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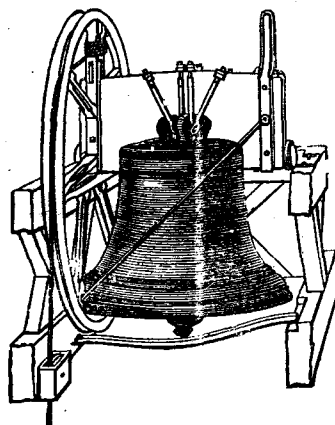
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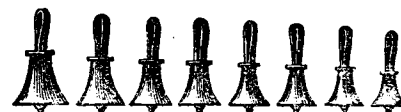
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A MUSICAL METHOD FOR EIGHT, TEN, AND TWELVE BELLS.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

I.—INTRODUCTORY.

SOME apology is due to readers of "THE BELL NEWS" for the space lately absorbed in these columns by my papers on Cambridge Surprise, which can have had little or no attraction for the ordinary reader. The present subject will, I hope, arouse a wider interest, and prove less wearisome than an abstruse dissertation on a system which, though historical, can never with its many defects become popular.

At the outset, I am desirous of directing attention to the present state of the Art in regard to ten and twelve bell ringing. Eight bell ringing has for many years past received a large share of notice in the more advanced methods, until at the present time there are several bands and very many individual ringers who can tap away in peals of Double Norwich and Superlative with as much ease and certainty as in Treble Bob. But when we turn to ten and twelve bells, the same progress is by no means apparent; in fact the proportion of peals of Royal and Maximus to those of Major is much less than it was in the last century. Doubtless one reason is because the advance in Major ringing has been chiefly effected by country companies, who, being confined to eight bells, have concentrated thereon their energies. Again, the unprecedented and deserved popularity of Stedman Caters and Cinques, so infinitely more interesting and convenient to ring than long and monotonous courses of Treble Bob, has perhaps kept town companies from turning their tenors in so frequently as formerly.

But the question arises:—Why has ringing on ten and twelve bells been confined to Treble Bob? I make the statement under correction, but I believe it to be a fact that for seventy years no peal of Royal or Maximus had been rung in any other method, except perhaps an odd peal of Plain Bob, until the somewhat discreditable spell was last year broken by the energy of the Ipswich Society, whose peals of Double Norwich Royal indicate the possibility of Double Norwich Maximus in the near future; a performance which, if achieved, will place that company on a pedestal of fame not second to the Norwich of the past.

The question admits of an answer in the extreme difficulty of attempting new methods where there are a large number of ringers, and where, consequently, the practices of a special band in a ten or twelve bell tower would entail temporary exclusion on the rest. It may be argued that Plain Bob was learnt and rung in several variations, and subsequently Treble Bob; then why not other methods? The reply to this is, that all these were methods which could be equally well practised on eight bells, and of which the extension to ten and twelve involved no material alteration in the work; that is to say, that anyone who could ring them on eight could ring them equally well on higher numbers when accustomed to the extra ropes. The rapid rise of Stedman from five to eleven bells was doubtless due to this valuable property.

Now of the finer Major methods—except Double Oxford, in which the length of dodging would be excessive—none can be extended to Royal or Maximus without entailing alterations in the work so extensive as to leave the original hardly recognisable in its new form. Such a case is that of Double Norwich, in which the relation of Major to Royal and Maximus is so slight as to make them to all intents and purposes different methods. The same applies to Superlative, which, though extended to ten bells by Shipway has never been practised. The difficulties in the way of learning such methods with a band of so many as ten ringers

seem too great to justify any hope that more than an occasional attempt will be made in this direction. The impediment seems absurd, but it none the less exists, and taken together with historical evidence, clearly points to the inference that no further general advance in ten and twelve bell-ringing can be expected until some more musical and interesting method than Treble Bob makes its appearance, which, in addition to being fairly easily learnt, shall be capable of extension from Major to Royal and Maximus without any radical change in the work.

Before proceeding further let us glance briefly at the musical properties of the ten and twelve bell methods now existing. Plain Bob we may dismiss as having had its day and no longer possessing any special attraction. Treble Bob, at present in general use, is in many ways very defective, as has been pretty clearly stated by greater authorities than myself. The endless making of seconds place in front, together with the wide and frequent parting of the heavy bells, causes the music to be, except at the course-ends, very unsatisfactory.

I am aware that many leading ringers hold Treble Bob as excellent music, but with all deference to their opinion I must take leave to observe that excellence is a comparative quality, and that no one with the slightest ear for harmony who has heard Superlative or Double Norwich would again take the same pleasure as before in Treble Eight. The regard for Treble Bob is simply due to the fact that those who admire it have never heard anything better.

With respect to Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, the music cannot for a moment be compared to that of Double Norwich Major, for while the latter is one of the most perfect of methods, the former, in which the beautiful double dodging is entirely done away, have little more to recommend them than that they keep the tenors well together; a most important point, however, for with ten and twelve bells the effectiveness of the beat is largely dependent on the regular and equidistant positions of the heavy bells. On these grounds Superlative Royal, in which they are mercilessly knocked about, stands at once condemned. Double Oxford on the higher numbers would not be pleasing, for as the bells in front and behind dodge till the treble parts them, what are only five pull dodges in Major would be extended to seven and nine pull dodges in Royal and Maximus, a length tedious alike to hand and ear.

Other ten-bell methods there are, but not meriting notice here, as their virtues are few and their faults many, and there is no likelihood of their ever being practised. Shipway's principle alone remains to be noticed. For the benefit of those who are unacquainted with its lines I may say that there is four bell work in front, and triple dodging in all the other places, the bells going in alternately quick and slow as in Stedman. Here one would think was just the desired method, as with simply the extra places to dodge in it runs the same on all even numbers. Unfortunately the alternating quick and slow work parts the tenors so widely that, except at the course-ends, there is no regularity in the music, and there is the further objection that the slow work is complicated, and the continuous triple dodging tedious.

We arrive therefore at the conclusion, not only that there is no ten or twelve bell method in existence that can be said to produce the best of music, but also that, of such methods as there are, none but Plain Bob and Treble Bob are suitable for general practice—Grandsire I altogether ignore as being on even numbers a bastard system—and that therefore, as has already been stated, no general advance can be anticipated in the direction indicated until some more harmonious method than these is found, which shall be equally capable of easy extension from Major to Royal and Maximus. The possibility of this will be considered in the next paper.

RINGERS' DINNER AT SOUTHPORT.

The first Annual dinner of the Christ Church society, took place at Messrs. Thorp and Co.'s restaurant, Nevill street, on Saturday, March 26th. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Canon Clarke vicar, and W. J. Robson, Esq., J.P., Churchwarden, the Rev. F. Pearman, M.A., curate of Christ Church, presided, and Mr. J. Redford (secretary of the Lancashire Association), occupied the vice-chair. There were visitors by invitation from Liverpool, Ormskirk, Aughton and Bolton, and a few personal friends of the ringers. In all about thirty sat down to an excellent dinner provided in Messrs Thorp and Co.'s usual style. After the cloth was removed, the rev. Chairman proposed the loyal toast of "The Queen," and in suitable terms alluded to this her Jubilee year; also to the importance of the office of ringers in Church work, after which the whole company sang "God save the Queen." The next toast was "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family." Next on the programme was a well struck course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells. The next toast was "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," by the vice-chairman, and suitably responded to by the rev. Chairman. The health of the visitors was enthusiastically received and responded to first by the Vice-Chairman, who gave a very excellent explanation of the work being done by the Lancashire Association, stating that it numbered about 400 members, 30 having joined since the Annual Meeting in October last, and that it was proposed to divide the county into three or four districts, and each district to appoint its own local secretary, and be represented on the committee, and to arrange their own local ringing meetings, postage expenses, etc., to be paid out of the general fund, and all subscriptions to be paid to the Association, and to hold the Quarterly and Annual Meeting alternately in each district. The other ringers responded in very suitable terms, expressing themselves highly pleased with the hospitality of the Southport ringers. The rest of the evening was enjoyed in songs, recitations, and course ringing on the handbells (by various companies) which have recently been put in excellent repair and tune (twenty-one in number), by Messrs Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, London, who cast them some years ago, every one present pronouncing them a first class lot of bells. The tower bells were open from three till six in the afternoon, and kept going most of the time, the toast of the "Town and Trade of Southport," "the Chairman," "Vice-Chairman," "Messrs Thorp and Co.," brought a very enjoyable evening to a close at a little after ten o'clock by again singing "God save the Queen."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, April 2nd, a Committee Meeting was held at headquarters, Bradford, Mr. W. Snowdon, President, in the chair. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, a drawing of the dedication brass for the Snowdon Memorial window was submitted, and with a few alterations, approved of. It was agreed that the unveiling of the window should take place on Saturday, June 11th, instead of June 4th, so as not to clash with the Whitsuntide holidays, and that the ordinary meeting of the Association shall take place on the same day at Ilkley, Mr. W. Snowdon (President), Mr. R. Tuke (Treasurer), and Mr. W. Whitaker (Secretary), were appointed a sub-committee to carry out the necessary arrangements.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—Ringing by the Burford band during the month of March, 1887:—March 6th, a 336 of Bob Major. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Brown, 3; H. Bond, 4; H. Smith, 5; D. Francis, 6; T. E. Glanville, 7; W. Large (conductor), 8. March 13th, three courses of Grandsire Triples. T. Brown, 1; E. Smith, 2; J. Clinch, 3; H. Bond, 4; H. Smith, 5; D. Francis, 6; T. E. Glanville, 7; H. Shaylor, 8. March 20th, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Brown, 3; W. Large, 4; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 5; H. Bond, 6; W. Large, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. And a 360 of Bob Minor. T. Brown, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Bond, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. March 27th, a 896 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Smith, 3; W. Smith, 4; H. Bond, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; T. E. Glanville, 7; H. Shaylor, 8.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

After ringing out their merry peals for more than fifty years, the bells (eight in number), in the parish church, were found to be in a very unsafe condition. Messrs. Mallaby and Son, of Masham, were called in, and they reported that the entire peal required to be rehung. After a short delay, the work of rehanging was undertaken, by that firm, who have just completed the same to the entire satisfaction of the Vicar and Churchwardens, and those who had the oversight of the work. On Friday, March 18th, the bells were reopened by the ringers who spent the afternoon in change ringing; later, they were entertained at supper by the Vicar and Churchwardens, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, and one that will not be forgotten by those present for many years to come.

THE RINGERS OF ENGLAND.

The following is intended, as we suppose, to be a revised list of ringers in England. But it should be understood that there are many ringers unconnected with any association whatever.

DIOCESAN ASSOCIATIONS.

	Bands.	Ring- ing Members.	Hon. Members.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	26	253	59
Ely	—	not stated.	—
Gloucester and Bristol	—	190	70
The Herefordshire Guild	15	130	58
Norwich Diocesan	50	400	130
Soc. for Archdeaconry of Staf- ford	19	124	24
Ditto Stoke	17	128	31
Oxford Diocesan Guild	72	700	210
General Guild	41	283	97
Local Branches	—	—	—
Bradfield	9	80	24
East and South Bucks.	8	90	24
Newbury Deanery	3	20	5
Reading	3	47	11
Sonning	7	74	54
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	29	207	40
Winchester ditto	27	247	99
	336	2973	936

UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATIONS.

Cambridge	—	19	24
Oxford	—	24	16
	—	43	40

COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

Bedford County Association	6	30	18
Essex Association	43	269	70
Hertford ditto	7	88	4
Kent County	48	400	166
Guild of Devonshire Ringers	14	162	70
South Lincolnshire Association	10	104	30
Surrey Association	17	125	26
West Middlesex	6	100	3
Midland Counties' Association	15	195	45
The Framland Ringers	12	85	22
Higham Ferrers	6	39	11
Raunds, Wellingbro', and Dis- trict Association	11	59	22
Goscotte	8	46	13
Lancashire Association	—	223	59
Rochdale and District	10	72	—
Lancashire Association of 6-bell- ringers	8	54	—
Sussex County	42	385	111
Worcester and adjoining District Association	12	114	20
Yorkshire Association	65	525	19
	340	3073	700
Equal to	336	2973	936
	—	43	40
	340	3073	700
	676	6089	1676

AT ST. STEPHEN'S.

THURSDAY.—While Earl Cadogan in the Upper House introduces his Irish Land Bill, Mr. Labouchere in the Lower House resumes the debate on the motion of Mr. Balfour for leave to introduce the Criminal Law Amendment (Ireland) Bill. The hon. member criticised the Bill, and though he deplored it, he had the consolation of believing that if it were passed and administered in Ireland, it would advance more than anything else within the last few years the cause of Home Rule. The hon. member found his arguments supported and combatted at every point by both sides of the House, and when the Attorney-General had concluded his speech, the adjournment of the debate was moved by Mr. Parnell, and here a scene arose which shows how prone members are to forget their dignity.—Mr. W. H. Smith, in assenting to the adjournment, called attention to the fact that Mr. Parnell had an amendment on the paper which appeared on Saturday morning. It was the custom of Parliament that such amendments should be moved at an earlier date than the hon. member had thought proper to do. He was under the necessity of saying that he should invite the House on Friday to come to a decision on the main question. It was now the eighth day of debate, and four days had been spent in asking leave for the motion. Nine days had been devoted to practically one subject, and he was sure that the House would feel that the time had come when a decision should be taken. Sir W. Harcourt dissented from this on the ground that while Sir Robert Peel in 1846, there was a debate of seven nights, and now the closure was to be applied after four nights. Mr. Smith here rose, and he and Sir William maintained their position facing each other at the table for a considerable time, amid fierce cheering from the Ministerial and Opposition benches. The Speaker: The right hon. gentleman is in possession of the House.—Sir W. Harcourt said he did not wish to interfere if the hon. gentleman wanted to make an explanation.—Mr. Smith said he wished to correct the mistake of Sir William, into which he had evidently fallen. He simply said he should invite the House to come to a decision. This did not seem like an expression of intention on his part to close the debate. In this way crimination and recrimination was continued for some time, Mr. Smith maintaining his point until the adjournment was agreed to.

FRIDAY.—This was by far the most important day of the whole debate in that, as anticipated by the Leader of the Government, a decision was come to on the main question before the House. Mr. Parnell opened the debate and was frequently the cause of explanation and interruption, and when he had resumed his seat the discussion was taken up with marked vigour by both sides of the House, during which certain members were called to order. Mr. Healy moved the adjournment of the debate, but this was lost by a majority of 107. The adjournment of the House was next moved, but was lost by a majority of 108. And now amid intense excitement, the Speaker put the question, accompanied with cries of "shame" and "oh! oh!" from Irish members, and Ministerial cheers. As Mr. Gladstone, on the House being cleared for decision, walked towards the "no" lobby, he was loudly cheered, and one of the Irish members shouted "We'll fight you to the death." The Speaker called order, when another voice was heard "Down with the Speaker." The House then divided, when for the closure being applied, there was a majority of 108. Cheers and counter cheers greeted the result, and cries of "Down with the Speaker" and "Tyranny." Mr. Gladstone then left the House, and the main question being put, leave was given to bring in the bill. The House adjourned at ten minutes to three o'clock.

MONDAY.—As Mr. J. Morley rightly said, a very painful incident occurred to day. Mr. Chaplin interrogated Mr. Speaker as to certain remarks which had fallen from the member for the Camborne Division of Cornwall, and which remarks reflected on the Speaker's conduct, in the chair. The Speaker in a most dignified and courteous manner, removed the imputation from himself upon the House by saying that it was not a reflection upon him personally, but upon the House through its elected Speaker. It was his duty and his wish while in the chair to allay party feeling if he could. It was a strange thing, and he hoped an unprecedented fact that an hon. member should charge him with becoming a partisan under any circumstances.

He was content to leave his public conduct in the chair to the judgment of every fair and right-minded and honourable man. This statement called the hon. member who had made the remarks alluded to, to the front, and after a most abject explanation, and further speeches from other gentlemen being uttered, the subject was dropped. On the orders of the day being read, Mr. Duff called attention to the administration of Harbour Loans, and moved a resolution thereon; and Mr. Beckett was beginning to make a speech in support, when the Speaker left the chair followed by the Clerk of the House who returning immediately afterwards informed the House that the Speaker in consequence of ill-health was obliged to leave the House and would not be able to resume the chair this evening. There was about the whole proceedings something of an almost unique character, besides being most regrettable in every particular; and though the business did not stop, the two incidents were not forgotten by the time the House adjourned.

TUESDAY.—The Speaker being still unwell, the Deputy-Speaker presided over the National Senate, and had to listen to an unusually large number of questions, on almost every subject connected with the affairs of the country. Even a speech of Lord R. Churchill was the subject of discussion, and did not fail to call forth the tart remarks in reply the noble lord knows so well how to make. Questions being over, Mr. A. J. Balfour formally moved the second reading of the Crimes Bill, and Sir B. Samuelson immediately followed with an amendment to the effect that the House declined to proceed with the Bill, considering that if it became law, it would tend to increase disorder in Ireland and endanger the union between that country and the other parts of the Empire. The usual arguments in favour of Home Rule were adduced by the hon. member, and he was supported by Sir J. Pease, Mr. Chaplin, Sir C. Russell, and others, until the Solicitor-General, in language as trenchant as concise, produced additional evidence from a legal point of view, why the union should be maintained.—Dr. Commins declared that the Bill was bare and naked coercion, and Mr. Lea moved the adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to after some "raal" Irish from Irish members, and shortly afterwards the House itself adjourned.

THE RINGER IN PARLIAMENT.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of this Association will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 11th, 1817, when the Dean Dr. Gott, President, will preside. The towers of All Saints (ten), St. Helen's (eight), St. Swithin (six), St. Martin (six) St. Nicholas (six), and St. John's (six bells), will be open during the day for ringing. Nothing is decided about the Cathedral bells being rung, as a serious report has been received from the Architect. General Meeting and election of officers at 2 o'clock, after which an address will be given by the Dean, to which all members and friends are earnestly invited. All members who have not paid their subscriptions are requested to do so, that their names may appear in the lists.

N.B.—Those members who have not received an invitation will please take this as such.

COLLAPSE OF A SOCIALIST MEETING AT MORPETH.

ON Friday evening last, April 1st, an open air meeting in connection with the above movement was advertised to take place in the Market Place, when addresses were to be delivered by Messrs. Williams and Fielden. At the hour appointed, neither of the gentlemen had arrived, and when Mr. Fielden came by himself, he said he had been delayed through an accident. He commenced his address, but it so happened that the enemy was in the audience, in the shape of the bellringers. They told some of the audience in a quiet manner that they would soon stop the Socialist, and stop him they did, for they went forthwith and began their practising in the old clock tower, and in a short time Mr. Fielden had to give in, notwithstanding his strong voice, as only a few could hear him.

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The St. Peter's Parish Church Company, Leeds			1 60
he Liverpool Youths ..			14 6
Mr. T. Powell, Waltham Abbey, Essex			2 6
St. Luke's Society, Liverpool, per Mr. R. S. Mann			8 6
A. Percival Heywood, Esq., Duffield ..			1 10
Charles E. Mallin, London ..			5 0
Wm. Jones, Royal Cumberlands ..			2 0
St. Peter's Society, Huddersfield, per Tom Haigh			10 0
Collected from members present at Meeting of Norwich Diocesan Association, at Ipswich, October, 1886			15 6
E. A. Foster, Corsham, Wilts. ..			5 0
The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Kings Lynn ..			1 10
The Doncaster Society ..			5 0
The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton, Berks. ..			5 0
Mr. John Day, Birmingham ..			2 0
Mr. Urban Holman, Croydon, per A. B. Carpenter, Esq. ..			2 6
The St. James' Society, Bolton, near Bradford ..			6 0
Swanscombe (Kent) Society, per F. J. King ..			5 0
Mr. John Carter, St. Giles' Company, Pontefract			5 0
" William Pearson ..			2 6
" W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, Essex ..			2 0
The Willesden Branch of College Youths ..			5 0
" St. John's Society, Bromsgrove ..			5 0
" Woodbridge Society, Suffolk, from fund ..			5 6
Mr. John Fosdike, Woodbridge ..			2 0
" W. M. Meadows ..			1 0
" W. Ward ..			1 0
" C. Ward ..			0 6
" E. F. Cole, London ..			5 0
The Bedfordshire Association, Bedford company, per M. Warwick ..			8 0
The St. Giles' Society Houghton-in-the-Dale, Per E. F. Elwin, Walsingham, ..			5 0
The Proprietors of "THE BELL NEWS" ..			1 10
" Employees in "THE BELL NEWS" Office ..			12 0
The S. Michael's Society, Sittingbourne ..			5 0
T. Clark, Esq., Keldale Villa, near Ripon ..			1 00
The Masham Ringers, in mem. November 16th, 1885, per Rev. G. M. Gorham, Vicar ..			12 6
Mr. Blezard, Pulford, Chester ..			2 6
Edward E. Lawson, Esq., Leeds ..			1 10
Mr. Henry Hayes, Church, Lancashire ..			2 6
St. Paul's Church Guild of Change Ringers, Brighton			10 6
Mr. Alfred J. J. Giddings, Frome, Somerset ..			2 9
" George Murray, S. Paul's Guild, Brighton ..			2 0
The Long Melford Company, viz.: Fred R. Steed, Esq., Samuel Slater, Esq., Percy Scott, Esq., Jas. Bird, Esq., G. Hammond, Esq., Zachariah Slater, Esq., N. J. Pistow, Esq., Saffron Walden, Esq. ..			10 6
Edward Webster, Tong ..			2 6
From a few ringers' of Lincoln:—			
Per Mr. Isaac Vickers ..			5 0
Mr. John Strodder, Ripon ..			2 0
The Hertford College Youths, per Mr. James Staples ..			15 0
Mr. John Penning, Saffron Walden ..			2 6
" Joseph Cheetham, Bradford ..			2 6
R. K. Knight, Esq., Walthamstow ..			2 6
Mr. Wm. Lomas, Sheffield ..			2 6
The Holt Society, Aston-Juxta-Birmingham, per Mr. T. J. Hemming ..			1 10
Mr. R. Pearson, Campsall ..			2 0
A. B. Pearson, ..			1 0
" Jno. Haley, Tong ..			3 0
" Wm. Smith, Sheffield ..			1 0
" Jos. Taylor, ditto ..			2 6
The Wakefield Company ..			6 0
Wm. Whitaker, Esq., Ilkley ..			10 0
Mr. T. Blackburn, Salisbury ..			10 0
The Parish Church Company, Keighley ..			1 00
Mr. A. Hayward, College Youths, London ..			2 6
The St. Chad's Society, Headingley, Leeds ..			10 0
Rev. C. D. P. Davies ..			5 0
Robt. Smith, Maidenhead ..			2 6

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 4 3 2 6	2	2	
5 3 2 4 6	1	2	
5 2 4 3 6	1	2	
3 5 2 6 4	2	2	2
5 4 2 6 3	1	2	
4 3 2 6 5	1	2	
3 4 5 6 2	2	2	
3 5 6 4 2	1	2	
6 2 4 5 3	1	1	2
2 3 4 5 6	1	2	

This peal has the 6th the extent in 5-6.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

9020.

By H. JOHNSON, SEN., *Birmingham*.

2 3 4 5 6	
6 5 3 2 4	9th in and out at three.
4 2 5 6 3	11th in three.
5 4 2 6 3	7th in four.
3 6 4 5 2	11th in three.
2 5 6 3 4	11th in three.
4 3 5 2 6	11th in three.
5 4 3 2 6	7th in four.
3 5 4 2 6	7th in four.
6 2 5 3 4	11th in three.
4 3 2 6 5	11th in three.
5 6 3 4 2	11th in three.
2 4 6 5 3	11th in three.
6 2 4 5 3	7th in four.
4 6 2 5 3	7th in four.
3 5 6 4 2	11th in three.
2 4 5 3 6	11th in three.
5 2 4 3 6	7th in four.
4 5 2 3 6	7th in four.
6 3 5 4 2	11th in three.
2 4 3 6 5	11th in three.

These last ten courses repeated produce 3 2 4 6 5, the whole being repeated, commencing with a 11th in three in place of the first course, produces 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 11 9 10. Brought round by calling the 7th in twp, 6th in four, and 8th in three.

Rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, March 23rd, 1887, conducted by John Buffery.

A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN CATERS.

1887.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield*.

* 3 1 4 2 6 5	
3 1 5 4 6 2	16
3 1 2 5 6 4	16
2 1 3 4 6 5	5 16
2 1 5 3 6 4	16
2 1 4 5 6 3	16
4 1 2 3 6 5	5 16
4 1 5 2 6 3	16
4 1 3 2 6 5	16s
3 1 4 5 6 2	5 16
3 1 2 4 6 5	16
3 1 5 2 6 4	16
5 1 3 4 6 2	5 16
5 1 2 3 6 4	16
2 1 5 4 6 3	5 16
2 1 3 5 6 4	16
2 1 4 3 6 5	16

Round at one change by a bob.

* This course is produced by bobs at 4, 5, 15, 17, 18, 20s, 21, 24, and 25.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss*.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
5 2 4 3 6	-		
3 5 4 2 6	-		
4 3 6 5 2	-	-	
6 3 2 5 4	-		
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	
5 4 2 6 3	-	-	-
2 5 4 6 3	-		
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

A JUBILEE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

2601.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield*.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
1 2 3 4 6 5 7 8	odd change.
2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7	
1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8	
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8	
1 2 3 4 6 5 8 7	
2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8	
1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7	
1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7	

	B	W	H
2 6 3 5 4	1	1	1
2 3 5 6 4	1	1	2
2 5 6 3 4	1	2	
6 5 3 2 4	2	1	
4 6 2 5 3	1	2	2
3 4 5 6 2	1	2	2
3 5 6 4 2	1	2	
2 3 4 5 6	1	2	2

This peal to be rung on June 20th, 1887, in honour of our Queen's Jubilee, as it contains as many changes has she has reigned weeks.

TWO PEALS OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth*.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H
4 5 3 6 2	1	-	1	1
2 3 5 6 4			1	1
5 2 4 3 6	1		1	
3 2 4 6 5	1	-	1	
5 4 2 6 3			1	1
2 6 4 3 5	1	-	1	1
4 2 3 5 6	-	1	1	1

Twice repeated.

10240.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	H
5 2 3 6 4	1	-	1
6 5 3 2 4	1		
2 6 3 5 4	1		
3 5 2 6 4	1		1
6 3 2 5 4	1		
2 5 6 3 4	1		1
3 2 6 5 4	1		
5 3 6 2 4	1		
6 2 5 3 4	1		1

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
2 4 5 3 6	1	2	
3 5 4 2 6		2	2
6 2 4 5 3	1	1	1
2 6 3 5 4	2		2
2 3 5 6 4		1	2
3 4 5 6 2	1		2
4 2 5 6 3	1		2
3 4 6 2 5	2	1	2
5 3 4 2 6	2	1	2
2 3 4 5 6		2	1

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

12320.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
6 4 2 3 5	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-
4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 5	-	-	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-
6 3 2 4 5	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

Twice repeated from the 10th course-end reduces it to 6720, with the 2nd or 3rd never behind at the course-end.

Four times repeated from the 9th course-end reduces it to 10080.

Four times repeated from the fifth course-end reduces it to 5600 changes.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5136.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

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

Twice repeated.

. We earnestly request that all matters intended for insertion may be sent as early in the week as possible. Now our paper is enlarged, we hope our continued entreaties in this direction will not continue to be disregarded.

REPRINT OF ANOTHER WORK ON CHANGE-RINGING.

The publisher of "THE BELL NEWS" has the pleasure to announce the issue, in penny weekly numbers, of a rare old work upon ringing, entitled "Campanalogia Improved; or the Art of Ringing made easy," &c. This work is printed uniform with "Shipway" and the "Clavis," which have been so eagerly taken up.

The Publisher believes that the re-issues of these various old ringing works, which at the present day are from their scarcity, so difficult of perusal, will be approved of by ringers. Their publication enables all who have an inclination for the useful, as well as the curious, to possess in time a valuable and complete ringing library. The copy, which has been kindly lent to the editor of this journal by Mr. S. B. Goslin, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, belongs to a fifth edition, "Corrected by J. Monk." For the purposes of easy publication it is called after his name, and those intending to take in the penny weekly numbers, should ask for "Monk on Ringing."

All who are desirous of securing copies should do so without delay, as a second reprint is out of the question.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1887.

EASTER MONDAY has ever been considered by ringers the day of the year, *par excellence*, upon which to visit their brethren who dwell in neighbouring localities. And journeys of this kind are not always taken for the express object of ringing, but they are in many instances made for the purpose of enjoying the society of old friends, who, in social interchange of opinion and retrospective conversation, live once again the days that have passed. That next Easter Monday will be very different to its predecessors in this respect we do not believe. The formation of ringing Associations and Guilds, combined with the great facilities for transit from place to place, increases such opportunities. The various notices of meetings which have of late appeared in our pages go far to show that these reunions of members of the Exercise are much appreciated; and in cases where the revival of friendship is not the principal object sought, a great interest is felt by the members in the proceedings of those particular Associations who on the day in question meet to transact important matters of business connected with their government. No doubt ringers have been attracted to such meetings before now by the—to them—novelty of such an assemblage. The presence of one hundred

or more ringers meeting together at a particular point, attending the church services, and hearing from a member of their own organization how to apply the teachings of the Word of God to the work they are engaged in, is a spectacle which, generally speaking, has not antiquity on its side, in fact it may to some extent be a novelty, but it is one which we are all glad to find is becoming more and more common. And the published utterances of many of those who from the pulpit have edified and instructed their brethren, may be classed as "pearls of great price" among what is known to us by the term—"ringing literature." These homilies, which have been repeatedly preached, have we know, taken root, the seed has been sown on good ground, and in due time the harvest will be reaped. It should be the endeavour of all to make these meetings a grand means of doing some good; some excellent scheme for each others' well-being should ever be in hand, to be unfolded and carried through at the Easter Monday gathering. No matter to what degree of perfection society is brought, there will always be room for improvement among us. Changes for the better should be sought for diligently; reformation of any kind, from whatever source, should be cordially entertained and advocated. Courtesy and genteel behaviour, even among those whose surroundings are not always of the most refined character, is a thing worth practising, with a view to ultimate perfection. Let us hope this hint will not altogether be forgotten when at the meetings about to be held opinions and inclinations have a tendency to differ.

The Provinces.

GAINSBOROUGH.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

T. PATTISON	Treble.	W. PATTISON	5.
F. W. ATKINSON	2.	C. BREWIN	6.
M. W. ASHTON	3.	W. D. TINKER	7.
J. C. TINKER	4.	W. W. BUST	Tenor.

Conducted by W. D. TINKER.

This is the first peal by any of the above, who are all members of the above Association. It is the first peal on the bells by Gainsborough members. It is nearly 120 years since a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells, the last being rung on May 24th, 1768, by the Sherwood Youths of Nottingham.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD SMITH	Treble.	FREDERICK SMITH	5.
H. W. READ, Esq.	2.	HERBERT FAIRHEAD	6.
CHARLES CLARKE*	3.	JAMES SOUTER	7.
GEORGE PRIME	4.	CAPTAIN MOORE	Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by EDWARD SMITH.

This peal will be found in Snowdon's treatise, part 2, page 38.
*First peal on eight bells.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
HYDE BRANCH.

On Saturday, March 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS WILDE Treble.	ROBERT WOOLLEY 5.
RALPH PRICHARD 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
THOMAS BRADLEY 3.	PETER BRICKELL 7.
WALTER SLATER 4.	JAMES S. WILDE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, of Eccleston, and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

The peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th its extent in all positions. Peter Brickell hails from Northenden, and this is his first peal of Treble Bob.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, March 31, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

CHARLES TRINDER Treble.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. 5.
FREDERICK FIELD 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
ERNEST NAPPER 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
THOMAS PAYNE 4.	DENNIS NAPPER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and is the Messrs. Napper's first attempt at Stedman Triples, never having rung a touch before, and reflects great credit upon them.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Saturday, April 2, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	PERCY SCOTT 5.
WALTER P. GRIDLEY 2.	ROBERT MINGAY 6.
OLIVER GARWOOD 3.	GEORGE MAXIM 7.
FRED. WELLS 4.	CHARLES SILLITOE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above is a one-part peal, and contains all the 8, 6's, all the 8, 6, 7's, and all the 6, 7, 8's, with the 2nd bell never in 6th's place at a course-end. It was first rung at Netley Abbey, and is now rung for the second time. Messrs. Wells, Slater and Garwood are from Glemsford; Scott from Melford; Sillitoe from Sudbury; the rest are local men. The conductor is a College Youth, the rest are Cumberland Youths.

Date Touches.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, April 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Dawson, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 4; E. Moreton, 5; A. Robinson, 6; B. Sugden, 7; G. Hingley, 8. Composed by Mr. Henry Johnson, and published in the last number of this paper.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Bedfordshire).—On Sunday, April 3rd, at St. Owen's Church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (forty bobs and two singles). W. King, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. Biggs, 5; H. Chapman, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. — *Tysce (Bromham), 1; T. Tysce, 2; W. Biggs (conductor), 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. King, 5; *A. Andrews (Bedford), 6. *Non-members, but hope to be elected on Easter Monday.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Sunday, March 6th, at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J.

Pallister, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; E. Titt, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, March 9th, at Heighington, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, by Waldron, Pallister, Cleminson, Charlton, and Titt. Also on Sunday, March 13th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Castree, 4; J. W. Cleminson, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. Also on Monday, March 14th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; T. Wick (Tippenham), 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, March 20th, 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; E. Titt, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 7. Also on Monday, March 21st, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; T. Wick (Tippenham), 2; J. B. Pratt, 3; F. Charlton, 4; J. W. Cleminson, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, March 28th, on handbells, a plain course of Stedman Doubles. E. Titt, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 2; F. Charlton, 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; J. W. Cleminson, 5.

DARLINGTON.—On Thursday, March 31st, at St. John's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Bolton, 1; W. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Coverdale (first 720), 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G. Messrs. Coverdale and Overton are from St. Cuthbert's, the rest belong to St. John's.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, March 21st, at St. John's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; *R. Miller (Bishop Wearmouth), 2; R. S. Story (conductor), 3; W. Story, 4; F. Lees, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob with a bob bell. Also on Sunday, March 27th, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Corporation of the City to St. John's Church, 1890 of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. H. Milner, 1; W. G. Routledge, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; F. Lees, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; E. Wallis, 6; W. Story, 7; D. J. Scott, 8. Tenor 12½.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 3rd, for Divine service, a 720 of Plain Bob. G. Elcombe, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. King, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. Also on Monday evening, April 4th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, G. Elcombe, 1; C. Waterman (first 720 in any method with a bob bell), 2; J. Broom, 3; A. Cornford, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; G. Martin, 6. C. Waterman hails from Shorne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 27th, for evening service at St. James's Church, Waterfoot, the local branch of the above Association rang a 720 of Plain Bob in 26 mins. J. Bolton (conductor), 1; W. Maden, 2; J. T. Stott (Newchurch), 3; G. Lord (Newchurch), 4; J. Whittaker, 5; W. Whittaker, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, March 30th, on the occasion of the funeral of the Rev. J. Jenkins, late vicar of Hazlewood, the following rang at the parish church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), in 48 mins., with the bells half-muffled. G. Dawson, 1; S. Johnson, 2; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 3; W. Hickling, 4; E. Moreton, 5; A. Robinson, 6; B. Sugden, 7; G. Hingley, 8.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, March 29th, the local society rang at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 3; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; S. Hollingworth, 5; G. E. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F. It is intended to augment this peal of six to eight, as a memorial of the Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The two new bells, which are being cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, will be ready to be rung by June 20th.

DERBY.—On Thursday, March 31st, at St. Andrew's Church, a touch of 1248 changes of Bob Major, in 50 mins. C. Draper, 1; A. E. Thompson, 2; C. Hart, 3; W. B. Midgely, 4; T. Alton, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; J. Thompson, 7; G. Mottshaw (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Sunday, March 27th, at St. Helen's Church for Divine Service in the morning, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Kimbrey, 1; H. Humfrey, 2; W. Warwick, 3; Lance-Corpl. H. Sheard (Royal Berkshire Regiment), 4; W. Sandell, 5; J. H. Viner (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; J. G. Holloway, 8. And in the evening,

a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. A. J. Kimbrey, 1; J. H. Viner, 2; W. Warwick, 3; Lance-Corpl. H. Sheard (conductor), 4; T. Short, 5; W. Sandell, 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Wheeler, 8. On Monday, March 28th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), being the first half of Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation, in 1 hr. and 32 mins. *A. J. Kimbrey, 1; †H. Humfrey, 2; W. Warwick, 3; *E. Webb, 4; T. Short, 5; Lance-Corpl. H. Sheard (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; *J. Wheeler, 8. *First half-peal. †First half-peal with a bob bell. Also on Friday, April 1st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. A. J. Kimbrey, 1; W. Sandell, 2; W. Warwick, 3; H. Humfrey, 4; T. Short, 5; *J. H. Viner (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; E. Aldworth, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor. On Saturday, April 2nd, an attempt was made to ring Taylor's peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing over 3700 changes a change-course occurred. A. J. Kimbrey, 1; W. Sandell, 2; W. Warwick, 3; H. Humfrey, 4; T. Short, 5; J. H. Viner (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Wheeler, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

OXFORD.—On Tuesday, March 1st, at St. Thomas Church, a 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles), in 23 mins. C. Sprawson, 1; W. Baston (conductor), 2; A. Hind, 3; P. Hind, 4; A. Browning, 5; F. Castle, 6. On Thursday, March 3rd, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. C. Sprawson, 1; P. Hind, 2; J. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; A. Hind, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 8th, at St. Thomas's Church, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. C. Sprawson, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. Hind, 3; P. Hind, 4; W. Wakelin, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. On Thursday, March 17th, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Fox, 1; P. Hind, 2; J. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; A. Browning, 5; A. Hind (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Bob. J. Fox, 1; C. Tolley, 2; P. Hind, 3; A. Browning, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; A. Hind (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, March 27th, for Divine Service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. P. Hind, 1; A. Hind, 2; W. Baston (conductor) 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Finch, 5; J. W. Washbrook, 6.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 4th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Stephen's Church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. N. Oxborrow, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; *J. Willshire, 4; R. T. Woodley, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; C. F. Winny, 7; W. Cropley, 8. *First quarter-peal.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Saturday, April 2nd, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, the following rang four courses of Grandsire Cinques:—G. Wild, 1; H. J. Davies, 2; H. Dains, 3; H. A. Hopkins, 4; C. E. Malim, 5; W. Fussell, 6; W. Baron (conductor), 7; G. T. McLaughlin, 8; A. E. Church, 9; G. F. Attree, 10; J. Barry, 11; F. G. Newman, 12. Mr. Attree hails from Brighton. On Sunday, April 3rd, before Divine Service in the morning, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. H. J. Davies (conductor), 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; A. E. Church, 4; H. Langdon, 5; B. E. Battrum, 6; W. Jones, 7; H. Alford, jun., 8.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, March 15th, at St. Michael's Church, a 720 of College Single (twenty-four bobs). F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; J. Burkin, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, March 27th, 720 of Oxford Single (twenty-four bobs). F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; F. Bridger, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Poplet, 1; F. Bridger, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, March 26th, 720 of College Single, in 24 mins. *F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. *First 720. J. Burkin hails from Nutfield.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday morning, March 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Ingram, 1; H. King, 2; W. West, 3; C. West, 4; *C. R. Howard (conductor), 5; J. Clifton, 6. *First time as conductor. And on Thursday evening, March 31st, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. *C. R. Howard, 1; J. West, 2; W. West, 3; C. West (conductor), 4; *A. Ingram, 5; H. King, 6. *First attempt with a bob bell. Also a plain course of Grandsire Minor. W. West, 1; J. West, 2; C. West, 3; D. Green, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; H. King, 6. And on Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, for Divine Service, 108 of Grandsire Minor. W. West, 1; W. King, 2; C. West, 3; W. Biggs (conductor), 4; *C. R. Howard, 5; H. King, 6. *First attempt at Minor. *Handbell Ringing.* On Tuesday, March 29th, at the house of Mr. H. King, a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. H. King, 1-2; C. West, 3-4; C. R. Howard (conductor), 5-6. *First attempt double-handed. Also a plain course of

Grandsire Minor. C. R. Howard, 1-2; C. West, 3-4; H. King, 5-6. And on Saturday, April 2nd, a plain course of Stedman Doubles. A. Ingram, 1; C. West, 2; W. Billing, 3; C. R. Howard, 4; H. King, 5-6. First in the method by all.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, March 24th, at Christ Church, 144 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 288 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 180 of Plain Bob Minor, and 120 College Single Minor. E. Yeates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. And 120 of Grandsire Minor, and 360 of Plain Bob Minor, J. Nightingale, 1, the rest standing as before. Messrs. Nightingale and Wilson hail from Walton, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 12 cwt. Practice night, Thursday evening at 7.45.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, April 2nd, at the house of Mr. L. Dunkley, a 120 of Bob Doubles. C. Dunkley, 1; W. Richards, 2; J. Petit, 3; R. Dunkley (conductor), 4-5. And 180 of Bob Minor. C. Dunkley, 1; W. Richards, 2; J. Petit, 3; E. Chapman, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5-6. And a plain course of Canterbury Pleasure, standing as before. And a plain course of Bob Minor. C. Gaunt, 1; the rest standing as before. And 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Richards, 1; E. Chapman, 2-3; R. Dunkley (conductor), 4-5. And at the house of Mr. J. Chapman, a 120 of Bob Doubles, 6-7-8 covering. C. Dunkley, 1; R. Dunkley, 2-3; E. Chapman (conductor), 4-5; E. Howell, 6; C. Gaunt, 7; E. Dunkley, 8. And 120 of Bob Doubles. C. Dunkley, 1; E. Chapman, 2-3; J. Martin, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; the rest standing as before.

HAUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, March 29th, 1817, at St. Anne's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. W. Wilde, jun., 1; John Howard, 2; Robert Wooley, 3; J. Bardsley, 4; W. Wilde, sen. (conductor), 5; P. Smith, 6. Also a 240 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Wilde, jun. 1; John Bardsley, 2; J. Howard, 3; J. A. Thomas, 4; W. Wilde, sen. (conductor), 5; R. Wooley, 6. Robert Wooley hails from Hyde.

LEEK (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, March 27th, for Divine service, 756 of Plain Bob Triples, in 35 mins. A. Holtom, 1; R. Gibson, 2; D. Bradbury, 3; W. Carter, 4; T. Turner, 5; E. Sheritt, 6; W. H. Armit (conductor), 7; T. Rider, 8. Also on Wednesday, March 30th, for the Institution of the new Incumbent, 756 of Bob Triples, in 34 mins. A. Holtom, 1; R. Gibson, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Wallwin, 4; T. Turner, 5; E. Sheritt, 6; W. H. Armit (conductor), 7; T. Rider, 8. And after service, 504 of Bob Triples, in 20 mins. A. Holtom, 1; R. Gibson, 2; W. Wood, 3; H. Carding, 4; T. Turner, 5; E. Sheritt, 6; W. H. Armit (conductor), 7; T. Rider, 8. D. Bradbury hails from Horton, and W. Carter from Bidulph.

MONKS ELBIGH (Suffolk). On Sunday, April 3rd, after Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor, with twenty-six singles), in 20 mins. F. Foske, 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; A. Keeble, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. And 360 of Bob Minor with ten singles. A. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Bigg, 4; A. Symonds (conductor), 5; A. Long, 6. Also 504 of Oxford Treble Bob. R. Keeble (conductor), 1; C. Parker, 2; A. Symonds, 3; Jno. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; A. Long, 6. And in the evening, 300 of Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). W. Green, 1; C. Parker, 2; C. Green, 3; A. Symonds (conductor), 4; A. Keeble, 5; A. Long, 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Bedingfield, 3; A. Symonds, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. First 720 on the bells by J. Moore and A. Hollocks. First 360 of Kent by R. Bedingfield. Messrs. Moore, and Hollocks, hail from Preston; Bedingfield and Long from Bildeston; Symonds from Lavenham; the rest are local men.

OXFORD.—On Thursday, March 3rd, at the church of St. Peter-in-the-East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. C. Sprawson, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; *J. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; A. E. Hind, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. *First 720. And on Tuesday, March 8th, at the church of St. Thomas-ye-Martyr, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. C. Sprawson, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. E. Hind, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; W. Wakelin, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, March 17th, at the church of St. Peter-in-the-East, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. J. Fox, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; J. Hind, 3; C. Tolley, 4; A. Browning, 5; A. E. Hind (conductor), 6.

PONTEFRACHT.—On Monday, March 21st, at St. Giles' Church, 1008 of Bob Triples, in 36 mins. S. Brook, 1; C. Watts, 2; J. Brook, 3; G. Booth, 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; F. Moody, 6; W. Pearson (conductor), 7; J. Wilson, 8. Also on Monday, March 28th, 336 of Bob Triples. W. Pearson, 1; G. Spurr, 2; H. Spurr, 3; G. Booth, 4; J. Carter, 5; J. Wilson, 6; F. Hargreaves, 7; C. Watts, 8. Also 252 of Bob Triples. *F. Moody, 1; *T. Watkinson, 2; *F. Gelder, 3; *J. Brook, 4; A. B. Pearson, 5; *J. Gelder, 6; W. Pearson, 7; W. Barff, 8. *Members of the All Saints' Society. First touch of Triples by Messrs. Gelder Bros., and Watkinson. Also on Tuesday evening, March 29th, at All Saints' Church, a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Watkinson, 1; J. Brook, 2; F.

Gelder, 3; J. Carter, 4; J. Gelder, 5; J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq. (Loughborough, conductor), 6.

RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).—On Monday, March 28th, at the parish church, with the bells deeply muffled, 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. T. Hutton, 1; J. Morris, 2; A. Hardman, 3; J. Hardman, 4; A. Barrett (conductor), 5; J. Hardman, 6. Tenor 24 cwt.

ROSSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Friday, April 1st, at St. James's Church, Waterfoot, the local company, with H. H. Nutter, of Ramsbottom, rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27½ mins. J. Bolton, 1; W. Maden, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; H. H. Nutter, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; W. Whittaker, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 30th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, five of the local company, with Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; H. Prior, 4; I. Hammond, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And a 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and ten singles), in 25 mins, composed by B. Francis, Diss. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins. T. Newman, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on these bells, and is the first 720 by all who took part in it in this method. And a 120 of Stedman Doubles. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; T. Newman, 6. And for afternoon service, a 600 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Gray, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. Also on Saturday, April 2nd, at Bishops Stortford, ten members of the Stanstead branch paid a visit to this place, with five of the Sawbridgeworth branch, and rang a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6. And a 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major. I. Hammond, 1; G. Brand, 2; G. Prior, 3; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. Prior, 6; I. Cavill, 7; C. Prior, 8. Also a 1260 of Stedman was started for, but came to grief after ringing four courses. C. Prior, 1; A. Bown, 2; H. Prior, 3; W. Morris, 4; P. Springham, 5; J. Saban, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7. W. J. Pleasance, C. Prior, H. Prior, G. Prior, W. Prior, W. T. Prior, I. Luckey, I. Hammond, G. Gray, W. Watts and I. Cavill hail from Stanstead; and Messrs. Brown, Morris, Saban, Springham, Pleasance, hail from Sawbridgeworth; the rest belong to Stortford.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, March 21st, at St. Mary's Parish Church, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; T. R. Somerville, 2; W. Short, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. J. Rodgers, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, March 27th, two 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Nightingale, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; W. D. Rodgers, 6. And in the evening, a 720 of College Single Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; R. Stockley, 6. On Friday evening, April 1st, 447 of London Single Bob Minor, and 120 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; T. R. Somerville, 2; W. Short, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. J. Rodgers, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, April 3rd, for Divine Service, 120 of Grandsire Minor, 120 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, and 180 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; R. Stockley, 6. And in the evening, 360 of Single Court Bob Minor, 120 of Yorkshire Cour; Bob Minor, and 108 of Plain Bob Minor. R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson, 6; the rest standing as before. Tenor 9 cwt. W. Short hails from Bootle.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

On Tuesday, March 17th, at the parish church of All Hallows, for Confirmation Service, 840 of Bob Triples, and 1376 of Bob Major. And on Saturday, March 26th, a 1296 of Bob Major, by Messrs. Davidson, Hubbard, Newman, Langram, Waghorn sen. and jun., Lucas and English. This touch was rung on the occasion of fixing a peal board commemorating the peal of Bob Triples rung on seven bells last January. The board, which is the gift of Mr. Arthur Hubbard, is unique in design, and has a massive Oxford frame finished in black and gold, upon which hangs a well written scroll. Much amusement has been caused by those not in the "know" asking, "Why dont you take down that sheet of paper and let us see the writing underneath?" W. PYE-ENGLISH, Hon. Sec.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.

The following account of the Church bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, &c., may prove interesting to your readers; it was written by my grandfather, who was connected with the Vestry about 1812:—

3rd Nov., 1724.—Eight new bells ordered to be hung.

8th Dec., 1724.—Ordered that 2 bells be added to the number agreed on the 3rd November last.

The weight of the ten bells. Width of the bells.

				24th May, 1726.	
	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ft.	in.
Tenor	31	2	18	4	7½
Ninth	23	2	14	4	3
Eighth	17	2	17	3	9
Seventh	15	2	10	3	7
Sixth	12	2	2	3	4
Fifth	10	1	20	3	1
Fourth	8	2	22	2	10
Third	7	3	15	2	8½
Second	6	2	26	2	6½
Treble	6	1	27	2	5½
	141	1	3		

The following year two bells were added to make the peal twelve, about 600 lbs. each, and a peal of 6000 Cinques rang on them by "The London Scholars."

1726, Oct. 4.—Ordered that the Churchwardens be requested to apply to the Bishop of London to consecrate the Church on the 20th inst.

23.—Thanks given to Dr. Pearce for his sermon preached on the 20th instant, on the consecration of St. Martin's Church.

Chrstr. Shrider built the Organ.

Mr. Gibbs allowed £550 as Surveyor.

W. PERKS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The fifth ANNUAL MEETING of this Association will be held at Derby, on Easter Monday, April 11th, 1887, and the usual towers will be open for ringing between the hours of 10.0 a.m. and 3.0 p.m., and from 7.0 p.m. to 9.0 p.m. Tea will be provided "free of charge" to all visiting members (except those belonging to the Derby district) who have previously paid their subscriptions, by giving seven clear days' notice of their intention to be present, to the local Honorary Secretary of the District to which they belong. Committee Meeting in St. Andrew's Sunday School at 3.0 p.m.—Tea in the schoolroom at 4.0 p.m., tickets 1s. 2d. each. General Meeting and election of officers immediately after tea, to which all ringers and friends are earnestly invited. The Easter "Handbell Competition" will take place after the General Meeting. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5, St. Paul's Street, E., Burton-on-Trent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—It is proposed to hold two meetings of this Guild during the month of May next. One at Poole on Tuesday, May 10th, and one at Trowbridge on Thursday, May 12th.

SHELLEY & COS. COMPLETE PRESS DIRECTORY FOR 1887.—This Directory claims to be "a full and impartial guide to the Press of the United Kingdom," arranged in sections handy for reference. Special attention has been devoted to the Provincial sections. In one part of the book Provincial Newspapers are arranged in Alphabetical order of towns being at the same time classified under the headings of "Daily Morning," "Daily Afternoon" and "Weekly, &c." A considerable amount of interesting information is given respecting each town, including the names of the Local Banks with their London Agents, the Local Members of Parliament, Officials, Railways, &c., and the most available London departure stations. In another part the Provincial Papers are grouped in Counties and there Classified as "Daily, Weekly," &c., so that a comprehensive view of the press enterprise of any County is given at a glance. Each County list is headed by several lines of valuable information. The following summary of the Press of the United Kingdom is given. *Morning Newspapers*, London 16; English Provincial 45; Welsh 3; Scottish 10; Irish 12. *Evening Newspapers*, London 12; English Provincial 83; Welsh 2; Scottish 10; Irish 6; British Isles 1; *Weekly Newspapers, &c.*, London and Suburbs 666; English Provincial 1148; Welsh 76; Scottish 179; Irish 160; British Islands 20; *Magazines, Periodicals, &c.*, London 342; Provincial 288; Total 3579. The Directory is demy quarto in size, contains about 300 pages, is handsomely bound in scarlet cloth, with gilt lettering, and is published at 1s. by Shelley & Co., Advertising Contractors, 5, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

ANSWER TO "ENQUIRER."

SIR,—In reply to "Enquirer," I beg to inform him that each year on Good Friday, the bells of St. Peter's Church, Stoke-on-Trent, are rung muffled on both sides. At Retford, Nottinghamshire, the bells of the churches of St. Swithin and St. Michael, are also rung muffled, I believe on one side.

W. B. ALLISON.

Stoke-on-Trent.

SIR,—In answer to "Enquirer" I may inform him that in many places it is the custom to ring the bells half-muffled on Good Friday. In other places the tenor bell alone is used for all services on that day. This bell is in some cases rung up half muffled. For my own part I think the best plan to pursue with regard to service bells during Holy Week is to chime in the usual way according to the custom of the place, for the services on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before Easter, and on Easter even, but to ring the tenor alone half-muffled for all services on Good Friday.

J. R. JERRAM.

SIR,—"Enquirer" wishes to know whether it is the custom to ring muffled on Good Friday, and would like the opinion of clerical ringers. Our custom here is to do so, half-muffled, of course, as there is comparatively no beauty in bells muffled both sides. As to the hours for ringing, they would naturally vary according to the services. Our plan is to ring from 9.30 to 10.15 a.m., and again from 6.30 to 7.45 p.m., i.e., before the morning and evening services. It would be preferable in addition to ring at 3 p.m. at the conclusion of the three hours' service, where held—we cannot however do so here, as a children's service is held at 3.30 p.m. Our bells are left on their stays till Easter Day, when, as is most meet and right, every tower in England should pour forth its peal of thanksgiving "very early in the morning," certainly not later than 6 a.m. We begin here at 5.30 a.m., so as not to interfere with the service bell for the first celebration at 6.30 a.m. A few sleepy neighbours may object, but as it possibly has the effect of bringing them to the second celebration at 8 a.m., instead of putting off their Easter Communion till mid-day, it is a thing much to be desired. Of course we ring for morning and evening service, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., as well as at the conclusion of the latter.

G. F. COLERIDGE.

Caversham, Oxon.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Looking over the peal of Treble Bob Major of mine in this day's issue, I find two printer's errors, viz.—In the second and third courses, the bobs at the wrong being superfluous and would cause the same to be false. To prevent disappointment to any one calling it, and not fully conversant with the method, I thought it advisable to point it out and ask you to notice it in your next issue. SAMUEL MARSH.

West Bromwich, April 2nd, 1887.

USELESS COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—Some few months ago I called your attention to the fact that many of the peals which appeared in the "BELL NEWS" were not worth the space they occupied, neither from an original point of view, or from any particular merit in their construction, and intimating that composers should use greater care to test the originality of their productions, but there appears to be an utter disregard by some people in this particular. The very fact of composers reproducing old peals and ascribing their names to them is simply absurd, and if this kind of thing is going to be recognised by the Exercise at large compositions of an original character will soon become scarce, if people cannot or will not see the difference between an original peal and a variation of one then the sooner they cease to waste their time the better it will be. In your last issue there is a 5088 of Treble Bob Major by Mr. Y. Green, which is the reverse of one composed thirty or forty years ago and as been rung a great many times more on account of its simplicity than any musical qualities it may possess. Mr. Green has been equally unfortunate in reproducing the best half of another well known peal. These peals may have been composed on legitimate principles, but it makes very little difference whether they have or not as they cannot possibly be held up as original compositions. I have heard it said there is nothing new to be obtained in Treble Bob but I beg to differ on that point, improvements are yet to be made and I have mentioned this fact to some few of my friends in the country who are of the same opinion. It is not my intention to give any advice on the subject as to how such improvements are to be brought about for I well know there are many composers who are capable of judging, and can readily see the accuracy of my remarks.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Snider Works, Sheffield, April 4th, 1887.

[Mr. Green writes this week renouncing all claim to the above-mentioned peal.—Ed.]

DOUBTFUL AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—In your list of peals &c., of last week there appears a peal of Treble Bob Major (5088 changes), by York Green, of West Ham, which peal is also stated to have been first rung at Putney. On reference to Snowdon's work on Treble Bob (part 2, page 27) I find this same peal, accompanied with the statement that it "was rung at St. Peter's, Sowerby, December 26th, 1858." In Sottanstell's *Elements of Campanalogia* published in 1867, (page 419), this same peal appears with Mr. Sottanstell's name appended as the composer. While writing on this point, I would like to ask what is the meaning of the initial "B" at the first course, and "B B" at the last course of Mr. Pritchard's peal of Royal? The course ends come up with the calling given without these prefatory signs. Also what is the meaning of the letter "B" at the end of first course of Mr. Sykes' peal of Treble Bob Major?

THOS. POLLITT.

Bradford, April 4th, 1887.

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—Will you favour me, as a member of the K.C.A.C.R., by inserting the following remarks on the above subject. Since the formation of our Association, the science of campanology has been largely developed, as is evidenced by (1) the number of bands now belonging to the Association, (2) the restoring of belfries, (3) the addition of bells to incomplete peals, (4) the hanging of peals, (5) the number of reports of our achievements all over the country appearing in "THE BELL NEWS," and (6) by the great interest manifested in it even by non-ringers. Every band has its fixed evenings for ringing, and of course this regularity of practice is the only way of attaining excellence in the art; but I regret to have read occasionally that even the Sabbath has been appropriated as a peal-day, and this not by the home band only, but by some making excursions to other places for the purpose. Now I, as the mouthpiece of our band, respectfully submit that this practice is, to say the least, an act of irreverence, and will be pleaded by outsiders in justification of their desecration of the Sabbath by secular recreation. Moreover, will not the very fact of these exploits being reported in the papers, lead others to make light of such texts as Isaiah lviii., 13, etc., and shew that our own view of our work as Church officials is certainly much lower than the above and similar texts would sanction. A MEMBER OF THE K.C.A.C.R.

PRESTBURY SURPRISE MAJOR (A NEW METHOD).

SIR,—This method is new to myself, also to many of my ringing friends. If it has been rung before kindly say when and where, and give the composer's name. I add the first lead of the plain course. Bobs the same as Plain Bob.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 3 5 4 6 8 7

2 3 1 4 5 8 6 7

3 2 4 1 8 5 7 6

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3 2 8 4 5 1 7 6

3 8 2 5 4 7 1 6

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Cheltenham.

W. T. PATES.

THE BELLS OF EWELL CHURCH, SURREY.

SIR,—On Tuesday, March 23rd, the Epsom branch of the Surrey Association paid a visit to Ewell, and rung a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. H. Pederick, 1; J. Hawkins, 2; H. Kenten, 3; R. Harden, 4; J. Easton, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6. Also two 120's of Stedman Doubles, and some touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, in which A. E. Bassett, W. Saunders, and G. Stone took part, and great credit is due to all who took part in the ringing. The bells are in a very dilapidated condition, four of them being badly cracked, and the go of them such as requires a good deal of bodily strength, combined with the greatest care to keep the ropes from slipping the wheel. I think it is a great pity belfry reform has not reached Ewell, as it is a nice little tower, and well deserving of a good ring of eight, which I think might be got without much trouble, if some one would only give it a start, and then perhaps the dust and cobwebs might get disposed of, as it looks very much as though the spiders have a good try to make their webs as long as the ropes, that a stranger going into

the ringing room would hardly think a human being had seen inside the place since the church was built. I trust this may meet the eye of some one interested in the parish of Ewell and its bells, and that I have not encroached on your valuable columns. NIL DESPERANDUM.

REPLY TO REV. T. L. PAPILLON.

SIR,—With reference to the peal rung at Harlow on March 12th, I wish to state that I went there on the understanding that it was to be for the Hertfordshire Association, but, just as we were about to commence, it was proposed to make it an Essex Association peal in addition. Mr. Tucker then proposed Mr. Luckey as a member, thinking that all the other seven were also members; whereupon I informed him that I was not. I must say that I was quite surprised to find the peal booked as an Essex peal instead of Hertfordshire.

Hertford.

M. ELLSMORE.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

SIR,—Allow me to express my pleasure on seeing that the fund for the above is to be kept open until the last day of April, and I trust that those ringers who have not yet contributed, will see their way to do so at once, and materially assist (if at the eleventh hour) in swelling the fund to a good round sum, thus enabling the committee to erect a window which shall be worth looking at, and in every way a fitting memorial from the ringers of England to one who has done more to promote the art of change-ringing in both public and private than any man who ever entered into the subject. To those of us who were personally acquainted with Mr. Snowdon, his death was a terrible blow, for in him we had one who always took the greatest pleasure to help any one out of their difficulties in learning ringing even though they were only five bell ringers, while his written works show the master hand in all that he undertook. Without in any way disparaging the many other noble men who are or have done good work, I have no hesitation in saying that no man ever deserved such national recognition as Mr. Snowdon. I hope that all ringers will send their mite at once to the Secretary of the fund, even my dear friends in Norfolk and the Eastern Counties, as I have an idea some of them have not given too much yet. Honour to whom all honour is due. Jasper Whitfield Snowdon was the man for all ringers to honour.

Newnham-on-Severn.

JOHNSON HERN.

OXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—I saw in last week's "BELL NEWS," a little information given by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer concerning Oxford Surprise Major. Of course every ringer would be glad of such information that could not see it for himself, and with thanks receive it; but at the same time they ought to know that it is impossible to produce a perfect method without false changes. As a plain course, this method is a perfect one, that is, it contains alternate quadruple and triple changes, and never two whole pulls following each other before or behind, never two belis lying together, and the bells meeting in their relative positions. This is the only method possible to obtain with these qualities. I have thoroughly worked out the thing from beginning to end, both in single methods and double ones, and find there are no other methods to be obtained worthy of bringing before the Exercise. Of course there are plenty of methods to be had by departing from their in and out-out, or by making joint places; but I maintain that such methods as those are mongrel ones, and not scientifically perfect ones. In this method seconds place has to be made at a bob, which is the only slight flaw in it, and cannot be remedied; there are about five other methods to be had, but in each of them we get the second or the third dodging on the wrong with the tenor, enough to choke anyone, and it would be impossible to fix another bell in these places for any length of time; so scientifically speaking, we are left with only Oxford Surprise to fall back upon, as a method with the qualities required to make it perfect. The extent with the tenors together is 6720, the same as Superlative, and the compositions without b's something of the same nature.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

THE SILENT PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—It gave me very great pleasure to read the article in your last issue concerning the silent handbell peal of Grandsire Triples rung on March 11th last, especially as I was invited to follow the peal through I cannot think of allowing this excellent performance to pass without endorsing every word reported, and beyond expressing an opinion that it would be impossible for any band to accomplish a better peal, as the striking from the commencement to the finish was simply machinery itself.

W. BARON.

Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Market Lane, Lavenham, writes: "Will you through the columns of 'THE BELL NEWS,' allow me space to thank Mr. G. H. Howse, of Eastbourne, Sussex, for answering my request of Warnham Court Minor."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Report for the fortnight ending April 5th, 1887.—By the Arundel, Augmering, and Goring branches at Goring.—On Sunday, April 3rd, six 6-scores of Cantsire Doubles. F. Hayler, 1; H. Evans, 2; F. Luxford, 3; C. Hills, 4; C. Blackman (conductor), 5; W. Payne, 6. Also three 6-scores. C. Blackman, 2; H. Evans, 5; others standing as above.

By the Balcombe branch at Balcombe.—On February 24th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. H. Meads, 1; R. Brown, 2; A. Stoner, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; J. Cheeseman (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Stoner, 1; R. Brown, 2; J. Gasson, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, March 10th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor. A. Stoner, 1; R. Brown, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. First in the method by all the band. Also on Thursday, March 17th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; R. Brown, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, March 24th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, and a 360 of Plain Bob. A. Stoner, 1; R. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6.

By the Christ Church branch, at Christ Church, Eastbourne.—On Thursday, March 24th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Howse, 1; G. Howse, 3; G. Smith, 3; J. Sharp, 4; H. Colbran, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, March 25th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. R. Howse, 1; G. Smith, 2; G. Howse, 3; J. Sharp, 4; T. Smith, 5; H. Colbran (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, March 27th, a 360 of Warnham Court Minor, in 14 mins. H. Knight, 1; H. Colbran, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Sharp, 4; T. Smith, 5; G. Howse (conductor), 6. Also at Heathfield, on Saturday, April 2nd, a 360 of Warnham Court Minor, in 13½ mins. R. Howse, 1; G. Smith, 2; G. Howse, 3; J. Sharp, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And at Christ Church, on Sunday, April 3rd, a 720 of Warnham Court Minor, in 27 mins. R. Howse, 1; H. Colbran, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Sharp, 4; T. Smith, 5; G. Howse (conductor), 6. And a 360 of College Single, in 13 mins. R. Howse, 1; G. Smith, 2; H. Colbran, 3; J. Sharp, 4; G. Howse, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Thursday, March 31st, a 72; of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, April 1st, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 1; J. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, April 3rd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Gatland 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. J. Smart, 1; C. Tyler, 2; E. Brackley, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Worth branch, at Worth.—On Wednesday, March 27th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 24½ mins. B. Payne, 1; H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. B. Payne, 1; F. Streeter, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter, 6. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of the above Association will be held at Kingsley and Cheadle, on Easter Monday. Tea will be provided free in the Church Room, Kingsley, at 4.30 p.m. The towers will be open for ringing as follows:—Kingsley, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Cheadle, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Representatives of towers any of whose members intend being present by attending to Rule vi., will save great inconvenience.

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J. BURTON.

The monthly meeting was held on Saturday, April 2nd, at Uttoxeter, and was attended by members of the home tower, as also from Ella-stone, Rochester, and Leigh. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by the members, though no special peals are to be recorded.

Stoke-on-Trent.

W. W. BOLTON, Hon. Sec.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 11th. Luncheon will be provided at the "Swan Hotel," at 2s. 6d. each, at 1.30. A short service will be given at St. Paul's Metropolitan Church at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Paul's (eight bells), and St. Mary's (six bells), will be available for ringing during the day. Ringing visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Woburn, March 22nd, 1887.

CHARLES HERBERT, Hon. Sec.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Reports presented at the Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 3rd March, 1887.

In the Ordinary Branch the number of policies issued during the year was 25,567, assuring the sum of £2,715,429, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £125,604. The Premiums of the year were £396,940, being an increase of £93,665 over the year 1886. The claims of the year amounted to £135,361.

The rate of expenditure of the Branch was little more than Ten per cent. on the Premium Income. The number of policies in force was 85,089.

An alteration has been made in the Regulations of the Company, empowering the Directors in future to pay an interim bonus upon all Participating Policies on their becoming Claims, in respect of any Premiums paid subsequent to the last distribution of profits.

The Premiums received during the year in the Industrial Branch were £2,911,295, being an increase of £116,773. The claims of the year amounted to £1,123,428. The number of deaths was 135,851. The rate of expenditure of the Branch shows a slight reduction. The number of Policies in force, including 58,099, Free Policies, was 7,111,828.

A supplement to this Report will also be submitted, showing how the assets of the Company are invested.

The tables of the Industrial Branch have been again revised, and additional advantages are secured to the Assured which the Directors believe will yet further enhance the popularity of the Company.

SUMMARY OF THE QUINQUENNIAL REPORT.

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1886.

In the Ordinary Branch the Annual Premium Income has increased from £142,732 to £407,360. The Assurance Fund has grown from £744,583 to £1,764,600.

In the Industrial Branch the Annual Premium Income has increased from £2,051,024 to £3,065,551. The Assurance Fund has grown from £1,721,493 to £4,937,003.

The Total Assets of the Company have grown from £2,580,002 to £6,811,954, being an increase of £4,231,952 in the five years under inspection. The rate of expenditure during the Quinquennium in the Ordinary Branch has remained nearly stationary, at little more than ten per cent. A reduction of seven and a-half per cent. has been effected in the expenses of the Industrial Branch.

It will be seen from Mr. Dewey's Report that the average duration of all the Policies in the Industrial Branch is now no less than five and a-half years, a satisfactory indication of the success which is attending the efforts of the Directors to increase the duration of the assurances.

Extract from Mr. A. H. BAILEY'S Report.

Having from time to time been consulted as to the principles upon which the valuations should be made of the outstanding liabilities of your Company on the 31st December last, I have now examined the results of those valuations, the processes employed in obtaining and checking the particulars from the records, and the methods adopted to insure accuracy in the calculations.

Some notion may be formed of the magnitude of the work when it is stated that the number of assurances in force, exclusive of annuity grants, is 7,196,917; so that if each policy were on a different life, which is probably not very far from the truth, the lives of 19.6 per cent., or very nearly one-fifth of the entire population of Great Britain and Ireland are assured in this Company.

The business is carried on under two distinct branches, the "Ordinary" and the "Industrial." In the former, the premiums are payable annually, half-yearly, or quarterly; and the terms and conditions resemble those of the majority of the Life Assurance Companies of the country. In the latter branch the rates are higher, because, without exception, the premiums are payable weekly, an arrangement which the ordinary Companies will not adopt on account of the heavy expense and trouble of collection, but which experience seems to show is the only way whereby the wage-earning portion of the community can be reached.

For ten years the two Branches have been conducted independently of each other, as if they were distinct societies; separate accounts being kept, and separate investments made for each. Being now, however, practically worked by the same agents, the public select whichever best suits their convenience, and consequently the distinction between the character of the business of the two branches is becoming

less. As an instance of this it is noticeable that while the average amount assured by each policy in the "Ordinary" Branch has diminished since the last valuation, being now £116 against the £137 five years ago; in the Industrial Branch the average amount has slightly increased, and is now £9 8s.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The growth of this Branch has been very remarkable. The premium income from the assurances is £406,852, having nearly trebled in the quinquennium, and being surpassed by only four other Life Assurance Companies in the United Kingdom. The basis upon which the valuation of the liabilities has been made is explained in Mr. Hughes' report. It may be shortly described as follows:—The past experience of Assured and Annuitant lives has been adopted for the rates of mortality; 3 per cent. for the rate of interest; and 2.77 per cent. of the premium income, which is the whole of what is called the loading, has been reserved for future expenses, profits, and contingencies. Of the ample sufficiency of this reserve no doubt can be entertained, especially as it has now been resolved that the whole expenses of this Branch shall be limited to 10 per cent. of the premium income.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—In this Branch the Premium Income has now reached the enormous total of £3,065,551, payable in weekly premiums averaging about two pence each. The ages of the lives assured vary from 1 year to upwards of 100, fourteen centenarians being found upon the registers. The females out-number the males in the proportion of 1,075 to 1,000, an excess somewhat above that of the general population, whereas in the ordinary Companies the number of male lives assured is found to be about eight times that of the females. A large number of the policies in force have been effected on the lives of children. And if death occur during the first year of assurance, the contract provides that, with some exceptions, a deduction shall be made from the sum assured.

From these circumstances some modifications in the principles of valuation adopted for the Ordinary Branch become necessary. These are explained by Mr. Dewey in his report, with which I concur. For instance, the table of mortality employed for the Ordinary Branch represents the experience of adult male lives only, children being altogether omitted. For the Industrial Branch, therefore, Farr's English Life tables have been used, and separate valuations made for the male and female risks, the mortality of the two sexes being different. Again, the rate of mortality of children, unlike that of adults, diminishes from year to year up to a certain age. And therefore the risks on the lives of children not exceeding ten years of age, and those under all Policies granted during last year, have been treated as short term assurances, for which a nominal reserve only is necessary. With these exceptions, a valuation on the principles as in the Ordinary Branch has been made of all the outstanding Policies.

These facts and figures speak for themselves, and it is hardly necessary to add how eminently satisfactory the results of this elaborate investigation must be to all who are interested in the welfare of the Company.

Extract from the Report of Mr. W. HUGHES, Actuary of the Ordinary Branch.

The Valuation is as before on the net premium system, the whole of the loading or difference between the premiums payable and the risk premiums being reserved as a provision for future expenses and profit. This loading amounts to £91,078 per annum. The number of Policies in force at 31st December last was 85,089, assuring with Bonus £10,226,238, and producing an annual premium income of £407,360 8s. Of this amount £13,726 is re-assured at an annual cost of £508 7s.

A feature worthy of note is the large proportion of Endowment Assurances lately effected. At the last Valuation, 1881, these Policies formed 16 per cent. of the whole number in force; on the 31st December, 1886, there were 31,120 of these Policies, being no less than 36 per cent. of the whole number of Assurances.

The net results of the Valuation are as follows: Life Assurance Fund, 31st December, 1886, £1,764,600; Reserve for Life Assurance and Annuity Contracts, £1,457,873.

Extract from the Report of Mr. T. C. DEWEY, Actuary of the Industrial Branch.

The Policies in existence on the 31st December, 1886 (the date of Valuation), were 7,111,828 in number, assuring the sum of £66,689,111, and producing a weekly income from

Premiums of £58,953, and an Annual Income of £3,065,551. The number of Free or Paid-up Policies which have been granted in lieu of Discontinued Policies is now 58,099. It will be seen that the average amount assured by each policy is £9 8s., and that the average weekly premium is two pence.

The experience of the Quinquennium shows that the business is yearly becoming of a more stable character, notwithstanding the large influx of new business during the period, the average duration of the Policies now in existence is about five and a-half years.

I believe that as Industrial Assurance becomes better appreciated, it will assume an even more permanent character, and that the difference in this respect between Ordinary and Industrial Policies will disappear. I can see no reason, therefore, why different principles should now be adopted; the valuation of the two classes of assurances, and I have consequently valued pure premiums only, reserving the whole of the loading, distinguishing male from female lives. The proportion of the premium reserved is 4.33 per cent.

The mortality of this Branch having been carefully recorded for many years, I find that the English Life Table (No 3) most closely accords with our experience, and I have therefore adopted that Table for every description of Assurance. In all calculations I have assumed that £3 per cent. per annum will be realised on the investments.

The result of the Valuation is as follows: Present values sums assured, £32,760,509; present value of future pure premiums, £28,288,658. Net liability, £4,471,851.

It may be contended that the principles which are adopted in the valuation of Ordinary assurances are not applicable to Industrial risks, but it must be a source of the highest gratification to you and to everyone connected with this Company, to feel that the business of this Branch will not bear a test so severe and one hitherto unknown in the history of Industrial Assurance.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1886.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.
Shareholders' Capital	...	80,028	0
Ordinary Branch Funds	...	1,765,193	13
Industrial Branch Funds	...	4,937,003	4
Claims under Life Policies admitted	...	29,728	18
		£6,811,953	18
ASSETS.			
British Government Securities, Consols and New 3 per cents.	...	£1,003,325	18
Metropolitan Board of Works Stock and City of London Bonds	...	152,443	10
Bank of England Stock	...	29,483	6
Loans on Municipal and other Rates	...	1,468,459	19
Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feudal Duties	...	1,316,532	11
Freehold and Leasehold Property	...	614,169	4
Indian, Colonial, and Foreign Government Securities	...	234,331	12
Reversions	...	129,389	1
Railway and other Debentures	...	859,476	1
Railway and other Shares	...	20,471	2
Mortgages	...	577,740	11
Loans on the Company's Policies	...	47,145	1
Furniture and Fittings	...	20,500	0
Loans upon Personal Security	...	712	10
Outstanding Premiums	...	145,176	12
Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents	...	39,153	12
Outstanding Interest and Rents	...	63,106	11
Cash—On deposit, on current account, and in hand	...	90,336	1
		£6,811,953	18

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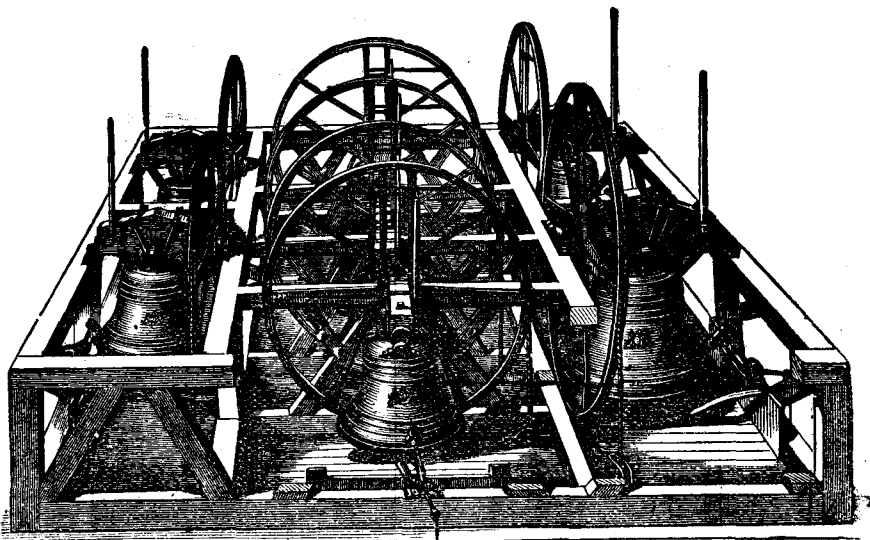


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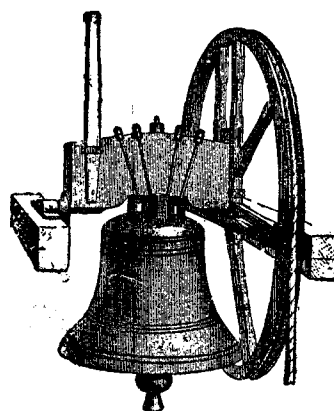
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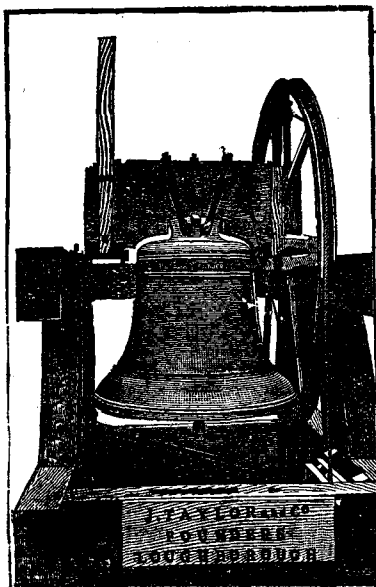
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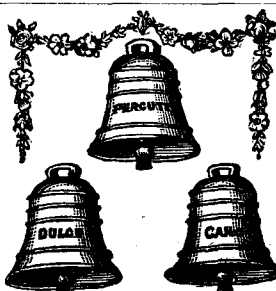
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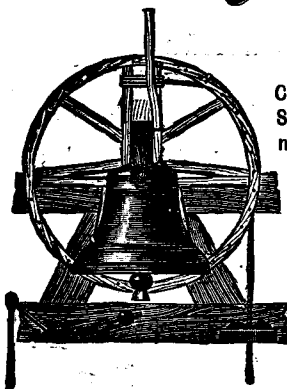
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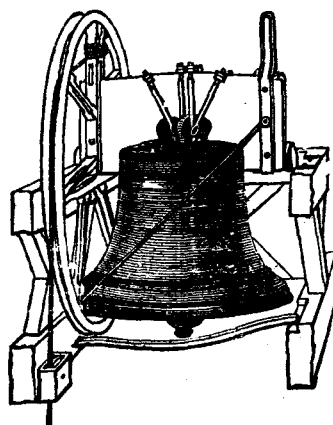
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II.—CONSTRUCTION.

In the last paper it was pointed out that before any very general progress in ten and twelve-bell ringing could be expected, some more musical and convenient method than those at present existing must be found. The possibility of obtaining such a method will now be considered, but, before doing so, it will be well to state the necessary conditions upon which to go to work.

The required method must be:—

I.—Capable of being practised on eight bells, and of extension to ten and twelve without material alteration in the work.

II.—Regular in its work, keeping the heavy bells well together, more especially when they come behind.

III.—Not too lengthy in the courses, thus admitting of handy touches.

IV.—Arranged to have as much double-dodging as possible, for the sake of the music.

With regard to this last condition, it is generally admitted that double dodging is the finest movement in change-ringing. It brings out the full force of a musical position but yet stops short of monotony, and occurs continually in every one of the more harmonious systems on seven and eight bells. For this reason no ten or twelve-bell method could, without it, be considered as entitled to a first rank.

The conditions thus settled, it is next necessary to decide on which of the known principles of method-building it will be advisable to proceed. They are three in number, namely—the Treble Bob hunt, the Plain hunt, and Stedman's Principle. Now, any method founded on either of the two first of these can scarcely, when extended to twelve bells, comply with condition III., as the courses would consist of 528 and 264 changes respectively. Neither could IV. be observed, because careful study shews that, unless all the bells *approximately* move in the same manner, no method can be extended from eight bells without radical alterations in the work, and so contravening I. For instance, in Treble Bob the general work is a single dodge at every step, and in Plain Bob a straight hunt. Thus within the leads the bells, treble included, preserve a regular coursing order, and here is the explanation of why these methods will run equally well on all even numbers. To enter further into this would be foreign to the present subject, but it will be found to be the case that the moment a varying general movement of the inside bells relatively to the treble is introduced, a method becomes incapable of complying with I. If then the bells must move in either a single dodging hunt or a plain hunt, it is clear there can be but little double dodging, and IV. would not be carried out. The Treble Bob hunt and plain hunt principles must therefore be abandoned as unsuitable. There has been a principle brought out, it may be remarked, in which the treble has a double-dodging hunt, and which might for this reason appear promising; but the enormous length of the courses, to say nothing of the overwhelming liability of falseness condemn it at once. Stedman's principle remains yet to be considered, and here let me distinguish most carefully between the method itself and the principle on which it is founded. The principle, the only point now under examination, depends on the alternating quick and slow work to produce within the course the effect in other methods achieved by a regular hunting treble, namely an alteration in the coursing order of the bells. Shipway's system, noticed in the first of these articles, is on this plan. This principle unfortunately is still less adapted to even bell ringing than the previous ones, for whereas in these the hunt of the treble leaves the relative coursing order of the other bells untouched, its own alone being changed; in the present one the varying work in front moves every bell from its proper order, which is not regained until close upon the end of the course. The result, when applied to even-bell methods, is to make every alternate journey behind of the heavy bells a complete muddle, the regularity of their working as defined by II. being entirely upset. Saving this fatal objection, however, it will be noticed how otherwise eminently adapted this principle is to end in view, for it amply satisfies each of the re-

maining conditions. The question at once suggests itself: Can not this confusion caused by the alternating quick and slow work be got rid of? The answer is: Only by each bell on coming to the front doing similar work. This introduces a totally new principle, or rather no principle at all, because on such a plan all the bells would course in exactly the same order from beginning to end of the course; a result which all the above principles have been specially designed to avoid, as it not only causes the courses to be exceptionally short, but also introduces a multiplied liability to falseness. Since, however, no other way seems to offer a solution of the problem under consideration, it will be well carefully to examine this plan; "principle" it can scarcely be called, as I have defined the latter to mean the arrangement by which the coursing-order of the bells is altered within a plain course, whereas any such alteration is now to be discarded.

It is at once evident that if it be possible to construct a method on these lines, such method will, from the very nature of the plan, comply with conditions II. and III. To carry out IV., double dodging must be made the foundation on which to work. I. will be best settled by the obvious arrangement of continuous double dodging in all the places above 6ths, and thus the extension from eight bells to ten and twelve will, as in Stedman, entail only extra dodging places. It is indisputable that the music behind would in this way be absolutely perfect. Let it be agreed, then, that the method shall contain double dodging in 7-8 and all places above. It only remains to formulate the work on eight, and the same will be equally applicable to the higher numbers of bells. Four-bell work in 1-2-3-4 with double dodging in 5-6 as well as 7-8 is the first palpable idea. Now it is of course clear that continuous double dodging will cause the method to run in sixes like Stedman, therefore after leaving 1-2-3-4 each bell will dodge four sixes before returning there again, namely 5-6 up, 7-8 up, 7-8 down, 5-6 down. Consequently, as the bells are to course one another regularly, each must be four sixes also in 1-2-3-4, that is, in the four-bell work; one of the four going out at each six end, and a fresh bell entering from 5-6, all, of course, working in identically the same way. Several arrangements of four bell work are possible which will effect this, and give a neat method. But to avoid false rows, 7, 8, the only fixed bells, must never fall into the same position a second time within the course unless the two rows which contains the similar positions are the one in and the other out of course. When, however, 7, 8 are together in 7-8, they strike 7 8 three times, two of which will be of a like nature, and entail a false row. The same will occur when 7 is in 5-6 up, and 8 in 7-8 up; also when 7 is in 7-8 down, and 8 in 5-6 down; a further false position will be found when 7, 8 are in the four-bell work, making altogether four false rows each with a different false course-end. Evidently then this method is hopelessly false. A fresh departure must be attempted, and six-bell work in front presents itself as worth a trial, for it would still leave untouched the double-dodging in 7-8. But into this it is needless to enter, for although methods might thus be obtained, the desired regularity of work would be impaired. One resource, and one only, remains; namely, to place the four bell work in 3-4-5-6, and the double-dodging, previously in 5-6, in 1-2. There is now the chance of avoiding the false rows that previously occurred with one of the tenors in 5-6, and the other in 7-8, also the further beauty of continuous double-dodging on the lead. With a simple form of four-bell work, it will be found that this plan gives the very remarkable result, due to its being a perfect double method, of a course of forty-eight changes, with one false course-end covering the whole. On pricking and proving such a course, the (Major) method will be found to possess the following extraordinary list of qualities:—

1.—One false course-end only, against the whole plain course so long as 7, 8 are kept together, and none as long as 6, 7, 8 are together, even if singles be used.

2.—Perfect in construction, quadruple and triple changes alternating with one another, thus causing all the places and whole pulls, of which there are the minimum number, to come at hand and back in the proper manner, none of these being made adjoining, except at a single, and all the dodging being double.

3.—The tenors well together, except in the four-bell work, where the brief parting brings up the identical music for which Superlative is renowned, the Queen's change coming in the

plain course. No splitting up of the heavy bells by the treble when they are behind.

4.—Capable of producing an endless variety of peals, in which, if desired, the 6th may be kept at home throughout, and of which the calling is simple, averaging three calls in two courses.

5.—Very convenient for short touches, also for date touches, as the bells may be brought round in various ways, and bobs may be called at six out of the eight sixes of which the course is composed without parting the tenors, thus giving a scale of course-ends unapproached by most other Major methods.

6.—Avoiding any difficulty as to who shall ring the treble in a peal, all the bells working alike.

7.—Easily learnt by a good band after a few minutes examination of the plain course, and capable of extension to ten and twelve bells by simply double-dodging in the extra places, as in Stedman, thus making the ringing of Royal and Maximus a mere question of opportunity.

8.—Producing quickly recurring course-ends with the 7th and all bells above it double-dodging in the home position, viz.:—on eight bells every 48, on ten every 60, and on twelve every 72 changes.

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I have explained thus fully, every step of a line of study which has occupied a large share of my leisure time during the past year, because I was anxious to make perfectly clear the definite objects I had in view, the whole bearings of which I could not otherwise expect to see grasped. It is too much to suppose that all readers of these columns will have followed my train of reasoning; I will merely say that from those who have done so I invite, and from those who have not I deprecate criticism of what is set forth.

I have no wish to lay claim to any particular credit in the matter, but I desire to guard against misinterpretation. New methods may be had by the dozen by any person conversant with method-building, but my advice to such has always been to be sure, before they publish any new system, either that it is better than what already exists, or meets a definite want, or contains some distinct novelty. In the present instance I have followed a strictly consecutive line of argument, and have shewn how that which was sought was obtained, namely, a more convenient and musical method than Treble Bob, applicable to all even numbers of bells from eight upwards; a result which I trust may have in time the effect of stirring up progress in ten and twelve-bell ringing, for with this new method, whether as Major, Royal, or Maximus, in simplicity, adaptability, and musical properties, I unhesitatingly challenge comparison.

In laying these and the following papers before the Exercise, I confidently ask from that portion of it which is able to judge of such matters, a careful and impartial attention, not for the sake of any personal credit, a conceit I do not aspire to, but for the sake of an art, which, far though it has already progressed, possesses many secrets yet unfathomed, and possibilities still unattained, and in the advance of which the hearty support of its many admirers should be willingly forthcoming.

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On Easter Monday, the members of the St. Thomas's Society paid a visit to the above place, by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. W. C. Gibbs. Several 720's and touches of Bob Minor (amounting to 2520 changes) were rung by Messrs. W. Lawrence, J. Guest, G. H. Paget, H. Harris, C. Barrett, T. Lees and J. Crump, and conducted by Messrs. Guest, Paget, Harris and Lees. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Bradley, 5; G. H. Paget, 6. The "go" of the bells was all that could be desired, and the striking was very good, one and all thoroughly enjoying themselves. The members of the above society wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and hope it will not be the last time they will have the pleasure of visiting the pretty little church, which is situated in Hagley Park.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Easter Monday, the Bradford Parish Church company, twelve in number paid a visit to Derby. Leaving Bradford at 5.30 a.m., they were joined at Leeds by Mr. Tom Lockwood, and after a very pleasant journey, they arrived at Duffield at 9.5., where they alighted. After partaking of breakfast, they assembled in the tower, and rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, during the ringing of which the Manchester Cathedral company arrived. This touch completed, the visitors betook themselves to the grounds of A. Percival Heywood, Esq., at Duffield Bank, where they had an opportunity of inspecting Mr. Heywood's railway, of course, came in for a principal share of attention, after which the workshops were visited. The view from Duffield Bank was the theme of universal admiration, and while gazing on it, the sound of Duffield bells, manipulated so well by the Manchester men in the intricacies of Kent Treble Bob, lent additional pleasure. Ten minutes past the hour of noon saw the visitors on the Duffield railway platform, and soon afterwards they were on their way to Derby, which was reached by 12.30. St. Andrew's tower was the first place visited, where a touch of Grandsire Triples and another of Kent Treble Bob was rung, after which an adjournment was made to All Saints', where they indulged in a touch of Treble Ten. This having been accomplished, a move was made to St. Andrew's school-room, where they partook of tea with their brethren of the Midland Counties' Association, attended the meeting, and then listened to the handbell contest which followed. Another touch of Kent Treble Bob was rung at St. Andrew's, at the conclusion of which good-bye was said, and the Bradfordians repaired to the station, where, having got comfortably seated, a start was made, and after repeated dodgings on the part of the driver, the ringers were brought round to Bradford about 2 a.m., having spent a very pleasant day. The members take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mr. Heywood for his kind permission for them to view his grounds, possessing as they do so many interesting features.

AN INTERESTING GATHERING.

ON Wednesday evening, April 6th, by invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stead, of Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield, a select party of friends, ringers, ringers' wives, assembled at the above gentleman's residence to a good substantial supper, to which full justice was done, after which the evening was spent in a very convivial manner with ringing the handbells, etc. The gathering was in commemoration firstly of Mrs. Stead's birthday, and it not being good manners to ask any lady her age, we will conclude she is the three F's, she having the good wishes of all present for a long and prosperous life. Secondly, to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the ringing on April 6th, 1867, at Batley parish church, in 2 hrs. 58 mins., of the following peal, being a 720 each of the following:

- A 720 of Violet, with the 2nd bell the observation.
- A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 2nd bell the observation.
- A 720 of New London, 4th bell the observation.
- A 720 of Duke of York, 5th bell the observation.
- A 720 of London Scholars, 6th bell the observation.
- A 720 of City Delight, 2nd bell the observation.
- A 720 of Arnold's Victory, 3rd bell the observation.

The above was rung without the bobs being called, or a signal of any description being given, and each 720 having a different bell for the observation as will be seen above, and was witnessed by Mr. Jesse Holt, of Mirfield, and Mr. John Farrar, of Batley, who sat in the tower during the whole of the performance as witnesses that it was a *bona fide* performance. The following was the company who rang the peal. John Stead (Huddersfield), 1; George Clay (Huddersfield), 2; Hy. Robinson (Mirfield), 3; Thomas Stead (Huddersfield), 4; John Collins (Huddersfield), 5; Tom Haigh (Huddersfield), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. This extraordinary feat in the art of change-ringing, was never performed by any party of ringers on six bells, and from the style in which it was rung and brought round to a successful termination, will always be considered as one of the greatest achievements in the art of ringing on that number of bells. All the ringers in the above peal were present at supper, also Mr. Jesse Holt, of Mirfield, one of the witnesses, who is in his 82nd year, Mr. John Farrar being dead.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOKINGHAM.—On Easter Monday, April 11th, at St. Paul's Church, the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, after failing in a peal of Grandsire Triples, rang at the above church a Jubilee touch in the same method, containing fifty leads. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; E. Menday, 3; W. Houlton, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman, 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 7; H. Smith, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. This very musical touch, which begins and ends with the Queens, and contains all the 2, 4, 6's, was composed by Miss E. Cruwys Sharland, of Tiverton, Devon.

AT ST. STEPHEN'S.

THURSDAY.—One of the most important questions asked to-day was that with reference to Somerset House clerks, put by Mr. Conybeare. The hon. gentleman asked if the Board of Inland Revenue had submitted to the Treasury a scheme for the revision of the Legacy Duty Office at Somerset House, which would involve the compulsory retirement of a number of clerks who were in the prime of life, and whether in that case the Chancellor of the Exchequer would undertake to postpone the consideration of any scheme which would further burden the Pension List, and whether in the case of offices where work had fallen off, or where, on other grounds it might be necessary to reduce numbers, he would consider the advisability of doing this by transferring the supernumerary clerks to other departments, rather than by adding to the Pension List. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply, said that by a reprehensible act of disloyalty, such as had rarely occurred in the extremely well-managed department of the Inland Revenue, the existence of a plan for the re-organisation of the Legacy Duty Office had been revealed to the hon. member. The plan was still in an inchoate state, and had not been decided upon. He was, however, unable to state whether any of the clerks to be compulsorily retired were in the prime of life or not, but with scarcely an exception, they had seen over thirty years' service. He could not undertake to deter any reform such as this, and he should always consider whether it would not be better to transfer officers who had still good work in them, than to place them on the Pension List. Mr. Childers asked if any steps would be taken to ascertain how the secret was divulged. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said he would consider whether any steps could be taken in this direction; but he would also say that it would be more satisfactory if hon. members to whom such revelations were made would themselves point out the injury they inflicted on the public service, and the likelihood thereby of defeating the necessary reforms. Mr. Conybeare wished to assure the right hon. gentleman that he had no idea this was an official secret divulged to him, or he would not have put the question. Other questions having been asked and answered, among them being one relating to income tax, one on the discharge of dockyard workmen, and another on the Irish Land Bill, Mr. W. H. Smith said he had received a communication from the other side of the House to the effect that it would be agreeable to hon. members that he should move the adjournment of the House until Tuesday in Easter week. If that was the desire of hon. gentlemen, he would conclude with a motion to that effect. After some remarks from both sides of the House, Mr. Smith's motion for adjournment was agreed to, and we all set off to spend the Easter holiday as we thought best.

TUESDAY.—Well, my brother strins, I am here again, in the House, after a very brief holiday, to watch over the affairs of the country, as well as the business of the House, from my seat as member for—. But I must not divulge, or I shall be getting into trouble. However, I am sure all will join with me in congratulating the Speaker on his reappearance in the chair, and take part in the cheers we gave him when he expressed his acknowledgments to the House for the indulgence shown him during the period of his indisposition, as well as thanking the Chairman of Ways and Means for occupying his chair during his absence. After some questions had been put relating to the North Sea fisheries, Mr. Conybeare to the front again, and alluded to the incident of Monday week, and complained that the report of his speech, wherein he was said to have made remarks reflecting on the Speaker, was neither full nor accurate. He was sure he made a remark which was omitted in the report he complained of, and which remark was to the effect that he hoped no word would escape him which could be considered as unworthily reflecting on the Speaker. The debate on Sir B. Samuelson's amendment to the second reading of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill was then resumed by the Attorney-General for Ireland, who stigmatised the hon. members on the other side of the House with not having read, much less carefully considered, the measure now before the House. Some sharp passages of arms, or rather words, were made between the speakers on both sides of the House, the Home Secretary being interrupted many times during his speech. The right hon. gentleman was, however, proof against all attacks, and after showing how much or how little the criticisms on the measure bore on the question, he said the Government appealed, not to Hyde Park demonstrations, but to the judgment of the House of Commons, which was the proper tribunal to deal with cases of this kind, and asked them to support them in upholding in Ireland the authority of the Queen and of the law. Mr. Stansfield passed some strictures on the Bill, and on the motion of Lord H. Bruce the debate was adjourned.

WEDNESDAY.—The business to-day was principally confined to a discussion on the Irish Crimes Bill. Two maiden speeches were delivered; one by the noble lord who resumed the debate, Lord Bruce; and the other by Mr. Theobald. Both hon. gentlemen supported the measure, Mr. Theobald causing much laughter by the witty manner in which he replied to the criticisms against the bill, and the

epithets he applied to the National League. Sir W. Foster asked the House to pause before they passed the measure, because, if it became law it would be a shame and a dishonour to this country. Sir H. Holland said the case put forward by the Government had been greatly strengthened by the facts and figures which had been placed before the House and the country during the discussion of the measure. After a speech of some duration the hon. member concluded by saying that by this bill the Government stood or fell, and he believed the country would be with them; but if it was against them, they would cheerfully retire. Mr. Gully believed the bill was impolitic, ill-timed, and unnecessary; and Mr. W. H. James remarked that the Government had entered upon a most perilous path, and one that would lead to the most serious danger. The Solicitor-General for Scotland denied that the bill infringed the liberties of the Irish people. Concluding, he said that probably the constituencies were thinking that the House of Commons were standing chopping logic too long over this bill. Sir U. Kay-Shuttleworth said the proposed change of venue he regarded as most insulting to Ireland. The adjournment of the debate was then agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Baggaley, and the House itself adjourned at ten minutes to six. THE RINGER IN PARLIAMENT.

ESSEX ITEMS.

"Better late than never." Probably such may be the opinion of some of the members of the Essex Association upon their becoming acquainted with the fact that during the past week the two new trebles at Chelmsford have at last found their way back into their original quarters. To ordinary intelligent observers, their journey to a hamlet church is a mystery—one which there is no need for us to attempt to unravel; the circumstances which had led to their return may be briefly summed up. When the Essex Association was formed in 1879, there was a general outcry as to the neglected condition of St. Mary's, and to the absence of these two particular bells. During the restoration of the Rettendon ring, the late Hon. Sec. of the Association finding that there was a suitable bell, hit upon the happy idea of a treaty between Rettendon and Moulsham, which tower was under restoration, and further between Moulsham and Chelmsford, the result of which was the return to the latter tower of the particular bells under question. By the reports of the meetings of the Association, it will have been seen that there has been delay in the rehanging not brought about by any particular stumbling block, and apparently the difficulty was little more if any than imagination. However, by certain members continually pegging away at the question, all difficulties have vanished, and the Association is to be congratulated not only upon the improved condition of the tower of St. Mary's (which probably may become the cathedral of a county diocese), but upon the completion of that which it has endeavoured to accomplish. The success will strengthen the Association in bringing its influence to bear upon authorities where apathy is the order of the day.

Another feature which comes this week from Essex, is the unique chiming record at Romford. Opinions we know vary as to these performances, some scorn them, contending they are but child's play, and yet these very individuals if you ask them to join in a touch double-handed, even only upon the handbells, would shake their heads. Others contend that such feats are an impossibility, while others admit "it wants doing." This latter of course is perfectly true, and those who rank in the second class can satisfy their unbelief any Sunday by a visit to Romford. There is however an ugly rumour respecting the restoration of what we consider we once justly termed a "slaughter house." It will be remembered that the church improvement fund there included new choir vestry, organ improvement, and rehanging of the bells, each to follow according to the order given. A general fund was opened, and resulted in the collection of about £40 of the estimated cost of the two first objects. The whole of £40 was spent upon the second scheme, and a suggestion has been made to close the fund, leaving the bells in their present condition. Such a proposal is beyond toleration, and if permitted will be a standing disgrace to the town. Probably the Association may sift the matter, making use of its influence in the right direction, it is to be hoped may finally be as successful at Romford as it has been at Chelmsford. B.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Southport, on Saturday, April 23rd. The bells of Christ Church will be at the disposal of the members. Meeting in the Schools at 6 p.m. Ringers from the adjoining districts will be welcomed.

Also a meeting of the Rossendale Branch of the above Association will be held at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, on the above date.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

REPLY TO MR. POLLITT.

SIR,—The B's in the peals of Treble Bob Royal recently published in your columns, denote what I thought everyone acquainted with Treble Bob knew, viz., "befores." The one in the first course to put the bells in the tittum position, and the two in the last course to bring them home again. Of course the same course-ends are produced if no "befores" are used, but the number of changes are not the same.

Liverpool, April 9th, 1887.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

PRESTBURY SURPRISE MAJOR.—A NEW METHOD.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. W. T. Pates, allow me to say that on calling upon Mr. Johnson, sen., he informed me that he composed the above mentioned method in the year 1852, a copy of which he produced for my inspection, and gave to it the name of Birmingham Bob Major, but says that to his knowledge it has never been rung; he also adds that it runs equally simple on six, ten, and twelve bells.

Lozells, Birmingham.

HENRY BASTABLE.

GOOD FRIDAY RINGING.

SIR,—In looking through the letters in answer to "Enquirer," as to ringing on Good Friday, I think Mr. Jerram's plan far better than the Rev. G. F. Coleridge's; and I think it is a plan generally adopted (at least as far as my experience goes); but there is one question I should like to ask Mr. Coleridge—that is, why it is a thing to be desired that people should partake of the Lord's Supper early in the morning instead of at the hour it was instituted—in the evening?

K. C. A. C. R.

THE RINGERS OF ENGLAND.

SIR,—The statement contained in last week's issue, under the above heading, is incorrect as far as the Sussex County Association is concerned. The true figures are 52 bands, 510 ringing members, and 121 honorary members: Total, 631. Perhaps I may be allowed to suggest that, if it is thought desirable to have a complete list, for the sake of comparison, the Hon. Sec. of each Diocesan and County Association should send on a post card, addressed to the Editor of "BELL NEWS," such particulars as the number of ringing and honorary members, number of bands in union, number of peals of 6, 8, 10, and 12 bells in the diocese or county, and date of formation of association. I notice under the heading of County Associations, the names of Goscombe, Higham Ferrers, Framland. I presume that these are District rather than County Associations.

GEO. F. ATTREE,

Hon. Sec. Sussex County Association.

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—Will you please insert a few lines in "BELL NEWS" to show that though no one has had the courage to write against ringing peals on Sunday, there are many who would wish to return their hearty thanks to the member of the K. C. A. C. R. for boldly coming forward and standing up for the right. I have looked week after week for some reply to the suggestions made some time ago by a Mr. Custance, of the Oxford University Society, with regard to this matter, and I rejoice that one has come forward to condemn it.

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE K. C. A. C. R.

SIR,—With all due respect to our worthy friend who flatters himself of being the mouthpiece of his company, I think that, instead of throwing cold water on what few peals are rung, he would try and ring a few more peals, it might then be a credit to the Association, which musters 400 ringing members, and according to the number, ring the least peals of any Association in existence.

Maidstone.

R. SIMMONDS.

OXFORD SURPRISE.

SIR,—I am glad that my remark has drawn from Mr. Washbrook a statement of the grounds on which he described his new method as a "perfect" one, and "the only perfect Treble Bob method yet invented." This description was based, it seems, on certain structural features, which, however, desirable and symmetrical in themselves, do not, by themselves, constitute that absolute perfection which Mr. Washbrook seemed at first to claim, and the assertion of which, I confess, somewhat startled me when I read it. After an examination of the method, I felt that the assertion was one that ought not to be allowed to pass without protest. Nine persons out of ten, on reading it, would come to the conclusion that not only was the method structurally "perfect," but also scientifically accurate; i.e. not treacherous in composition in the sense of being liable to run false within the

leads. As regards the attainment of a "perfect" Treble Bob method in this double sense, the outlook, I am afraid, is not particularly hopeful. The Treble Bob system is in itself scientifically unsound, and no method whatever that could ever be produced on this system could, from the nature of the case, be absolutely perfect. When I say that the system is scientifically unsound, I mean that it would be impossible on this system to obtain the full extent of the permutations without a host of repetitions interpolated. Short of this within certain limits and conditions, the system is sound enough for all practical purposes. The limit usually adopted is that defined by the expression "Tenors together." But this is, comparatively, a narrow limit; and the system is quite capable of "true" extension far beyond this limit with the Tenors "parted." Now Mr. Washbrook admits that his method is unsound considerably within even this narrow limit; for he says that "the extent with the tenors together is 6720;" that is, half way only to the boundary line of the real limit of "tenors together." He also admits that the second's place bob introduces a blemish, so that the existence of this flaw disposes at once of the claim that the method is even structurally perfect. The statement that "perfection" is to be gauged by the presence, or absence, of certain structural features and arrangements of changes, without regard to the errors and inaccuracies which they may entail, seems to me a very arbitrary one. I have always understood that "the proof of a pudding is in the eating;" and I can quite imagine that many a pudding with a fair and attractive exterior might disagree with you horribly when it got into your stomach. So in a change-ringing method. It may appear ever so correct on the surface; but if it shows unsoundness in working, it is not entitled to an unqualified description as a "perfect method." It is easy to say "my dog is perfect, and everybody else's is a mongrel;" but this is hardly the language of courtesy, and a little beside the mark also, if your neighbour's dog happens to hunt better than your own. Mr. Washbrook thinks the Exercise should be informed that in Treble Bob a perfect method cannot be had without false changes. This sounds to me like a contradiction in terms. If a method develops false changes within the narrow limit of "tenors together," it is unsound; and if it is unsound, it can hardly be called "perfect." But I give all credit to Mr. Washbrook for his painstaking researches into the Treble Bob system, and I entertain no doubt that the conclusion at which he has arrived is perfectly accurate, viz., that on the particular lines which he advocates as "perfect," Oxford Surprise is the only method to be had worth placing before the Exercise. But, Sir, unfortunately (and this is my point) the vessel built upon these lines turns out to be a bad sailer, and has been already beaten over the course by several other vessels built on other lines. What is the inference? That the lines in question are really perfect, as asserted? Let your readers judge for themselves. He who would construct a Treble Bob method finds himself face to face with two alternatives: either he must sacrifice certain alleged structural perfections, and musical arrangements of changes to scientific accuracy and soundness in working, or he must sacrifice soundness and accuracy to the structural features. Personally, I incline to the former alternative. The ideally perfect Treble Bob method, which will avoid this sacrifice on the one hand and on the other, has not come yet; and I much doubt if it ever will.

H. EARLE BULWER.

AN ENQUIRY.

Could any of the ringing community kindly inform me if a 720 of Stedman's Slow Course Minor, or Double Stedman's Slow Course Minor, has ever been rung? If so, when and where; and whether there is any Stedman's Slow Course Major? Also, if the Victoria or Albert Surprise Major is not written on a similar principle?

J. C. P.

DOUBTFUL AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—Will you kindly put a notice at the bottom of your composition page next week, that the 5040 of Treble Bob Royal by J. R. Pritchard, is Reeves' old peal, and the 12320 Albion is Shipway's 6160 Bob Major, and the 10240 Albion, which is 5120 Bob Major, will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" for April 3rd, 1883, reduced to 5008, the only difference being the 2nd and 4th bobs at home are called a course sooner.

K.

THE BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at Harborne, on Saturday, April 23rd, when members and friends alike will receive a hearty welcome. Through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Roberts, the tower will be open during the afternoon. The business meeting of the Association which will be conducted in the infants school connected with the parish church, will take place at 6 p.m., the Vicar attending the same. The Secretary will be obliged to the local secretaries, who will receive all monies due, and pay them over to him on or before the above date. JOHN WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

Crumph's Cottage, Silver Street, King's Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Derby, on Easter Monday, and witnessed a larger assemblage of ringers than at any previous gathering. Friends were present in force from Bradford, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, and Birmingham, besides a large contingent of members from the various towns within the district. The sudden death, however, within the week, of the Rev. James Fish, the vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, cast a gloom over the proceedings, for it was felt that in him the Association had lost one whose constant aim was to raise the standard of excellence in everything connected with ringing. The day began with a 504 of Stedman Triples, rung at St. Andrew's church, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to his memory; after which, the muffles having been removed, various touches followed. Two touches of Stedman Caters were rung on the ten at All Saints, St. Werburgh's tower also being freely patronised.

At the tea, which was set out in St. Andrew's School-room, some 130 sat down, after which the President (A. P. Heywood, Esq.) addressed the meeting. In the course of his remarks, the President drew the attention of those present to the fact that fifty-five peals had been rung by the Association in the year, in no less than eleven different methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major. Ditto, in the Burtoa Variations, New Cumberland Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Double Oxford Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Triples, and further directed particular notice to the Silent Peal of Stedman Triples lately accomplished at Burton, and to that of Stedman Caters, by the Leicester Company, the latter, the first performance of the kind by the Association. He also commented on the grievous loss sustained by the death of the late President, and suggested that a resolution expressive of sympathy should be forwarded to Mrs. Fish, in accordance with which a motion to that effect was unanimously agreed to. The President desired the members to notice that they should bestir themselves in the matter of peals, as the Association was being rapidly distanced since the commencement of the year by the performances of other societies, and concluded by congratulating the meeting upon the large assemblage not only of their own members, but of friends from all parts.

After the usual business a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells. A handbell contest then took place, at which bands from Derby, Leicester, and Nottingham, and Burton were all successful in carrying off prizes; the first-mentioned especially distinguishing themselves in a well-struck 336 of Grandsire Triples. The success of this, the first competition of the kind in the district, leads to the hope that on the next occasion a still more interesting contest may be the result. The judges were Messrs. Charles Hattersley and John Carter, who most ably carried out the duties of their office, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The thanks of the Association are especially due to these gentlemen, who came at considerable expense to undertake this somewhat onerous task; as also to Messrs. Taylor for providing an excellent set of handbells for the performance.

The vicar of St. Andrew's, the Rev. Robert Hey, to whom thanks are also due for the use of the schools, then addressed a few well-chosen words to the assembled company, pointing out the beneficial effect of change-ringing both on mind and body, and offering to the Association at all future times a hearty welcome.

A few touches in the tower, notably a well-struck one of Treble Bob by the Bradford Company, brought to a close a day with the result of which universal satisfaction was expressed; the success of the proceedings being mainly due to the exertions of the indefatigable Hon. Sec., Mr. Joseph Griffin, who was everything to everybody; and to the excellent arrangements made by the local Hon. Sec., Mr. H. C. Woodward, and the steeple-keeper of St. Andrew's, Mr. W. Shardlow.

VISIT OF DEWSBURY RINGERS TO GRIMSBY.

On Monday last, April 11th, the above Company of Ringers visited the above place for a day's outing. A start was made from Dewsbury at about 6.30 a.m., arriving at Grimsby at 10.15. Mr. D. Seamer and several friends met them at the station, and escorted them to the church tower, where they were met by the vicar, the Rev. J. P. Young, who cordially welcomed them. Considerable amusement was caused by the peculiar way up to the ringing chamber, the passage and steps to which being very narrow, and several of the ringers, being worthy rivals of the late Daniel Lambert, had considerable difficulty in getting up. The bells were raised in peal, and a short touch was rung. They are hung in a very good circle, but they are very noisy, being only in the next chamber. This will no doubt be altered in course of time, as it is a pity for so splendid a peal of bells to be spoiled. Their "go" is very good indeed. After the bells had been brought round the Company adjourned to the White Hart, where, at the invitation of the Grimsby ringers, they sat down to a substantial dinner, to which ample

justice was done. They then re-ascended the tower and rang a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 2,528 changes, in 1 hr. 35 mins. The band were stationed as follows:—J. Garforth, 1; G. Taylor, 2; I. Idle, 3; H. Robinson, 4; N. Hepworth, 5; G. H. Hardy (composer and conductor), 6; J. Buckley, 7; J. H. Dixon, 8. An adjournment then took place to the "Greyhound," on the invitation of Mr. North, the worthy host, where the remainder part of the day was spent in handbell ringing and conversation on ringing matters in general. The party left Grimsby station about 6.40, having spent one of the most enjoyable days possible. Many thanks are due to Mr. Seamer and friends for their kindness and hospitality, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday the meeting of the above Association was held at Kingsley and Cheadle. It being a splendid day, there was a large attendance (including the Rev. W. W. Bolton, Hon. Sec.), ringers being present from Norton, Leek, Horton, Golden Hill, Uttoxeter, Stoke, Wolstanton, and Cheddleton. The bells having been raised, "go" was called for a 720 of Plain Bob—18 Bobs and 2 Singles, which was brought round in 27 mins. E. Glover, 1; W. H. Armitt, 2; D. Bradbury, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; J. Wood, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6. An adjournment was then made to the Church Room, where a substantial dinner—to which about thirty sat down—had been provided by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, to whom the best thanks of the meeting are due. After dinner another visit was made to the belfry, but owing to being a funeral, another peal could not be attempted. A move was then made to Cheadle. Having arrived at the church, a band was formed for another 720 of Plain Bob, which was accomplished in 27½ mins. Rev. A. H. Hitchcock, 1; E. Glover, 2; W. H. Armitt, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; D. Bradbury, 5; H. Booth (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was then started for, but a "change course" occurring, it was called round when 660 had been rung in 24 mins. E. Glover, 1; J. W. Brough, 2; J. Baddeley, 3; J. Wood, 4; H. Kamster, 5; S. Spencer (conductor), 6. A short touch of Plain Bob was then rung. H. Kamster, 1; J. Burton, 2; S. Burton, 3; J. Shenton, 4; Rev. A. H. Hitchcock, 5; S. Spencer (conductor), 6. This bringing a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

The beautiful new church in this village, which is five miles from Chester, on the highway to Wrexham (six miles distant), was erected by His Grace the Duke of Westminster at a cost of about £11,000, and presented to the parish in 1884. The edifice is the third on the same site (which adjoins the ducal mansion of Eaton Hall) within fifty years, the original building dating from the 12th century. The old tower contained only two bells, but the present one contains a nice ring of six from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, tenor 10 cwt. in Ab.

The local society of ringers, who are all very young, started together as novices in the art of change-ringing, but with the kindly assistance and direction of Mr. C. Price (College Youth) of Eccleston, the youthful aspirants were duly initiated into the mysteries of the art. They accomplished their first true and complete 720 changes in Plain Bob Minor just a year ago, since which time they have rung peals in the following nine methods:—March 15th, 1886, Plain Bob Minor; July 3rd, Kent Treble Bob; July 23rd, Oxford Treble Bob; November 1st, Grandsire; December 6th, Superlative Surprise (first in the county); December 20th, College Single; December 28th, Oxford Bob; February 21st, 1887, Woodbine; March 7th, Westminster. Practice on Mondays, ringers are welcomed.

THE REIGATE SOCIETY.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, April 10th, for Holy Communion at 8 a.m., 630 of Grandsire Triples. W. Bone, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; G. Croucher, 3; F. Linter, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; H. Gooch, 8. And a 252 of Grandsire Triples. G. Croucher, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; W. Bone, 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Gooch, 8. And for 11 o'clock service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46½ mins. J. Howard, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; W. Bone, 3; T. Fuller, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; H. Gooch, 8. And for evening service, 448 of Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; W. Bone, 3; T. Fuller, 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Gooch, 8. And 224 of the same method, the band standing as before. And after evening service, 168 of Grandsire Triples. H. Gooch, 1; G. Croucher, 2; W. Bone, 3; T. Fuller, 4; W. Argent (conductor), 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Howard, 8. Also a 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; G. Croucher, 2; W. Bone, 3; T. Fuller, 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Kenward (conductor), 6; W. Argent, 7; H. Gooch, 8.

REPRINT OF ANOTHER WORK ON CHANGE-RINGING.

The publisher of "THE BELL NEWS" has the pleasure to announce the issue, in penny weekly numbers, of a rare old work upon ringing, entitled "Campanalogia Improved; or the Art of Ringing made easy," &c. This work is printed uniform with "Shipway" and the "Clavis," which have been so eagerly taken up.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL, 16 1887.

In our editorial comment of last week a reference was made to the pulpit utterances of many of the clergy who from that spot have edified and instructed their brethren of the Exercise. Little did we think, while such remarks were being penned, that one of the most distinguished of those clerical ringers, one whose homilies always proved most profitable to his hearers, had that morning succumbed to the king of terrors, to the infinite grief and consternation, not only of his immediate relatives, but of those who it may be said dwelt together with him in unity. Owing to "THE BELL NEWS" being issued a day earlier last week than usual, in consequence of Good Friday occurring, the announcement of the death of the Rev. JAMES H. FISH could not be made, but this week it is our melancholy duty to publish the painful intelligence to be found in another column.

The interest which the deceased gentleman took in the art of ringing was unique. This opinion may be gathered by what is written concerning him in the place just referred to. Perhaps not even the most ardent of the beneficed priests who are now ringers adhered with such tenacity to the interior concerns of their own ringing company as he did. We recall with some degree of pleasure his frequent correspondence with ourselves, as it was his wont until recently to forward all the reports of performances achieved by the Burton company for publication, correspondence frequently accompanied by

observations of his own, couched in urbane and affable language. He was ever to be found rendering assistance to any movement with which ringers sympathised, and when it was held that his presence, as a vicar of an important parish, as president of that Association with which his name is identified, or as a change-ringer merely, was desirable, he was always found ready and willing to work with those who desired his co-operation.

Mr. FISH was a man whom at this particular juncture the Exercise can ill afford to lose. The growth of new ideas in connection with it, the cultivation and opening up of new fields of thought and inquiry which find their way into print week after week, naturally demand able and trained exponents in a study which the bare principles of composition do not touch. We have in such men as Mr. HEYWOOD, and the Revs. EARLE BULWER and C. D. P. DAVIES, those well qualified to enter upon new and abstruse speculations; but such men as Mr. FISH could well gauge the value of these new ideas, and their influence assists in making them popular. His loss, however, must be borne, but the burden will be most heavily felt by those with whom he was in daily contact, whose names, through his energies, will be immortalized in the annals of ringing. What memorial may be raised to our departed friend of course we cannot tell. But let us be allowed the privilege of saying that a careful collection of his public utterances in connection with ringing—of inestimable value indeed to all ringers—should be undertaken. By such means he would for ever live in the hearts of succeeding generations.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Easter Monday, April 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt.

EZRA CARTER	Treble.	GEO. T. McLAUGHLIN	5.
ROBERT E. GIBBS.	2.	JAMES W. DRIVER	6.
CHAS. F. WINNY	3.	ARTHUR ALDHAM	7.
HENRY LANGDON	4.	SAMUEL HOW	Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

R. E. Gibbs hails from Eye, Suffolk, and this is his first peal in the method.

The Provinces.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Good Friday, April 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHAS. BENNETT	Treble.	ROBERT CHAFFER	5.
JOHN POLLARD	2.	JOHN WM. STICKNEY	6.
TOM STOCKDALE	3.	FRANK DRABBLE	7.
HENRY JENKINS	4.	CHARLES JACKSON	Tenor.

Composed by S. MARSH, of West Bromwich, and
Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Algernon Taylor, member of the above Association.
N.B.—This peal was corrected by the conductor previous to starting.

WHITFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLDEN, ESQ.	Treble.	JAMES SELLARS	5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE	2.	THOMAS WILDE	6.
HUGH SHAW	3.	GEORGE LONGDEN	7.
JAMES S. WILDE	4.	JOHN PYE, SEN.	Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, of Mottram, and Conducted by
JAMES S. WILDE.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Messrs. Pye and Shaw their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns. Messrs. Holden and Radcliffe hail from Saddleworth; Shaw from Staleybridge; J. S. and T. Wilde from Hyde; Sellars and Pye from Glossop; and Longden from Ashton.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, April 9, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 41 cwt.

WILLIAM MIDGLEY	Treble.	CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY	6.
WILLIAM BURGAR	2.	WILLIAM SMITHSON	7.
FRANK WILLEY	3.	GEORGE HOLMES	8.
CHARLES BOWER	4.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY	9.
JAMES DIXON	5.	JOHN LLOYD	Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HUDSON, of Sheffield, and
Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. James H. Fish. And it is the first deeply-muffled peal in Sheffield.

GLODWINCK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday, April 10, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD GUEST	Treble.	JOHN GREENWOOD	5.
CLEMENT DRONSFIELD	2.	SAMUEL STOTT	6.
GEORGE H. BEEVER	3.	ALBERT CLEGG	7.
JAMES RILEY	4.	WILLIAM RHODES	Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and conducted by
GEORGE H. BEEVER.

First peal by all, and first ever rung in Oldham. This peal contains the least possible calls.

HERTFORD.

On Monday, April 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BENNETT†	Treble.	MATTHEW ELLSMORE	5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS	2.	*JOSEPH POMFRET	6.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	3.	*HENRY A. BARNETT	7.
REV. CANON WIGRAM*	4.	HERBERT BAKER	Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

†First peal. *First peal of Bob Major.
This peal appeared in "BELL NEWS," March 26th, (page 3) and is composed by John Thorpe of Ashton-under-Lyne.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Easter Monday, April 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in Eb.

TOM GRANT	Treble.	WALTER BATTLE	5.
ALFRED BARNES*	2.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL	6.
JOHN C. MITCHELL	3.	NEWMAN N. HILLS	7.
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM	4.	HENRY L. WADDINGTON	Tenor.

Conducted by NEWMAN NORWOOD HILLS.

*First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band, who are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Herts and Essex Associations. First peal of Bob Triples by the Herts Association.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK	Treble.	H. ROBERTS	5.
W. T. PATES	2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS	6.
H. KARN	3.	JOHN BUFFERY	7.
F. E. WARD, ESQ.	4.	G. H. PHILLOTT, ESQ.	Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Messrs. Reynolds and Buffery hail from Birmingham, and together with the conductor, were nominated for membership prior to starting for the peal.

BINGLEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

W. WILKS	Treble.	S. H. LONDON	5.
W. GILL	2.	J. SCOTT	6.
T. LAWSON	3.	W. E. LONDON	7.
M. MOOR	4.	F. LONDON	Tenor.

Composed by JOSEPH FLEMING of Halifax, and Conducted by
F. LONDON.

Messrs. Gill, Moor, and Scott, hail from Keighley; Mr. T. Lawson is of Bingley and the rest hail from Shipley.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, April 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES WRIGLEY	Treble.	JOSEPH L. BUCKLEY	5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE	2.	EDGAR BUCKLEY	6.
JOSEPH WOOD	3.	JOHN HOLDEN	7.
FRANK BRIERLEY	4.	EDWARD WOOD	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by FRANK BRIERLEY.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs. in E.

FREDERICK KEECH	Treble.	FRED GILBERT	5.
WILLIAM G. BIGGS*	2.	HARRY CHAPMAN	6.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE	3.	RICHARD DUNKLEY	7.
MAURICE WARWICK	4.	WILLIAM ALLAN	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BIGGS.

*First peal as conductor.

Also the first peal in this method on the bells, and by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 4th. The ringers wish to tender their best thanks to the Rev. E. J. Hillier for placing the bells at their disposal on this occasion.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, April 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES AWFORD	Treble.	*LIONEL LONGNEY	5.
JOHN WATHEN	2.	THOMAS DEVEREUX	6.
FRANCIS J. MOORE	3.	JOSIAH WATHEN	7.
JOHN HALE	4.	WILLIAM HAMPTON	Tenor.

No Conductor mentioned.

*First peal.

All belong to the Tewkesbury Abbey Society except Mr. L. Longney. The ringers wish to tender their best thanks to the Rev. E. R. Nussey for his kindness to them, and for allowing them the use of the bells; also to Mr. A. Longney, and Mr. W. Ellis, whose kindness will long be remembered by them.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE, NORTH WALES.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, April 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHARLES PRICE* Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 6.
JAMES MOULTON* 2.	† JOSIAH ROGERS 7.
JOHN ELLIS* 3.	* THOMAS NEWELL 8.
JOSEPH WILLIAMS* 4.	* EDWARD EVANS 9.
EDWARD ROWLAND* 5.	* JAMES KENDRICK Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

*College Youths. †Cumberland.

Messrs. Moulton and Cross hail from Chester; Mr. Price from Eccleston; Mr. Rogers from Manchester; the rest are local members.
The above peal was rung on the 24th birthday of Mr. John Ellis, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

CHARLES CASH Treble.	JAMES BARRATT 5.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	EDWARD CASH 6.
JOHN E. POLLITT 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 4.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6; see Snowdon's *Treatise*, part 2, page 47. The Brothers Cash and J. Barratt belong to Eccles, the rest are from Manchester.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(STEYNING BRANCH).

On Easter Monday, April 11th, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS;

Being 720 each of the following:—

Kent Treble Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court, Single Court, Oxford Single Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK MORRIS* .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 4.
THOMAS SEARLE 2.	JAMES WOOLGAR 5.
JAMES SEARLE† 3.	CHARLES TYLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

First 5000 rung on the bells. *First 5040. †First 5040 on six bells.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, BROMSGROVE.

On Easter Monday, April 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5112 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT HOBDAV .. Treble.	OLIVER JAMES 6.
GEORGE BOURNE 2.	GEORGE MORRIS 7.
WILLIAM JAMES 3.	GEORGE HAYWARD 8.
GEORGE HUGHES 4.	WALTER REA 9.
THOMAS ALLBUTT 5.	JAMES PARRY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

G. Hughes hails from Tipton; the rest from Bromsgrove. This is the second peal of Caters by G. Hughes, who has only one arm. The peal was rung in honour of the fifth Annual Meeting of the above Association.

This peal has the 6th eighteen courses behind the 9th and 5th twenty-four courses behind the 9th.

PLUMMERS PLAIN, LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BRIGHTON BRANCH).

On Easter Monday, April 11th, 1887, (in the morning), in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lbs.

ARTHUR A. FULLER .. Treble.	JOHN REILLY 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
HARRY WESTON 3.	JOHN JAY 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	WALTER F. VERNON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. F. ATTREE.

First peal on the bells.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BRIGHTON BRANCH).

On Easter Monday, April 11th, 1887, (in the evening), in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER .. Treble.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 5.
HARRY WESTON 2.	JOHN REILLY 6.
GEORGE A. KING 3.	JOHN JAY 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	* HORACE CORNWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WESTON.

This and the proceeding peal at Lower Beeding were rung on the same day, by the same band with the exception of the tenor man. *First peal.

BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Shuffled Peal.

On Easter Tuesday, April 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt.

A. MOULSON Treble.	J. ANGUS 6.
J. H. FISHER 2.	J. H. HARDCASTLE 7.
H. RAISTRICK 3.	J. SCOTT 8.
R. TUKE, Esq. 4.	W. GILL 9.
J. BROADLEY 5.	W. DARBET Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by J. H. HARDCASTLE.

This peal, which is rung for the first time, has the 2nd nine courses at home, and was rung as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. J. H. Fish. J. Scott hails from Keighley; W. Gill from Hull; the rest are members of the local company.

Date Touches.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. Albert Hobday, 1; George Hayward (composer), 2; William James, 3; George Bourne, 4; Thomas Alburt, 5; Oliver James, 6; George Morris, 7; Alfred Moore, 8; Walter Rea (conductor), 9; James Parry, 10. Tenor 20 cwt. This is the longest touch of Caters by Alfred Moore, who hails from Hanbury.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 10th, for evening service at St. Paul's Church, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. A. O. Nettleton (Shipley), 1; B. T. Copley (Bolton), 2; S. H. London (Shipley), 3; S. Langstaff (Pudsey), 4; M. Moor (Keighley), 5; W. Wilks (Shipley), 6; W. E. London (Shipley), 7; F. London (Shipley, composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. H. Rippon, 1; D. Farthing, 2; J. Goodwin, 3; I. Goodwin, 4; G. Topliss (conductor), 5; J. Harris (Staveley), 6; J. Ellis, 7; H. Nuttall, jun., 8; A. Knights (composer), 9; J. Hunt, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALVESTON (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, April 2nd, six members of the Thornbury company paid a visit to the above place, and rang a date touch (1887 changes), in the Grandsire method. W. Davis, 1; Wm. Sevier (conductor), 2; G. Iles, 3; T. Allsop, 4; F. Howell, 5; J. Philipot, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Sunday last, April 11th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. and 12 mins. J. Burgess, 1; J. Holt, 2; C. Bamford, 3; W. Kenny, 4; W. Walmsley (conductor), 5; J. M. Davenport, 6; W. Ingham, 7; J. Morledge, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Composed by Henry Johnson, sen.

WOODFORD (Northamptonshire).—On Tuesday March 29th, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch (1887 changes), in 1 hr. and 13 mins. in the following methods:—Eight 6-scores of Canterbury Doubles, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, three 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, and 87 of Bob Doubles. J. Bunning, 1; G. Bunning, 2; E. Finey, 3; T. Wilson, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5. This is the longest length by all except the conductor, as neither of them knew anything of change-ringing, nor had even handled a bell rope eleven months back. W. J. Gilbert hails from Raunds, the rest belong to the local company.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, April 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for early service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). M. Warwick (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; H. Chapman, 6. Also for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; R. Dunkley (first 720 in the method) 3; H. Chapman, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; R. Dunkley, 4; S. Cullip, 5; H. Chapman, 6. Also at the St. Paul's Church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 1036 of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 4-6's the right way throughout, in 41 mins. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allan, 3; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor) 4; *R. Dunkley, 5; *F. Gilbert, 6; I. Hills, 7; H. Chapman, 8. *Longest touch in the method. Also a 336 of Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allan, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Chapman, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. Handbell Ringing.—Also at the house of Mr. A. Wheatley, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). *M. Warwick, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; *F. Gilbert, 5-6. *First 720 double-handed. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Chapman, 1; F. Keech, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7-8. Also a plain course of Grandsire Caters. F. Keech, 1; R. Dunkley, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; H. Chapman, 5; F. Gilbert, 6; W. Biggs, 7-8; M. Warwick, 9-10. Also a course of Bob Major. M. Warwick, 1-2; W. Biggs, 3-4; C. W. Clarke, 5-6; F. Gilbert, 7-8. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. M. Warwick (conductor), 1; H. Chapman, 2; W. Biggs, 3; F. Gilbert, 4-5; A. Wheatley (non-member, but elected as an honorary member on Easter Monday, first 6-score), 6.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service, a 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. West, 1; T. Tipoe, 2; C. West, 3; H. King, 4; W. King, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

ENVILLE.—On Saturday, April 2nd, the members of St. Benedict's Society visited the above place and rang at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with 6, 8 behind (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Deans, 1; W. Devey, 2; J. Sackfield, 3; J. E. Claridge, 4; R. Cartwright (conductor), 5; H. Deans, 6; A. Little, 7; G. Little, 8. Also touches of College Single and a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Deans, 1; R. Cartwright (conductor), 2; J. Sackfield, 3; H. Deans, 4; A. Little, 5; W. Devey, 6; J. E. Claridge, 7; G. Little, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt.

WOMBOURN.—On Saturday, April 9th, as a last token of respect to the Rev. James H. Fish, late vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, a 600 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled. G. Little, 1; H. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; J. E. Claridge, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. The ringing was short on account of choir practice.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Good Friday, April 8th, for morning service, a 518 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. Skeef. For afternoon service a 336 in the same method. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). James R. Mackman (aged 11; his first quarter-peal), 1; G. Skeef, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; J. W. Jarvis, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. S. Wright, 7; C. Neaverson, 8. The bells were half muffled throughout the day. On Easter Sunday,

April 10th, at 7 a.m., for early service, a 714 of Grandsire Triples. J. R. Mackman, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. S. Wright, 7; G. Skeef, 8. At 10 a.m., a 518 in the same method. Also at 6 p.m., a 672 in the same method. And after service, a 840 in the same method. J. Brown, 1; R. Skeef, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; S. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. S. Wright, 7; S. Skeef, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEIGH (Essex).—On Easter Monday, April 11th, six members of the Rayleigh company paid a visit to the parish church, and rang some capital touches of Plain Bob Minor and College Single, and succeeded in ringing a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 23½ mins. G. Smith, 1; H. Deal, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. The above company also wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector for his kindness in allowing them the use of the belfry.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, March 27th, 720 changes in 26 mins., being 240 changes of each of the three following methods:—Grandsire Minor, Bob Minor, and College Single. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; W. Dowsett, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method with a bob bell by G. Smith. And for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Dowsett, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by W. Dowsett. On Sunday, April 10th, a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6.

ROMFORD.—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, April 3rd, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. J. Keeble, 1-2; B. Keeble, 3-4; W. Keeble, 5-6. This 120 was rung as a birthday touch for two brothers (not twins) Chiming.—On Easter Sunday morning, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. This quarter-peal is the one composed by the Editor of this journal, containing the twenty-four 6-7's, and is the first quarter-peal upon record ever chimed. And for evening service 224 of Bob Major, 96 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and two courses of Stedman Triples. Also for afternoon service, 144 of Double Court, and 180 of Double Oxford Bob Minor.

WRITTLE.—On Easter Day, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; F. Radley, 5; C. Dennison, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; A. Shuttleworth (Widford), 3; F. Radley, 4; C. Waskett (Galleywood), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; W. Piper (Widford), 8. This quarter-peal, composed by Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham (see "THE BELL NEWS," October 2nd, 1886, page 211) contains twenty-four 6-7's.

WIDFORD.—On Friday, March 25th, 720 Double Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins, also two courses of Cambridge Surprise. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; *A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; *A. Tarbun, 5; *W. Piper (conductor) 6. *First 720 in the method. On Easter Day, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 240 of Kent. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Piper (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, April 5th, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles. J. Chivers, J. Cavalier, C. Mitchell, H. Barefield, A. Dunk, F. W. Buckingham, G. Rabbit, C. E. Warner (conductor), H. C. Corke, and T. Wells. The former, with the exception of H. Barefield, who is instructing the society, are members of the new local society lately formed at Tonbridge. The above are the first rang by the new society.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Easter Sunday evening, April 10th, after the conclusion of Divine Service at the parish church, eight members of the above society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of S. J. Claye, Esq., churchwarden, who departed this life on Sunday evening, April 3rd, and his loss will be severely felt by a large circle of friends. G. Kilbourne, 1; A. Widdowson, 2; G. Bradley, 3; S. Clarke, 4; J. Ward, 5; J. C. Dicken, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; T. Cope, 8. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT.—On Monday, April 4th, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. F. Francis, 1; R. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; E. Lee, 4; W. Houlton (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. Also 300 Plain Bob Minor. R. Houlton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Houlton, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, April 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Houlton, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. W. Houlton hails from Wokingham. This is the first 720 of Bob Minor, by all except Francis, and is the first 720 of Minor on the Bells, which have not been rung for three years. Great credit is due to Mr. Spooner for ringing the tenor, as she goes so so heavily at times and the belfry is only ten feet square, some of the ropes hanging only about six inches from the walls. And on Sunday evening, April 10th, for service, four 120's Grandsire Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; E. Spooner, 4; E. Lee (conductor), 5; R. Weeks, 6. Tenor 21 cwt. The bells are by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, and were given by Mrs. M. Waterer in memory of her husband, whom she only survived about twelve months.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY MONMOUTH.

On Saturday, April 9th, being the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Town Hall by J. A. Rolls Esq., attended by the Mayor and Corporation, (of which body the manager of the society is a member), the local members rang some touches of Minor on the back seven. T. Jones, 1; W. Preece, 2; J. Ward, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. Preece, 5; T. H. Jones, 6; H. Brown, 7. Also several touches of Grandsire Triples, taken from the *Shipway Reprint*. W. Jones, 1; W. Preece, 2; W. Honeyfield, Esq., 3; J. Ward, 4; J. Brown, 5; T. Preece, 6; T. H. Jones (conductor), 7; H. Brown, 8. The new Hall is being built as a Jubilee Memorial, at a cost of from £4,000 to £5,000, the whole of which is being defrayed by John Allen Rolls, Esq., of the Hendre, near Monmouth.

BENGELO (Hertford).—On Easter Monday, April 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Bennett, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; J. Channer, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Odell, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Brown, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6. Messrs. Lucas and Barnett hail from Tottenham; Messrs. Buckingham, Mitchell, and Cartmel from St. Albans; the others belonging to the local company at Bengeol.

COLCHESTER.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, April 5th, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 20 mins. D. W. Scott, 1; *J. Ascott, 2; †J. Kettle, 3-4; G. Dent, 5-6. *First 720. †Totally blind.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Monday, April 11th, at St. Martin's Church, a mixed band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 56 mins. E. Dodd, 1; F. J. Hoad (conductor), 2; C. Boxall, 3; W. Argent, 4; H. Boxall, 5; E. Kenward, 6; H. Boxall, 7; J. Howard, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 56 mins. J. Howard, 1; F. J. Hoad, 2; W. Argent, 3; E. Kenward, 4; H. Boxall, 5; C. Boxall (conductor), 6; H. Boxall, 7; C. Dudley, 8. Composed by W. Boxall. F. J. Hoad, W. Argent, E. Kenward, and J. Howard, hail from Reigate, the rest are local ringers.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday, April 5th, at the parish church, 336 of Grandsire Triples. E. Pether, 1; *J. Pether, 2; E. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; J. F. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; C. W. Allen, 7; F. Slade, 8. *First touch with a bob bell. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles, being the first in the method by Hagbourne men. C. W. Allen, 1; J. F. Napper, 2; E. E. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; W. Napper (conductor), 5; E. Pether, 6.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Pether, 1; D. Napper, 2; F. Napper, 3; C. W. Allen, 4; E. E. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; T. Hibbert, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 6th, at St. Martin's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Barrett (conductor), 1; J. Hannington, 2; J. Leach, 3; — Tennant, 4; — Pittam, 5; J. Nixon, 6. On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; J. Nixon, 2; — Tennant, 3; J. Leach, 4; — Pittam, 5; G. Griffin, 6. And after evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 24½ mins. E. Chapman, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; G. Harvey, 3; — Tennant, 4; Pittam, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, April 9th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Mason, 1; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 2; *W. Bird, 3; *A. E. Parsons, 4; *W. Foxall, 5; *R. Bird, 6; *H. Cartwright, 7; W. Green, 8. *First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Also on Easter Sunday, April 10th, for Divine Service, 1344 of Bob Major, in 52½ mins. W. Foxall, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; W. Bird, 3; R. Bird, 4; W. Green, 5; H. Mason, 6; H. Cartwright, 7; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal of Bob Major by all. For Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25½ mins. W. Foxall, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; W. Green, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. And on Easter Monday, April 11th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. Brooks, 1; *F. Davis, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; W. Green, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; H. Mason (conductor, first time), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. *F. Davis, 1; *A. E. Parsons, 2; *J. Brooks, 3; *H. Cartwright, 4; *H. Mason, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Oxford. F. Davis and J. Brooks' first 720 of Treble Bob. Also 720 of Place Minor, in 2; mins. F. Davis, 1; *J. Brooks, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; H. Mason, 4; *W. Green, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. F. Davis and J. Brooks are members of the Lye Society.

SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, April 10th, the following members of the local company rang before the early celebration, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. H. Hurr, 1; T. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; F. Lambert, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. And before the 10.30 service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. King, 1; F. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; E. Upcraft, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Another 720 was attempted before evensong, but failed. On Easter Monday, April 11th, the Halesworth company were invited over to Southwold for some ringing, but four of those who accepted having failed, for some unexplained reason, to fulfil their engagement, nothing could be attempted beyond Bob Minor, with the help of the young local company. The following rang a 720 (six bobs and 30 singles), in 28 mins. F. Lambert, 1; F. Haken, 2; J. Howard, 3; C. Goddard, 4; C. Kerrison, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. The 1st, 3rd, and 5th ringers belong to Halesworth; the others are members of the local company.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell ringing.*—On Thursday, April 7th, a 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. And on Easter Sunday, for Divine Service at 6 a.m., 504 of Bob Triples. T. Kent, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And for Divine Service at 10 a.m., 504 of Stedman Triples. A. Barnett, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Also some Grandsire Triples and Bob Major for other services.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, March 28th, at St. Thomas's Church, the local company rang for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 behind, in 30 mins. W. A. Pugh, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; C. Barrett, 6; *G. H. Paget (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. On Sunday, April 3rd, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 behind. W. A. Pugh, 1; J. Guest, 2; *T. Lees (conductor), 3; G. H. Paget, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; C. Barrett, 6; H. Harris, 7; J. Crump, 8. And a 168 of Bob Triples. C. Barrett, 1; J. Guest, 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; T. Lees, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Paget (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. And for service, a 252 of Bob Triples, standing as above. And after service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 behind. C. Barrett, 1; J. Guest, 2; H. Harris (conductor), 3; T. Lees, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; J. Bird, 6; G. H. Paget, 7; J. Crump, 8. *First peal as conductor. Tenor about 19 cwt.

STANSTED (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, April 9th, at the King's Arms inn, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, on handbells retained in hand, in 24 mins. W. F. Prior, 1; H. Prior, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. W. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. W. T. Prior, 1; G. Prior, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3-4; H. Prior, 5-6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Prior, 1-2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3-4; H. Prior, 5-6. And some lapping on handbells. A plain course of Stedman Cinques, and three leads of Treble Bob Maxing. W. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; H. J. Tucker, 5-6; W. Watts, 7-8; G. Prior, 9-10; W. Luckey, 11-12. And on Sunday morning, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, at 6 a.m., a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (with twenty-six singles and sixteen singles), in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C.

Prior (conductor), 6. Composed by J. F. Penning, of Saffron Walden. And a 720 of Gollege Single, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; J. Luckey, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And for morning service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. T. Newman, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior, 6. This is the first 720 in this method on these bells. Messrs. Tucker and Newman hail from Bishops Stortford. Tenor 13 cwt.

YORK.—On Monday, April 4th, a touch of Grandsire Cinques, on the bells of York Minster, to celebrate the golden wedding of the Hon. and Rev. Canon Baille, at present canon in residence, he having married the late Canon Hawkins' daughter, in the year 1837, on the above date. M. West, 1; G. Breed, 2; J. W. Cundall, 3; J. Underwood, 4; G. Worth, 5; R. Thompson, 6; A. C. Fearnley, 7; J. Thompson, 8; T. Haigh, 9; T. Hodgson, 10; W. H. Howard, 11; H. Brown and E. Morrod, 12. *Muffled Peal*.—And on Monday, April 11th, the following rang at the Minster eight courses, or forty-one leads of Grandsire Caters, to the memory of the Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of Burton-on-Trent, being the number of years he had lived, and to show their respect, as also several of the clergy, and the Dean of York, who readily gave permission. J. W. Cundall, 1; J. Thompson, 2; E. Dawson, 3; R. Thompson, 4; A. C. Fearnley, 5; J. Underwood, 6; T. Haigh, 7; T. Hodgson, 8; W. H. Howard (conductor), 9; H. Brown and E. Morrod, 10.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Ringings done during the month of March at Christ Church, Mitcham.—On Saturday, March 5th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 23 mins. C. Burtenshaw, 1; G. Petrie, 2; John Trendell, 3; James Trendell, 4; A. Garrott, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. James Trendell, 1; R. Moss, 2; G. Welling (conductor), 3; John Trendell, 4; G. Petrie, 5; J. Fayes, 6. On Sunday, March 6th, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. S. Greenwood (conductor), 1; C. Burtenshaw, 2; J. Fayes, 3; G. Welling, 4; A. Brockwell, 5; G. Pell, 6. On Sunday, March 13th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. W. J. Hird, 1; W. Gallagher, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; A. Brockwell, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 20th, for morning service, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. W. Gallagher, 1; H. J. Schneider, 2; S. Greenwood (conductor), 3; D. Springall, 4; A. Brockwell, 5; G. Pell, 6. And a 240 of Bob Minor. D. Burtenshaw, 1; H. J. Schneider, 2; S. Greenwood, 3; G. Pell, 4; D. Springall (conductor), 5; C. Burtenshaw, 6. On Sunday, March 20th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 360 of Bob Minor. W. J. Hird, 1; W. Gallagher, 2; C. Burtenshaw, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; D. Burtenshaw, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, March 22nd, a 360 of Bob Minor. H. Baker, 1; W. Gallagher, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; J. Fayes, 4; G. Welling, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Gallagher, 1; E. Burtenshaw, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; G. Welling, 4; J. Fayes (conductor), 5; H. J. Schneider, 6. On Tuesday, March 29th, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. H. Baker, 1; J. Kohler, 2; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 3; W. Gallagher, 4; E. Burtenshaw, 5; D. Burtenshaw, 6. Also several 120's of Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at S. Peter's, South Croydon, on Easter Monday, April 11th, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. White. The ringing began at about half-past 3 o'clock, when touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Major were rung. At 6 o'clock some forty members sat down to tea in the Church-room, and after tea was despatched the usual business was transacted, under the presidency of the vicar. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and passed, the hon. secretary informed the meeting that he had received on their behalf the current reports of the United Counties' Association, the Yorkshire Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Midland Counties' Association, and the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association. A rule was passed enabling honorary members residing out of Surrey, to become life members by a donation of not less than two guineas. Ten new members were elected, including the Rev. J. White. Finally it was decided to hold the next District Meeting at Reigate, on Whit Monday, and the Annual Meeting at Kingston, in about three months' time. Subsequently more ringing was done both at S. Peter's and at the parish church, until about 9 p.m. This meeting was attended by ringers from Beddington, Benhilton, Bletchingley, Croydon, Dorking, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Reigate, Streatham, and Wimbledon.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 11TH, 1887.—

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Easter Sunday, April 10th, for Morning Service, a quarter-peal (1:60 changes), in 4 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; S. Davies (London), 2; A. Thwaites, 3; F. L. Davies (London), 4; G. F. Attree, 5; H. L. Parkington (London), 6. H. Weston (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. C. E. Golds, 1; H. Weston, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; J. Reilly, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. E. Tyler, 7; E. H. Wilson (London), 8. And on Easter Monday, April 11th, at Lower Beeching and Bolney, two peals (5040 changes), of Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 52 mins., and 3 hrs. respectively. For particulars see peal column.

By the Crawley branch, at Crawley.—On Tuesday, March 22nd, a 700 of Grandsire Triples in 25 mins. J. Collison, 1; T. Smith, 2; W. Parsons, 3; J. Newnham (conductor), 4; F. Rice, 5; W. Collison, 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8. Also on Tuesday, March 29th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 22 mins. G. Wickens, 1; Rev. J. B. Lennard, 2; W. Parsons, 3; F. Rice, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8.

By the Crawley branch, at Charlwood.—On Sunday, April 3rd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 28 mins. S. Jordan, 1; G. Wickens, 2; A. Ellis, 3; B. King, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And another 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. S. Jordan, 1; G. Wickens, 2; B. King, 3; W. Parsons, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

By the Steyning Branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, April 5th, a 360 of Yorkshire Court. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 7th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 4; F. Morris, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 10th, a 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; E. Brackley, 3; F. Morris, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. J. Smart, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; F. Morris, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Searle, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; F. Morris, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Easter Monday, April 11th, at West Tarring, a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. (For particulars see peal column). And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Searle, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also at Goring, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6. Also 720 of College Single. C. Tyler, 1; F. Morris, 2; J. Searle, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. G. Gatland, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; T. Searle, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Searle, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. The above are the first 720's ever rung on the Goring bells.

By the Warnham Branch, at Warnham.—On Sunday, April 10th, the first-half of Shipway's ten-part peal of Court Bob Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 35 mins. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Andrews, 4; F. Knight, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Wood, 8. Also the last half of the same peal on the same day, in 1 hr. 34 mins., standing as before.

By the Worth Branch, at Worth.—On Sunday, April 3rd, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 24½ mins. W. Odwen, 1; W. Denman, 2; E. Streeter, 3; F. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BELLS, LOUGHBOROUGH.—It having been decided to accept Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s munificent offer to add two new bells to the peal of eight at All Saints' Church, on condition that the parishioners undertake the work of re-hanging the peal, the work is being rapidly pushed forward with a view of having the new peal in position by the date of the Queen's Jubilee. In addition to the present of two new bells, Messrs. Taylor and Co. have also very generously undertaken to improve some of the larger bells of the existing peal, in order to make the new peal one in every respect worthy of the fine old church in which it is to be placed, and also a credit to the town which, through the enterprise of Messrs. Taylor and Co., has obtained world-wide reputation in connection with the manufacture of bells. The sixth, seventh, and eighth bells (the latter being the large tenor bell) are to be replaced by new ones of superior tone and greater weight, an alteration which will effect much improvement in the musical excellence of the peal. The work of casting the three large bells was successfully carried out on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a number of spectators.



In Memoriam.

THE REV. JAMES H. FISH.

In the prime of life, in the midst of active and vigorous work, the Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, has been suddenly called away from the post he so ably filled.

Mr. Fish retired to rest on Tuesday evening, April 5th, apparently in his usual health, when shortly before midnight he was seized with an attack of the heart to which he succumbed before medical aid could be summoned. At the age of 41, the same at which his close friend Mr. Snowdon died, the ringing world has lost another valuable supporter.

In his earlier years, while at college, Mr. Fish distinguished himself as a member of the Oxford crew in the inter-University boat race, and this capacity for excelling he carried into later life, adding thereto an uncommon power of organization, and a remarkable directness and cogency of address.

On his appointment, exactly 13 years ago, to the vicarage of St. Paul's—a church then just completed at the expense of the late Mr. Bass—amongst other objects to which Mr. Fish turned his energies was that of forming a band of ringers to do justice to the peal of eight bells with which the tower was provided. How he worked and how he succeeded is best understood by the position which the company he created now occupies. He was once heard to remark that he did not believe there was a likely man in Burton that he had not taught to handle a rope; and his grief on the occasion of the secession of one of his band was expressed in the words: "It will take me ten years to make another like him."

Although it was more as an organizer than as a practical ringer that Mr. Fish's influence made itself felt, he yet was no mean exponent of the art, having taken part in several notable performances, foremost among which may be mentioned the 6720 of Superlative Surprise rung at Burton on January 24th, 1885.

The Midland Counties' Association, at present the foremost method ringing society in the country, owes its prominence almost entirely to his wise and energetic direction. Founded originally as a local Society under the title of the "Derby and District Association," Mr. Fish and his talented company joined, and entered heartily into its objects. Widening in reach, the name was altered to "The Midland Counties' Association" so as to embrace the four important towns of Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, and Burton. Aided by the sage counsels of Mr. Snowdon, Mr. Fish, as president, gave heart and soul to the work; a work which culminated last year in his being able to address the Association from the pulpit, on the occasion of the Annual Meeting, in these memorable words: "I am going to address myself to you as being to-day the premier Association of Change-ringers in the Kingdom. Whether you will continue to be so for long in the future will of course depend upon Providence and yourselves, but I say that to day, unquestionably and without exception, you are a long way ahead of all similar Associations in the country."

The cares and increasing work of a large parish obliged him at this meeting to resign his position of President, and the opportunity was taken to present a testimonial of the regard in which he was held. Since this time Mr. Fish had retired from any active connection with ringing, but he was none the less always ready with his advice and support, having acted as one of the referees of the silent peal of Stedman Triples rung at Burton on November 20th, 1886, and so late as the day of his death having arranged with the hon. sec. of the Association to assist him in his duties on the occasion of the Easter Annual Meeting.

Mr. Fish was a thorough disciplinarian, sound in his knowledge and appreciation of the best methods and the best peals, and, an admirable striker himself, unsparing in his criticism of slovenly ringing. "It is not sufficient to record a peal," he once said, "the compass and beat must be regular or I would not own the performance."

By his death the Exercise has lost an ardent supporter; the Midland Counties' Association their best friend; and the St. Paul's Society one who was to each member of it nothing less than an affectionate brother.

The funeral took place at Eccleshall, near Sheffield, on Saturday last. Before leaving Burton-on-Trent, a choral service took place at St. Paul's Church, and from the church to the station the body was followed by a very large number of people. The body arrived in Sheffield at 11.45, and hearse and mourning coaches being in readiness, the funeral procession proceeded at once to Eccleshall. In the first carriage were the Rev. G. Fish, the Rev. H. H. Moore, Mr. Edward Moore, and Mr. Hudson; in the second, Mr. Churchill (architect), Mr. C. A. Winder, and Mr. Henry Winder; in the third, Lord Burton, the Rev. H. O. Hall, and the Rev. Jas. Addenbrooke (curates of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent), and Mr. Ellis (vicar's warden); in the fourth, Mr. A. Plant, Mus. Bac. (organist at St. Paul's), Mr. G. A. Barnes (assistant organist), Mr. Churchill and Mr. Addenbrooke; and in the fifth, Captain Nicholls, Councillor Stirk, Mr. Addenbrooke, and Mr. W. Ryley. At the churchyard were Mr. William Boden, Mr. J. Holleyhead, Mr. Boome, Mr. Neale, Mr. Squire, Mr. Daniels, and other friends of the deceased from Burton-on-Trent, in addition to numerous friends of the deceased resident in Sheffield. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Sandford, assisted by the Rev. F. G. Sandford, (who represented the ringing community, being himself a ringing member of the Yorkshire Association), the Rev. V. Odom, and the Rev. C. F. Knight, the latter representing the Archdeacon of Sheffield. A large number of wreaths, composed of exquisite flowers, were placed on the coffin, among them being one formed of arum lilies, the tribute of the Rev. H. H. Moore. After the funeral rites had been performed, ten members of the Sheffield Amalgamated Society of Change-ringers, who are also members of the Yorkshire Association, of which the late rev. gentleman was a member, met at the Sheffield parish church, where formerly Mr. Fish was curate. A peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled, particulars of which appear in our peal column.

ALGERNON TAYLOR.

We regret to record the death of Algernon (Alfred) Taylor, of Hull, which took place on Saturday, the 2nd inst., in his 28th year. The deceased commenced his ringing career at St. James's, Hull, in 1874, and had endeared himself to all by his amiable and unassuming disposition. He afterwards joined the Holy Trinity Society, to which he belonged for nine years. He had been in failing health for the past two years. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths, and rang twenty-two peals, consisting of twelve of Grandsire Triples, two of Grandsire Major, six of Bob Major, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, and one of Yorkshire Court Major, this last being rung on 31st July, 1885. The funeral took place at the general cemetery on the 5th inst, and he was borne to his last resting place by his brother-ringers and fellow-workmen, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over his grave upon handbells by the following:—T. Stockdale, 1-2; W. Southwick, 3-4; C. Jackson, 5-6; R. Chaffer, 7-8. The coffin was a very handsome one of polished pitch pine with brass mountings, and was made by Mr. J. W. Stickney, the conductor of the St. James's Society, Hull. After the funeral a start was made for a muffled peal at St. James's Church, but owing to the indisposition of one of the company, "stand" was called when 1120 changes had been rung. A peal was rung to his memory at Holy Trinity Church, with the bells muffled, on Good Friday, an account of which appears in another column.

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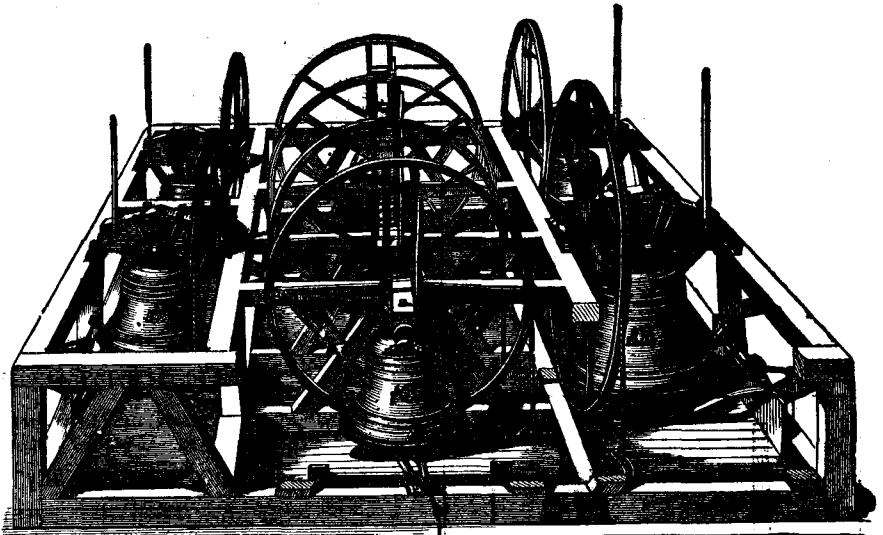


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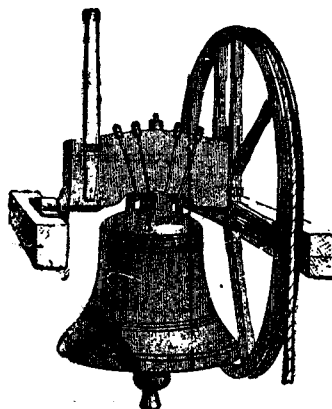
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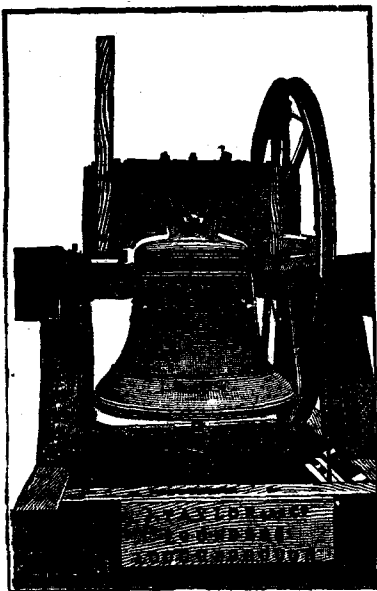
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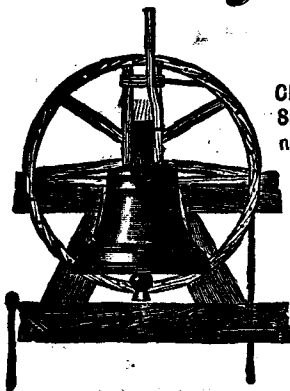
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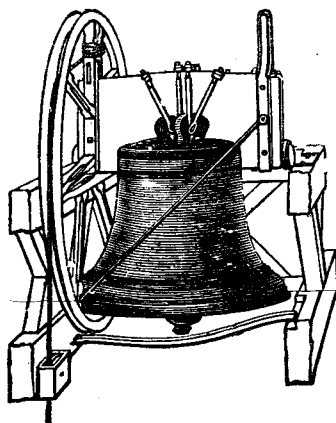
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above was held on Easter Monday in the Chapter House of the Cathedral at Worcester. In the unavoidable absence of the President (Very rev. Dr. Gott, Dean of Worcester), the Rev. Canon Creighton presided, supported by the Revs. Canon Cattley, W. R. Carr (St. John's, Worcester), W. C. Gibbs (rector of St. John's, Hagley), Messrs. S. Spittle (Master), J. Smith (Secretary), E. Crump (Treasurer), and upwards of eighty members from all parts of the county. Prayers having been said by the Rev. W. R. Carr, the Chairman, in welcoming the Association to Worcester, said the Dean and Chapter were pleased to accede to the request made by his friend Mr. Carr on behalf of the Association to hold their meeting in the Chapter House. He wished to say that it was only within the last hour or so that he was asked to preside at that meeting, which office he undertook with much pleasure. He thought it was the duty of the clergy, and especially those connected with the Cathedral, to take an active part in all Church work. He was sure that bell ringing was one branch which ought to be made useful in giving glory to God. Bells were placed in our churches to be used not as mere ornaments, and he trusted the members of this Association would make themselves proficient in the use of them. He ventured to hope that while they gave their time and energy to excel in the art of bell ringing, they would remember that they were workers in the Church not for their own glory, but for the glory of God, their lives therefore should be in harmony with their calling. He trusted the time was gone by when the ringers, after ringing others to church, walked away themselves, such conduct making a bad impression upon those who cared little for the worship of God. Meeting in the belfry, which was a part of God's House, ought to impress them with a feeling that they were engaged in God's work, then would their Exercise be to them not only a pleasure, but a real blessing. In conclusion, he gave an interesting description of bells, their origin, and use.

The Secretary having read the Annual Report, the Rev. W. R. Carr, in proposing its adoption, said that he was able to do so with pleasure. Much good had been done already through the Association, but much now might be done. He was sure that nothing would be allowed to be done or said in the belfries of our churches which would disgrace either the calling of a ringer or the place in which he rings. If all would do their duty to themselves and to their Church, he was sure they would form a useful band of Church workers. He wished them not to be mere buttresses of the Church (outside workers), but pillars of the Church also, having done their duty well outside, to be equally earnest to take part in the services inside.

Canon Cattley, in seconding the proposition, endorsed the remarks of the proposer, and trusted the kindly advice given by him and the Chairman would be received and acted upon by the members of the Association.

The Rev. Dr. Gott was re-elected President, as were also Canon Cattley and the Rev. W. R. Carr, Vice-Presidents. Mr. T. Brown (Worcester), was re-elected, and Mr. J. Naylor (Dudley), elected lay vice-presidents. The following were elected to serve on the Committee: Revs. Canon Claughton, W. C. Gibbs, E. J. Hall, S. J. Marriott, and C. W. Tibbets, with one representative from each company in union, the Worcester branch to send two. Several new members, honorary and performing, were added to the roll. Some slight alterations were made in the rules, and the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, were unanimously passed. The rev. gentleman thanked them most heartily for the same, and pronounced the benediction, after which the members dispersed to the various church towers in the city, where some good touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Minor, Bob Major and Minor, were rung, as was also a peal of Grandsire Caters by the St. John's society, Bromsgrove, at All Saints' Church, Worcester, before the meeting, as recorded in last week's "BELL NEWS."

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM

The Quarterly Meeting of the above society will be held at the "Ring of Bells," Aston, on Thursday evening next (28th instant), at eight o'clock. I also give notice that practice on Thursday evenings, from 7.45 till 9, will be resumed after the above date; also that ringing will take place on the first Sunday morning in each month (March and April excepted) from 9.45 till 11.0 a.m. T. HEMMING, Sec.

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH.

	Jan. and Feb.	March.	Total.
Yorkshire Association	14	14	28
Ancient Society of College Youths	15	9	24
Oxford Diocesan Guild	9	8	17
Sussex County Association	12	4	16
Midland Counties' Association	11	2	13
St. James' Society, London	7	5	12
United Counties' Association	7	3	10
Lancashire Association	7	2	9
Norwich Diocesan Guild	4	5	9
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	7	1	8
Kent County Association	4	1	5
Hertford Association	5	0	5
Surrey Association	4	1	5
The Holt Society	4	0	4
Winchester Diocesan Guild	2	2	4
Essex Association	2	2	4
St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	2	2	4
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	0	3	3
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	2	0	2
Bedfordshire Association	1	1	2
Birmingham and District Society	0	1	1
Eastern Counties' Association	1	0	1
Devonshire Guild	1	0	1
Waterloo Society, London	1	0	1
North Lincolnshire Association	0	1	1
Independent Societies	15	7	22
	137	74	211
Less peals entered under two Associations	11	9	20
Totals	126	65	191

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Albion Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 4; Double Oxford Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5; Stedman Cinques, 2; Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Triples, 17; Treble Bob Royal, 4; Treble Bob Major, 37; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Grandsire Caters, 8; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 64; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Major, 15; Bob Triples, 5; Rose of England Major, 1; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; in 21 Minor methods on six bells, 1; in 14 ditto, 1; in 7 ditto, 10; Total, 191. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,176; quickest peal on church bells, 2 hours and 31 minutes. The following nine associations have not scored a peal this year:—Cambridge, Durham and Newcastle. Ely, Rochdale and District, Salisbury, South Lincolnshire, Stoke-upon-Trent, and Worcester. GEO. F. ATTREE.

A VISIT TO DUFFIELD AND DERBY.

On Easter Monday a party of ringers from Manchester, Eccles, and Worsley, sixteen all told, paid a visit to the above places. Arriving at Duffield about 9.45 a.m., the morning salutations were exchanged between the party and A. Percival Heywood, Esq., who proceeded to Derby by the same train the ringers alighted from. A move was then made for Duffield Church, where, after the Bradford company had rung an excellent touch of Treble Bob Major, another touch in the same method was rung by J. Eachus, 1; Edward Cash, 2; Joseph Grimshaw, 2; F. Darbyshire, 4; J. Welsby, 5; T. Darbyshire, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; R. Ridyard, 8. This being over preparations were then made to start for a peal (5024 changes) in the same musical method. "Go" was called at 10.54 a.m., and all went well for an hour and thirty-five minutes when a slight mistake by one ringer took place. This, however, was speedily made right, and the welcome cry of "this is all" brought the bells into rounds at the end of three hours and four minutes. The account of this peal was published in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" last week. Descending the tower it was found that several of the party had gone on to Derby, so steps were taken to Little Heath station to catch the train, but the train had been gone a quarter of an hour. Nothing remained but to adopt the means of travelling usually resorted to after the last train has gone, viz., walking. By this means Derby was reached at 4.10 p.m., just in time for tea at St. Andrew's Schools, as due notice had been given to the hon. sec., Mr. J. Griffin. This part of the business being over the meeting was then held, presided over by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., after which the handbell contest took place, which the visitors enjoyed very much. Train time being near, a move had thus to be made for the station en route for Manchester, where they arrived in perfect safety at 10.15 p.m. The above ringers wish to thank A. Percival Heywood, Esq., for his exceeding great kindness in allowing them to look round his grounds and also for making the arrangements which helped to make the day a most enjoyable one for them.

A MUSICAL METHOD FOR EIGHT, TEN, AND TWELVE BELLS.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

III.—HOW TO RING THE METHOD.

		Plain Course.	Calls on Tenor.
First thirds		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Home
		2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	
		1 2 4 6 3 5 7 8	
		2 1 6 4 5 3 8 7	
		1 2 6 5 4 3 7 8	
		2 1 5 6 3 4 8 7	1.
		2 5 1 3 6 8 4 7	
		5 2 3 1 8 6 7 4	
		2 5 3 8 1 6 4 7	
		5 2 8 3 6 1 7 4	
Last sixths		2 5 8 6 3 1 4 7	2.
		5 2 6 8 1 3 7 4	
		5 6 2 1 8 7 3 4	
		6 5 1 2 7 8 4 3	
		5 6 1 7 2 8 3 4	
		6 5 7 1 8 2 4 3	In
		5 6 7 8 1 2 3 4	
		6 5 8 7 2 1 4 3	
		6 5 8 7 2 1 4 3	
		6 5 8 7 2 1 4 3	
First thirds		6 8 5 2 7 4 1 3	Before
		8 6 2 5 4 7 3 1	
		6 8 2 4 5 7 1 3	
		8 6 4 2 7 5 3 1	
		6 8 4 7 2 5 1 3	
		8 6 7 4 5 2 3 1	4.
		8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	
		7 8 5 6 3 4 1 2	
		8 7 5 3 6 4 2 1	
		7 8 3 5 4 6 1 2	
Last thirds		8 7 3 4 5 6 2 1	Out
		7 8 4 3 6 5 1 2	
		7 4 8 6 3 1 5 2	
		4 7 6 8 1 3 2 5	
		7 4 6 1 8 3 5 2	
First sixths		4 7 1 6 3 8 2 5	Sixths
		7 4 1 3 6 8 5 2	
		4 7 3 1 8 6 2 5	
		4 3 7 8 1 2 6 5	
		3 4 8 7 2 1 5 6	
Last thirds		4 3 8 2 7 1 6 5	Middle
		3 4 2 8 1 7 5 6	
		4 3 2 1 8 7 6 5	
		3 4 1 2 7 8 5 6	
		3 1 4 7 2 5 8 6	
First thirds		1 3 7 4 5 2 6 8	8.
		3 1 7 5 4 2 8 6	
		1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8	
		3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6	
		1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8	
Last thirds		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Bob.
		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
		1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7	
		1 2 4 6 3 5 7 8	
		2 1 6 4 5 3 8 7	
First sixths		1 2 6 5 4 3 7 8	Call bob.
		2 1 5 6 3 4 8 7	
		2 5 1 3 6 4 7 8	
		5 2 3 1 4 6 8 7	
		2 5 3 4 1 6 7 8	
Last thirds		5 2 4 3 6 1 8 7	A Single.
		2 5 4 6 3 1 7 8	
		5 2 6 4 1 3 8 7	
		5 6 2 1 4 8 3 7	
		5 6 2 1 4 8 3 7	

In the two previous papers I have given at length my reasons for bringing forward a new method, and also a general description of its construction and qualities. I will now proceed to a more detailed explanation. I have named the method "DUFFIELD" after my own parish. A plain course of Major is given above, the consideration of Royal and Maximus being postponed till later.

I fancy I see a smile at the idea of dignifying with the title of "method" that which looks little more than a lead; yet the smile is on my side, for this little bit of a course of only 48 changes is capable of what not even the long courses of Treble Bob Major can accomplish, namely, of producing a 5000 with the 6th at home throughout, a tolerable indication of its musical extent.

Like Stedman, the method runs in sixes, but here the first change of each six is a *back stroke*, owing to the necessity that the whole pulls in front and behind, which must occur at the parting of the sixes, should come "right," that is at hand and back. Thus the go off is at the second change of a six. As each of the eight bells does exactly the same work in a plain course, merely starting at a different part of this work, if the course of any one bell, say the tenor, is followed, the simplicity of the movements of all will be at once apparent. I have placed a specially conspicuous figure to indicate this bell, as its course will thus easily be distinguished, and its position at the various calls be more readily understood. Let us now follow the tenor through the course. On going off it makes a double dodge in 7-8 down and goes into the "four-bell" work. This, from behind, consists in hunting down and making thirds place (first thirds), up to and making sixths place (last sixths), and straight to lead. A double dodge in 1-2 down, a whole pull, and a double dodge in 1-2 up; then the "four-bell" work as before, but the reverse way, viz.: up and make sixths (first sixths) down and make thirds (last thirds), and straight out behind, when a double dodge in 7-8 up and a whole pull brings the course-end—in strictness it should be termed the course beginning—and the tenor into position for the double dodge in 7-8 down, with which it started. To a Double Norwich ringer the work in front and behind will be clear, when told that it is identical with Double Norwich "full work."

The bob, as in Stedman, is on the last three bells, the pair behind dodging together an extra six, and the bell just about to go behind making sixths place (bob sixths), thus taking up the work of a bell just leaving behind, that is beginning the "four-bell" work down. An illustration of this is given above where a bob at "home" is called, the 4th making the bob, and 7, 8 dodging behind the extra six. Singles are also made as in Stedman, by the two back bells lying still over the bell making the bob. It will scarcely be necessary to take up time with further explanation, as the work is so extremely simple as to require little more than a glance to master it. Being, on eight bells, a perfect double method, the work down is of course an exact reverse of the work up. The thirds and sixths places are denominated "first" or "last" according as they are made in the first or last of the two sixes during which each bell, on its way either up or down, remains in the four bell work. Thus "first sixths" and "last thirds" are made going up, "first thirds" and "last sixths" going down. Every place and whole pull is, without exception, made "right," that is at hand and back, and every dodge is an ordinary Major backstroke dodge.

As regards the coursing order in the plain course, I may remark that it is the same as in the generality of even bell methods, with the exception that the 4th and 5th are transposed, and the treble, as a working bell, introduced between the 3rd and 2nd. The plain course order is therefore, 874312568. This interchange of the 4th and 5th is unavoidable, and has the advantage of giving better music where the 7th is in 7-8 down or 1-2 up, 7, 4 being a more harmonious pair than 7, 5.

Some curious rhythmical changes of considerable beauty come up in the plain course. By "rhythmical" is meant those changes that have a simple arithmetical relation to one another, in contradistinction to those that are purely musical. Such a change as 13745268, being an example of the latter, while the back change, 87654321 is an instance of the former. These rhythmical changes have a pleasing effect, as they are for the most part musical. Among them we get 56781234, 78563412, and several other unusual sequences, which at once strike the

ear as novel. Among the more strictly harmonious changes we have, in addition to "Queens," the same backwards, 86427531. "Whittington" and "Tittums," although not in the plain course, are easily obtained, together with most of the 468's, without parting the tenors, which in this method would be liable to produce numerous false rows.

If the plain course of Duffield Major is rung on handbells—and thus individual changes are best distinguished—it will be found to contain a greater variety of good music than a course of any other method; for while giving the greater part of the fine changes that are found in that Prince of methods. Superlative, it is quite free from the many wild changes that the latter possesses, that is, changes with the tenors one in front and the other behind, or in other irregular positions. Duffield only parts the tenors for a few blows, and then merely just enough to bring up the musical effects, and will amply repay the little trouble necessary to acquire it on handbells. And here it may be pointed out that as 2 courses 1, 3 courses 4, 6 courses 5, and 7 courses 8, every pair does the same work, the only difference being that in the case of 1-2 and 5-6, the righthand bell courses before the left, while with 3-4 and 7-8 the left goes before the right. The changes in the last half of the course will be seen to be nothing more than those in the first half exactly reversed.

I shall now go on to some hints for ringing the method in the tower, of which a few week's practice has proved the utility, and indeed the necessity, for the moment we come to bobs, considerable attention is required. What follows, therefore, may be passed over until wanted.

There are three bells in particular the positions of which in practical ringing it is well to observe; your "course" bell, or bell you are coursing, your "courser," or bell which is coursing you, and your "double," or bell which is doing work the exact reverse of your own. If, in the plain course given above, a pencil line, after the manner of Mr. Snowdon's diagrams, is drawn following the figure 8, and another following the figure 1, these two lines will be seen to form an exact symmetrical pattern; the treble being always, throughout the plain course, in a position relatively the exact opposite of that occupied by the tenor. When the treble leaves the front the tenor leaves behind; when the treble makes "first sixths," the tenor makes "first thirds"; when the treble makes "last thirds," the tenor makes "last sixths"; when the treble goes out of the "four-bell" work to dodge behind, the tenor goes down to dodge in front, and so forth. Thus a ringer knowing his "double" knows exactly at any moment the work that bell should be doing, for it is doing the same going up as he is doing going down, or vice versa.

Now it is in the "four-bell" work that the fatal mistakes always occur, and it is here that the practical use of the "double" bell comes in. Suppose you are leaving behind; you go down to make "first thirds"; as you go down—see 1, 8 in the plain course—you find your "double" in the bell you strike over at your blow in 5th's place, that is, the bell you strike next after your "course" bell. If there has been no bob called since you left the "four-bell" work going up, your "double" is the same as it was then, and on striking in 5th's place coming down you know beforehand which bell you will strike over. Now while in the "four-bell" work, you strike three blows in 5th's place; the first, as you go down to make "first thirds"; the second, as you turn back to make "last sixths"; the third as you go down to lead. Each of these three blows in 5th's place is over your "double." Here is the value of the observation. You always pass your "double" in 4-5 whether going up or down, consequently you can set your work by his, or his by yours, according to which is the weaker. A bob does not affect your relation to him during the time you are in the "four-bell" work, but if one is called as you are going down to lead after striking him for the third time, he makes it. Thus the bell going down to lead always knows the bell that is making the bob, a knowledge of no slight value, as if a clash occur, the former can call to the latter to make "bob sixths," a term necessary in contradistinction to "first" and "last sixths," which appear immediately before and after "bob sixths." The rule as to your "double" of course holds equally in going up from front to behind, and your "double" always remains the same, and does the reverse work to yourself, until a bob moves one or the other of you.

Next as to your "course" bell. This is a most important aid. It is with this bell that you always dodge first on reaching the front or back. It is also well to know the blows you strike over him in the "four-bell" work. These are two; you strike him, on leaving front or back, next after the bell going to take your place; you also pass him as he goes out of the "four-bell" work as you finish your "first" places, whether thirds or sixths. But the great use of the "course" bell is when, as is sometimes the case, a ringer forgets either which way he is going, or whether he is making "first" or "last" places. The simple rule is: Whenever you come into third's place, notice if your "course" bell is dodging in front, if so, join him at once, if not, make thirds and turn back. Similarly when you come into sixths place, if he is dodging behind, join him at once; if not, make sixths and turn back. In short, never leave the "four-bell" work till you see your "course" bell in the dodging. The only exception to the rule is when your "course" bell is called to make "bob sixths" and turns back again. There are three positions in which a bob will alter your "course" bell; to find the new one the following observations are useful: If you are making the bob (bob sixths,) your new course bell is that you strike at your backstroke in sixths place. If making "first sixths" when the bob is called, it is that which is dodging in 7-8 up, and strikes over you at backstroke as the call is made. If dodging 7-8 down, it is that you strike at hand the blow next after the call is made.

Lastly, as to your "courser" bell. A knowledge of the blows you strike over him in the "four-bell" work is useful. You pass him in 3-4 when about to make "last thirds," and in 5-6 when making last sixths, according as you are going up or down. You dodge in front and behind with him after dodging with your "course" bell; thus if there is any hesitation, you will know what bell to call to join you. When in the "four-bell" work, your "course" bell is with you during the first six, and your "courser" during the last. To those ringers that possess the power of keeping others straight, the following hints will prove of service: When in the dodging, if any bell tries to join you at first dodge, send him right away to the opposite dodging; if at second dodge, tell him to make the far (last) place and come back again; if it is directly a bob is called, you being behind and making the first of the extra dodges, tell him to go down and make "first thirds," as he is the one that made the bob. Notice also that the last (backstroke) blow of "first thirds" or "first sixths" is made at the same time as the last dodge of the bells in front and behind; the "first thirds" and "sixths" being made a whole pull previously.

The above information may, by many, be deemed superfluous, but I have had considerable experience in method teaching, and I find that by setting forth the various hints, ringers are enabled to pick those that suit them best, seldom choosing alike, for scarcely any two men work by exactly the same mental process. I may say, however, that in Duffield it will be found next to impossible to ring with certainty without watching the "course" bell and the "double" bell.

In the next paper a table of course-ends will be given, with instructions for pricking the method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2nd, 1887, a District Meeting will be held at Woodbridge, on the occasion of opening the bells after rehanging. Dinner at the Crown Hotel at 1 o'clock. Service in the church at 3 o'clock, with sermon by Ven. Archdeacon Perowne, Rector of Redenhall. Members intending to dine are requested to inform the Secretary on or before Wednesday, April 27th, with name of station.

4, Bracondale Terrace, Norwich.

N. BOLINGBROKE, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, the 30th instant, when and where the Committee hope to see all members and others interested in the welfare of the Association. Arrangements are being made to provide tea, and several towers will be open for ringing on that day. Societies and members of kindred Associations intending to be present will please communicate, not later than Wednesday morning's post, with Mr. J. W. Watson, Knight Street, Lincoln, or the hon. secretary,

Market Rasen

W. LUNN.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUNCHEON AT THE "SWAN" HOTEL.

The annual luncheon and meeting took place on Easter Monday, at Bedford, about fifty members attending. The Mayor (Mr. G. Hurst), occupied the chair, supported by Archdeacon Bathurst, Rev. Lambert Woodard (St. Paul's), Rev. A. C. Downer (St. Cuthbert's), Rev. J. Copner (Elstow), Mr. T. Bull (hon. auditor), Mr. T. G. E. Elger, F.R.A.S. (hon. treasurer), took the vice-chair, having for his supporters the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Milton Bryant), Mr. E. Ransom, and Mr. C. Herbert (hon. secretary).

The excellent luncheon provided by host Prickett having been disposed of,

The SECRETARY read the annual report as follows:—

The Committee, in presenting their fifth annual report, are glad to be able to state that the Association has made good progress in the past year. This is evident from that which is the true criterion of advance, viz., the list of performances for the year, which, though still falling far short of the achievements of the more prominent ringing societies, are both in quantity and quality distinctly ahead of those chronicled last year. They comprise peals in the following methods: Bob Triples, one; peals of 5040 changes made up of seven 720's on six bells in various plain and Treble Bob methods, three. In addition to these, several peals have been rung with the assistance of ringers not belonging to the Association, which cannot therefore be reckoned among the performances of the Association, but are worthy of mention as shewing the energy of members. Noteworthy among these is a peal of Bob Major rung at Cardington, on February 12th, 1887. This was brought round by six members of the Bedford company, assisted by the brothers Pitstow of Saffron Walden, and is the first known to have been rung in the county since a peal at Dunstable in 1776 by the College Youths. In their anxiety to obtain opportunities for peal-ringing, members have journeyed into Northamptonshire, and even as far as Staffordshire. It is to be hoped that the present year will witness successful attempts for peals by other companies, who at present do not travel beyond 720's. Several companies have done much good work on six bells during the year. The Committee regret that such centres as Luton, Dunstable, and Leighton Buzzard still supply no members to the Association, and would gladly welcome and assist to the best of their power, any endeavour to promote change-ringing in these towns. District meetings have been held at Toddington, Husburne Crawley, Bletsoe, and Woburn. The Committee are much pleased with the belfry reform at Bletsoe, Biddenham, Houghton Conquest, and other places. The Committee recommend that a circular be drawn up, setting forth the objects of the Society and what it has already accomplished in the county, and urging the co-operation of the clergy, churchwardens, and others in furthering the work of scientific change-ringing and belfry reform. It is gratifying to the Committee to be able to report that the hearty good feeling and spirit of mutual co-operation between all members and companies which has characterised the Association from its establishment, still animates it.

Mr. BULL, in proposing the adoption of the report, suggested that it should be printed and circulated immediately after the meeting; if it was not printed until the following Easter, much of the interest in it was lost.

The SECRETARY explained that the report would have been printed much earlier last year but for the fact that he and the Treasurer living so far apart, he was unable to get the accounts in time.

The Rev. W. W. C. BAKER seconded, and the report was adopted and ordered to be circulated as suggested by Mr. Bull.

A considerable number of new members were then elected.

Some discussion ensued as to the formation of the Committee, and ultimately it was decided to increase the number, the following gentlemen being appointed:—Rev. E. J. Hillier (Cardington); Rev. A. C. Downer (Bedford); Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Milton Bryant); Mr. W. Biggs (Bromham); Mr. W. C. Chibnall (Aspley Guise); Mr. E. Ransom, Mr. I. Hills, Mr. C. W. Clarke, and Mr. S. J. Cullip (Bedford); Mr. W. E. Turney (Woburn); Mr. C. Howard (Biddenham); Mr. J. Dickens (Sharnbrook).

On the motion of the VICE-CHAIRMAN, seconded by the Secretary, the Rev. Lambert Woodard was appointed a vice-president in the place of the Rev. R. E. R. Watts, the services rendered by the latter to the Association being referred to by the proposer.

The Rev. L. WOODARD said he took a great interest in bell-ringing, for he considered bells were a great help to worship, and he should do his best to promote change-ringing.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose that the number of vice-presidents be increased from three to six.

In answer to Archdeacon Bathurst, the TREASURER said there was a balance in hand of nearly £17.

The question of a paid instructor then came up, the Secretary observing that in many places there were young men who wished to ring on their newly-restored bells. They were men belonging to the Association who were willing to learn them, but could not afford to lose their time and pay their own railway fares. It was such a small matter, however, that it could be well disposed of by the Committee.

This being the whole of the business,

The MAYOR said he was very pleased to have met the members of the Association. Of all people he considered bell-ringers the most loyal, and there was proof of that in the fact that when anything occurred to honour the Queen, as in the case of the Jubilee, all the bells in England were set ringing. In all other societies, there were generally some members who were not quite loyal, but from their conduct, bell-ringers were clearly the most loyal people in England.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Mayor, on the proposition of the Rev. A. G. Downer, seconded by Archdeacon Bathurst.

During the day, the members rang several touches on the bells of St. Paul's and St. Mary's, and at a special service held at St. Paul's at 5 p.m., a brief address was given by the Rev. J. Copner, vicar of Elstow. Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), was rung in the morning at Cardington, and which was recorded in last week's issue.

THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

The members of the above society had their annual outing on Easter Monday. Assembling at the railway station, they took the 7.15 a.m. train to Preston, on reaching which they partook of refreshments, and then journeyed by the 8.20 a.m. train to Houghton, which was reached at 9.0 a.m. The bells of the parish church having been kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by the vicar, the Rev. J. Shortt, at 9.40 a.m. a start was made to ring the Rev. C. D. P. Davies's peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3523 changes, a misunderstanding arose by the tenor bell rope coming in contact with the case containing the works of the clock lately erected there, and so the peal came to grief. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; W. B. Lloyd, 3; W. Ellis, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; H. Winrow, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. The bells, which have just been erected by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were then lowered, after which the vicarage was visited, and several touches and tunes rung on the handbells. The Vicar then entered into conversation respecting bells and bell-ringing, and read some very amusing inscriptions on bells, and gave them some pleasing information respecting the tenor bell at Ormskirk. After a hearty shaking of hands, and a hope that they would shortly pay another visit to Houghton, they proceeded to Houghton Tower, at the invitation of Sir Charles-de-Houghton, who kindly showed them over the grounds, and through the ancient and historic tower, which contains many relics of the past. Lunch was then provided for them, which having been heartily enjoyed, the handbells were again brought into requisition, tunes and touches being rung, with which Sir Charles and the ladies present were highly pleased. The time being limited, shaking of hands and a wish from Sir Charles to hear them ring on the bells again at some future visit, brought that part of their journey to a close. Proceeding to the station, they took the 2.20 p.m. train to Blackburn, where, at the invitation of Mr. J. Walker, they found a first-class spread awaiting them, which was served up in Mrs. Walker's best style, and to which ample justice was done. At the parish church they found some of their Southport friends awaiting them. They then rung a course of Grandsire Caters, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2310 changes it had to be abandoned, some of the band evidently being too fatigued to proceed further. The bells were then lowered and the different places of interest visited and at 9.0 p.m. a start was made for the railway station, where they found that ever-welcome friend of the weary (the iron horse) awaiting them. A hearty "good-bye" from their Blackburn friends, and the visitors left for home, which was reached at 11.10 p.m., thus bringing a long and very pleasant day to a close. The Society desire to take the present opportunity, through the "BELL NEWS," of thanking the Rev. Mr. Shortt, of Houghton, and the Churchwardens of Blackburn parish church, for their kindness in granting the use of the bells; also those who so kindly assisted in making the outing a pleasant one.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A concert in connection with the St. Sidwell's society, Exeter, was held on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., at the St. Sidwell's church Institute, before a very fair audience, under the presence and patronage of the Hon. and Rev. J. Northcote, the Hon. Sec. of the Devonshire Guild. The proceeds will be towards a new set of handbells for the St. Sidwell's society, a long felt want. The following programme was very creditably performed, and very much enjoyed by all present. Piano overture, "Zampa," Mrs. Scanes; song "The Old Brigade," Rev. W. Scott; song "When my Jim comes Home" Miss. E. Cliff; handbell selection "Jenny Jones," members of the Devonshire Guild; song "Dream Stars," Miss I. E. Scanes; glee "O who will o'er the Downs so free" Miss E. Cliff, Miss M. Gay, Rev. S. Hosking, Mr. F. Easterling; song "The Press Gang" Mr. F. Easterling; duet "The Happy Pair of Souls" Miss E. I. Scanes, Mr. E. R. S. Munday; song "The river of years" Miss M. Gay; handbell selection, "There's nae luck about the house," members of the Devonshire Guild; piano solo "The plough boy" Mrs. Scanes; song "Anchored," Mr. E. R. S. Munday; song "What next," Miss E. Cliff; handbell selection "Home, Sweet Home" members of the Devonshire Guild; song "The Hunting Day," Rev. W. Scott; glee "Sweet and Low," Miss E. Cliff, Miss M. Gay, Rev. S. Hosking, and Mr. F. Easterling; song "Ruddigore," Miss M. Gay; song "They all love Jack," Mr. F. Easterling; duet "Taming the Shrew," Miss E. I. Scanes, and Mr. E. R. S. Munday. National Anthem.

REPRINT OF ANOTHER WORK ON CHANGE-RINGING.

The publisher of "THE BELL NEWS" has the pleasure to announce the issue, in penny weekly numbers, of a rare old work upon ringing, entitled "Campanalogia Improved; or the Art of Ringing made easy," &c. This work is printed uniform with "Shipway" and the "Clavis," which have been so eagerly taken up.

The Publisher believes that the re-issues of these various old ringing works, which at the present day are from their scarcity, so difficult of perusal, will be approved of by ringers. Their publication enables all who have an inclination for the useful, as well as the curious, to possess in time a valuable and complete ringing library. The copy, which has been kindly lent to the editor of this journal by Mr. S. B. Goslin, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, belongs to a fifth edition, "Corrected by J. Monk." For the purposes of easy publication it is called after his name, and those intending to take in the penny weekly numbers, should ask for "Monk on Ringing."

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1887.

ON more than one occasion have we urged the necessity of the practice, between members of the ringing Exercise, of mutual courtesy and forbearance. And in a recent number we gave utterance to the opinion that friendly rivalry and competition between different societies should be real and thorough. There is nothing incongruous or inconsistent in the dictum we have laid down with regard to these positions. The abolition or total disregard of courtesy is surely not demanded at a time when competitors are engaged in endeavouring to secure the first prize; and especially may this be said in connection with ringing concerns. The keener the struggle, the more polite to each other should be the demeanour of the contending parties.

Whether the pursuit of ringing prevents its followers from maintaining this ideal, or otherwise, is said to be a matter of opinion. We do not share in this view. Ambition which has for its object the attainment of not only excellence in ringing, but also the satisfaction of the many special desires which occasionally become paramount, may be gratified quite as easy, or in fact easier, when it is accompanied by the display of gentlemanly conduct, as in those cases when such conduct is wanting. Neither is it necessary, or at any rate it ought not to be thought necessary, in the promotion of any

laudable and fair desire, to resort to mean stratagems to attain the end in view. We fear, however, that such cases are not infrequent. The unfortunate fact remains that there are many cases on record where, to gain a point, a great amount of secrecy and mystification is brought into play, in order to defeat the intentions of others who would be likely to make an attempt to snatch a coveted honour. But it is these eternal attempts at forestalling, and the fear of them, which we condemn.

There is no doubt that selfishness, the besetting sin of many ringers, is at the bottom of many of these unpleasant episodes. Let us state a case, one not absolutely fictitious, but founded on fact in a most remarkable degree. A new ring of eight being placed in a village church, the ringers of the vicinity were anxious for the honour of the first peal. Some of these men lived five or six miles away from each other, but that did not militate against the notion they had set their minds on. Matters being arranged, a gentleman living nearly forty miles off was invited to call the peal. He attended, travelling at his own cost. There was no regard paid to what London Society the band were connected with, in fact it was of that character known as "mixed." Three visits were paid to the place, a great part of the journey having to be made by road across country, and being winter time, the journey, as may be imagined, was not too delightful. Each of these attempts, from various causes, failed. Another date was then fixed for a still further trial, the band seemingly determined on this fourth visit not to leave till they had secured the peal. The day for the meeting drew nigh, when suddenly the columns of this journal betrays the fact that the deed has been done! accomplished by a band from one of the Metropolitan societies, got together, surreptitiously be it said, by two of the party who were in each of the previous attempts.

Now here we may say is a case which, though it might be considered sharp practice, is certainly the reverse of respectable. And what did it lead to? The break-up of the connection between the local bands concerned, who up to that time periodically visited each other, and rang together in their respective towers. This is an instance of the most acute selfishness, a desire on the part of two persons that the peal should be rung by members of their own company exclusively, coupled with a total disregard of the wishes of those who had at great inconvenience attended on the previous occasions. The case points out a rivalry certainly—of a sort—but at the expense of something far more valuable; in fact such conduct leads to the total extinction of that which all should practise one towards another, viz., courtesy and refined bearing, and consideration for the feelings of others.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Friday, April 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM W. THORNE .. Treble.	RICHARD FRENCH 6.
JOSEPH BARRY 2.	*JOHN WOODS 7.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM* .. 3.	GEORGE R. BANKS 8.
RICHARD T. WOODLEY* .. 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 5.	ARTHUR HAYWARD Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by

RICHARD FRENCH.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. Mr. Woods hails from Kenninghall, and Mr. Aldham from Ipswich.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Handbell Ringing.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1887, in Two Hours and Twenty-four & 1/2 Minutes,
At "THE SHAKESPEARE HEAD," WYCH STREET, STRAND,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 size in C.

JOHN C. MITCHELL .. 1-2.	C. F. WINNY 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3-4.	G. T. McLAUGHLIN .. 7-8.

(Non-conducted).

This is the first time this peal has been rung non-conducted on handbells. It was performed very ably by the same band who also achieved the Original non-conducted. No intimation of the calls was given whatever. W. H. Fussell, of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, acted as umpire.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Muffled Peal.

On Thursday, April 7, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WAKLEY Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 5.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 2.	A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq. .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	THOMAS HOLMES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This peal, which is published on page 32 of Snowden's "Double Norwich," has the 6th twenty-four times each way, and is now rung for the first time. It was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Henry Allsopp, first Baron Hindlip, who was interred at Hindlip, Worcestershire, on the above date.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(DERBY BRANCH.)

Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, April 9, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. POYSER* .. Treble.	JOHN WM. THOMPSON .. 5.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 2.	ARTHUR B. WARD .. 6.
GEORGE MOTTASHAW .. 3.	HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 7.
JOHN HOWE 4.	REUBEN BOSWORTH Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., of Duffield, and Conducted by HARRY CHARLES WOODWARD.

The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. James H. Fish, late Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. *First peal.

WORCESTER. — THE WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION (WORCESTER BRANCH).

Handbell Ringing.

On Wednesday, April 13, 1887, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

S. COTTON 1-2.	W. POWELL 5-6.
G. CLEAL 3-4.	W. JENKINS 7-8.

Conducted G. CLEAL.

This is the first peal on handbells ever rung in the City of Worcester, also the first peal of Triples by S. Cotton, Powell, and Jenkins, and the first peal as conductor by G. Cleal. Messrs. Page and F. Owen acted as referees, and marked off the peal as it was rung.

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Easter Monday, April 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

FRANK TURNER Treble.	CHARLES NEWTON 5.
THOMAS MORRIS 2.	ARTHUR JONES 6.
JOHN ALLEN 3.	*JOSEPH ROBERTS 7.
WILLIAM WEAVER 4.	PETER ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR JONES.

*First peal.

This peal was rung by the local company on the occasion of the ninth anniversary of the bells. The Conductor is a late member of the Chester Cathedral Society.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Easter Tuesday, April 12, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS DANKS* Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL .. 5.
WILLIAM COOPER 2.	SIDNEY SMITH 6.
JOHN SIDDON 3.	SAMUEL REEVES 7.
RICHARD JONES* 4.	GEORGE GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. Richard Jones, who is shortly to leave for America, was elected a member of the society previous to starting for the peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTBOURNE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 14th, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 1/2 cwt.

J. ROLLISON Treble.	W. AVANN 5.
T. HART 2.	E. WILLOUGHBY 6.
T. WILLOUGHBY 3.	T. LEWIS 7.
L. HUGGETT 4.	J. LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by T. HART.

ASH, NEXT SANDWICH.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE QUEX PARK (BIRCHINGTON) BRANCH.

On Saturday, April 16, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 22 1/2 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	THOMAS B. REED .. 5.
LEON WILLSHIRE 2.	SAMUEL JARMAN .. 6.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. 3.	JOHN J. BRISTOW .. 7.
THOMAS B. REED, JUN. .. 4.	EDWARD GOLDER Tenor.

Conducted by LEON WILLSHIRE.

Samuel Jarman was proposed a member of the Kent County Association previous to starting for the peal.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 16, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS POWELL Treble.	CHARLES BEECH 5.
JOHN BONNEY 2.	RICHARD FRENCH .. 6.
WILLIAM CECIL 3.	ARTHUR HAYWARD .. 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. 4.	JOSEPH WEST Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

Messrs. Cooter and Wood rang in the first peal of Stedman Triples on these bells on Wednesday, February 16th, 1848, conducted by Mr. Cooter, and they are the only two living that took part in it.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, April 16, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION (INVERTED). Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON	Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY	5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON	2.	WILLIAM HICKLING	6.
JOHN HOWE	3.	A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq.	7.
HARRY C. WOODWARD	4.	BENJAMIN SUDGEN	Tenor.

Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. James H. Fish.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1887, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS THORPE	Treble.	GEORGE E. TURNER	6.
CHARLES CASH	2.	EDWARD CASH	7.
THOMAS G. DOWNS	3.	JAMES THORPE	8.
JOHN R. PRITCHARD	4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS	9.
JAMES BARRATT	5.	JOHN EACHUS	Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal has the 5th and 6th each 12 times wrong and 24 times right. J. R. Pritchard hails from Liverpool; the brothers Cash and J. Barratt from Eccles; the rest belong to Manchester. Although T. Thorpe is not yet 17 years old, this is his 20th 5000, consisting of Grandsire Triples, 2; Major, 1; Caters, 6; Plain Bob Major, 1; Royal, 1; Treble Bob Major, 5; Royal, 4. This list includes a 6000 of Treble Bob Major. He has also rung two peals in one day.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 17th, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. CHARMAN	Treble.	H. WOOD	5.
W. SHORT	2.	H. COOK	6.
W. WADEY	3.	H. BURSTOW	7.
T. ANDREWS	4.	H. CHANDLER	Tenor.

Conducted by H. CHANDLER.

The first peal of Bob Major by the Sussex County Association, and by all the above band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, April 19th, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM MOTTS	Treble.	CHARLES SAUL	7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	2.	JAMES MOTTS	8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER	3.	ROBERT HAWES	9.
W. P. GARRETT*	4.	BENJAMIN BATTRUM	10.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM	5.	SAMUEL TILLET	11.
FREDERICK TILLET	6.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

Mr. Battrum hails from London, and the rest are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society. *First peal on twelve bells.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, April 18, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

JOHN BRANCH	Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN	5.
EDGAR BENNETT	2.	A. B. CARPENTER, M.B.	6.
JAMES HARRIS	3.	CHARLES BANCE	7.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER*	4.	JOHN FLOWMAN	Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by A. B. CARPENTER.

*First peal. The above was rung to commemorate the birthday of the conductor. This peal has the 6th twenty-two courses right and the same number wrong. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter is Vicar of Bobbing, Sittingbourne, and the rest belong to the Beddington Society.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Muffled Peal.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE BURTON VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN AUSTIN	Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY	5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE	2.	JOHN JAGGAR	6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY	3.	THOMAS HOLMES	7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN	4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY	Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal, which is in three parts, and now rung for the first time, contains the 4th twelve times, and the 6th nine times in 6th's place. It is the first peal of Cambridge in the Burton Variation, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar of St. Paul's, the Rev. Jas. H. Fish.

Miscellaneous.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBOURN.—On Sunday morning, April 17th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Little, 1; G. Deans, 2; A. Little, 3; W. Devey, 4; H. Deans, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. G. Deans, 1; W. Devey, 2; J. E. Claridge, 3; H. Deans, 4; A. Little, 5; R. Cartwright (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.—On Sunday April 10th, at St. Hilda's Parish Church, for service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Borrowes, 1; T. Walker, 2; J. MacAdams, 3; S. Walker, 4; C. Wilkinson, 5; H. MacAdams (conductor), 6. On Friday, April 15th, for practice, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. MacAdams, 1; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 2; R. Borrowes, 3; S. Walker, 4; W. J. Blakiston, 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6; H. MacAdams, 7; J. Nicholson, 8. Messrs. W. J. Blakiston and G. J. Clarkson hail from Stockton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Friday, April 15th, three members of the Writtle, and three of the Widford company, paid a visit to this place and rang (with three of the local company) a touch of 910 changes of Grandsire Triples. J. Dains, 1; J. Everard, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; F. Radley, 4; C. Waskett, 5; E. Scotcher, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; W. Piper, 8. Also 672 in the same method. C. Waskett, 1; J. Everard, 2; J. Dains, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Piper, 5; E. Scotcher, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; J. Bloomfield, 8. A peal (Holt's Original) had been arranged to take place at Writtle, on April 16th, with two of the St. Alban ringers, but owing to an illness in the village (which has also prevented the weekly practices lately) it had to be attempted at Galleywood, where, owing to the long draught for the ropes, one of the ringers missed the sally, after ringing 2,766 changes (capital striking) in 1 hr. and 34 mins. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; H. F. de Lisle Esq., 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Battle, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6; W. Lincoln, 7; E. Scotcher, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, April 17th, six members of the above rang a 720 of Bob Minor, (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. H. Barnes, 1; S. Romans, 2; J. Yates, 3; *R. Brunsden, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Sevier (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. *First 720 in the method.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, April 17th, four of the local company, with two of the Tewkesbury Abbey branch, rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. R. H. Witherington (Tewkesbury), 1; C. Willis, 2; C. Awford (Tewkesbury), 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Saturday April 16th, at the parish church, ten and a half 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 43 mins. J. Wellard, 1; E. N. Howard, 2; F. Wickenden, 3; F. Head, 4; W. Wash, 5; W. West, 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 10th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; W. Martin, 3; G. Martin, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, April 17th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; F. Ring, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; *G. Martin (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Friday, April 15th, four of the St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Wells, and four of the Staplehurst band, met at Tunbridge and rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), on the bells of the parish church, in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Colthup, 1; W. Pope, 2; J. Tillmon, 3; W. E. Pope, 4; W. Latter, 5; F. Barefield (conductor), 6; E. Pope, 7; E. Mankelow, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. The above is supposed to be the longest touch on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, April 10th, for Divine Service, at Christ Church, a 360 of Plain Bob. A. B. Hardman (conductor), 1; James Harwood (Preston), 2; A. White, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6. And in the afternoon of the same day, at Christ Church, Healey, it being the 18th anniversary of the bells, a 360 of Oxford Single Bob. A. L. Hardman (conductor), 1; G. Hardman, 2; A. White, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. And for evening service, a 720 of College Single. A. L. Hardman (conductor), 1; A. White, 2; J. B. Taylor (Newchurch), 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Friday, April 15th, at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. L. Bullock, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; T. Leach, sen., 3; J. Austin, 4; J. Hicklin, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6; J. Walker, 7; W. Orme, 8. Also on Saturday, April 16th, at St. Mark's, Winhill, a 504 of Grandsire Minor. R. Logie, 1; W. Wylde, 2; C. Golder, 3; W. J. Smith, 4; L. Bullock (conductor), 5; J. Austin, 6.

MELBOURNE (Derby).—*Muffled peal*.—On Friday, April 15th, the local society rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 27 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. J. H. Fish. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tuncliffe (conductor), 6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SKELLINGTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, April 14th, a 720 consisting of 120's in the six following methods, viz.:—Stedman's Principle, Stedman's Slow course, St. Simon's Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, Old Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. C. Wells, 1; H. Maidens, 2; H. Hoyes, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Shearing (conductor), 5. This is the first 720 in six different methods by the Association.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 2nd, for practice, 700 Grandsire Triples. W. Taylor, 1; A. Rodwell, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; A. Lincoln, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also 752 Bob Major. J. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; C. Smith, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; T. Staulkey, 8. Also 896 Grandsire Triples. H. Button, 1; T. Staulkey, 2; F. Wilson, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; A. Lincoln, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8. On Easter Monday, the local company attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Bob and Single), but it came to grief through the single being missed at 2100, in 1 hr. 16 mins. W. Taylor, 1; H. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; T. Staulkey, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; W. Button, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. It is the longest by all in this method except W. Button, and is the conductor's first attempt at calling a peal. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Taylor, 1; F. Wilson, 2; A. Lincoln, 3; W. Button, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; T. Staulkey, 6. It is the first in the method by the first three. On Tuesday, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Button, 1; F. Wilson, 2; R. Stannard (conductor), 3; A. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; T. Staulkey, 6. Also on the following Saturday, 720 in the same method. W. Button, 1; F. Wilson, 2; A. Rodwell, 3; A. Lincoln, 4; H. Button, 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning, 924 Grandsire Triples. J. Button, 1; H. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; T. Staulkey, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; A. Rodwell, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. And in the evening, for service, 720 Bob Major. J. Flegg, 1; T. Staulkey, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; W. Button, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; J. Button, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM.—On Saturday evening, April 16th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Webb, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. This is the first 720 of Minor by all the band, who only began change-ringing just a year ago, and have learnt the art without any outside help whatever.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, March 31st, at the "Goose and Gridiron," St. Paul's Church Yard, a touch of Grandsire Triples (1259 changes), was rung on handbells. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; W. H. Fussell, 3-4; C. F. Winny (conductor), 5-6; A. E. Church, 7-8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT.—On Tuesday, April 12th, at St. Anne's Church, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; W. Houlton (conductor), 5; R. Weeks, 6. Also 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Houlton, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, April 14th, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. F. Francis, 1; H. Houlton, 2; R. Houlton, 3; W. Houlton (conductor), 4; T. Gould, 5; E. Lee, 6. Also three plain courses of Bob Minor. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; W. Houlton, 5; E. Lee, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Easter Sunday, April 10th, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, several courses of Stedman Triples; and for evening service, 420 of Stedman Triples, in 15 mins. J. Hewett, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Carter, 8. And 447 of Grandsire Triples. J. Hewett, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; G. Passingham, 6; H. Chandler, 7; G. Hackett, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F#. H. Chandler hails from Warnham, Sussex.

HEENE-WORTHING (Sussex).—On Easter Monday, April 11th, eight members of the above Guild (also all members of the Sussex County Association), by the kind permission of the Vicar, visited the Church of St. Botolph to attempt a peal of 5024 Treble Bob Major, but was unfortunately lost after ringing seven courses (2432 changes), in 1 hr. 25 mins. G. Holloway, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; E. Jordan, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; F. Wickens, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; D. Jordan, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Several good touches were afterwards brought round, in which Messrs. Wadey and Short, (Warnham), and Baker (Arundel), took part. Tenor 10 cwt. Messrs. Jordan, Mills, and Stedman hail from Capel, Surrey; Wickens and Holloway from Charlwood; Whiting and Williams from Fareham (Hants). The above band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the vicar for granting them permission to ring.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Saturday, April 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, the following company attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. H. Fisk, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, but after ringing 1344 changes the 4th rope broke. F. Merrison, 1; C. Bennett, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6; W. Gill, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, April 17th, for Divine Service, in the afternoon, a 360 of Plain Bob. C. R. Howard, 1; H. King, 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. Wood, 4; C. West, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. Also a 216 of Grandsire Minor. W. West, 1; W. Biggs, 2; C. West, 3; M. Warwick, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; H. King (conductor), 6.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 13th, at the parish church, in honour of a wedding, 1316 of Grandsire Triples. G. Brown, 1; T. Boniface, 2; F. Smith, 3; L. Killick, 4; G. Potter, 5; J. Tidy, 6; W. Hawkins (conductor), 7; W. Mayne, 8. Also a 546 of Union Triples. G. Brown, 1; T. Boniface, 2; L. Killick, 3; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 4; G. Potter, 5; J. Tidy, 6; W. Hawkins, 7; W. Mayne, 8.

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, April 19th, at St. Mary's Church, Redcliffe, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from the *Clavis*), in 45 mins. A. Anderson, Esq., 1; C. Waters, 2; J. Davies, 3; R. Knill, 4; T. Salter, 5; C. E. D. Bontflower, Esq., 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; T. Colston and W. Hinder, 8. Tenor 50 cwt. in C.

CLIFTON REYNIS (Bucks).—On Saturday evening, April 16th, by a mixed band, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, in six different methods. F. Osborn, 1; W. Freeman, 2; W. Osborn (conductor), 3; T. Smith, 4; T. Kent, 5.

EARLSHEATON (Yorkshire).—On Friday evening, April 15th, at St. Peter's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Newsom, 1; D. Senior, 2; C. Senior (conductor), 3; G. Whitworth, 4; J. Jagger, 5; W. Byrom, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt. First 720 by all except 3rd and 6th.

EVERTON (Notts).—On Easter Monday, seven members of the East and West Retford Society paid a visit to the above place, and rang two 720's of Grandsire Minor, in 27 and 28 mins. respectively. W. Skelton, 1; S. Joynes, 2; W. Drake, 3; *N. Hunt (conductor), 4; H. Haigh, 5; R. Potter, 6. In the second J. Clark rang the treble, the others standing as above, conducted by W. Drake. *First 720 as conductor. The members wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and the ringers for the kind way in which they were received.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, April 10th, before Divine Service in the afternoon six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins. *A. Taylor, 1; *J. King, 2; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 3; J. Taylor, 4; *G. Hum, 5. And four 6-scores before evening service, and three 6-scores after service. *First 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Taylor belongs to Great Bromley; the rest are from Great Bentley.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Easter Sunday, April 10th, at St. Nicholas Church, the following rang touches of Grandsire Triples for morning and afternoon services. R. Tooley, 1; W. Lee (conductor), 2; W. T. Blyth, 3; W. Secret, 4; T. Tooley, 5; G. Crow, 6; W. H. George, 7; J. W. Matthews, 8. Tenor 30½ cwt. J. Fleming rang the treble for the afternoon service, which was conducted by T. Tooley. W. H. George hails from London.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, April 12th, at the parish church, several 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. Afterwards the company visited Welland, and rang a quarter peal (1260 changes), of Grandsire Doubles, containing 10½ six-scores each called differently, in 44 mins. H. Willis, 1; W. Tarling, 2; F. Jelf, 3; A. Pitt, 4; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 5; J. Baldwin, 6. T. Hill and A. Aspey, also took part in the ringing during the day. F. Jelf hails from Malvern; J. Baldwin from St. Gabriel's. The above was rung on the occasion of R. G. Knowles attaining his 21st birthday.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, April 17th, at St. Martin's Church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Joseph Woods (Kenninghall, first 720), 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; T. Glead, 3; T. Titchener, 4; John Woods (Kenninghall), 5; J. Nixon, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, April 10th, after Divine Service in the evening, three courses of Plain Bob Minor, also two courses of Grandsire Minor. J. Wood, jun., (Kenninghall), 1; G. Griffin, 2; W. Nixon, 3; A. Jacob (conductor), 4; J. Wood sen., (Kenninghall), 5; T. Titchener, 6. Also 6-score of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. J. Wood jun., 1; G. Griffin, 2; A. Jacob, 3; T. Titchener, 4; J. Wood sen., 5; W. Nixon, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Easter Sunday morning, at 7.30, at the parish church, the local company rang a 720 of College Single in 28½ mins. O. Worden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; J. Brotherton, 3; R. Bowling, 4; T. Brown, 5; J. Banister, 6. And for afternoon service at St. James', a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. O. Worden, 1; T. Bowling, 2; Jno. Fell, 3; R. Bowling, 4; W. Gore, 5; W. Nelson, 6. Mr. Jno. Fell hails from Lytham. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, April 10th, the local band rang 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 24½ mins. W. Taylor, 1; F. Davis, 2; G. A. Hatton, 3; A. Folkes, 4; Hy. Wooldridge, 5; J. Brooks (conductor), 6.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, April 17th, at St. John's Church, before service, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. Wm. Bamber, 1; Chas. H. Kerr, 2; John Fell (conductor), 3; Robert Cookson (first 720 on tower bells), 4; George Maries, 5; Robert Whiteside, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, April 10th, being Easter Day, before early service, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins., and a 720 of Plain Bob, for the usual morning service, in 26 mins., and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, before evening service, in 25 mins. E. Hampton, T. Hotchdiss, W. Prestidge, J. Prestidge, R. Round, M. T. Robinson, J. Smith (conductor), and J. Townsend.

SALISBURY.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, March 31st, 518 and 350 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8. On Easter Monday, at St. Martin's church, Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 4788 changes. W. Alley, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Judd, 8. On the 16th April, at St. Martin's church, a 700 of Grandsire Triples, by J. Judd, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams (first touch in the steeple), 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8; And on Sunday, the 17th instant, for Divine Service in the morning, a 518 Grandsire Triples, by the same party.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, April 16th, at St. Mary's the Virgin, 540 changes in the following methods, being a plain course of each:—Double Oxford, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. C. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. J. Tucker, 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; H. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; J. Cavill, 6. And 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. T. Newman, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5; H. Prior, 6. On Sunday, April 17th, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twelve bobs and twenty-four singles), in 25½ mins. W. Watts, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; J. Luckey, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (composer and conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

WESTMINSTER.—On Tuesday, April 19th, the following members of the St. Margaret's society, rang at St. Margaret's church, a half-muffled peal (whole pull and stand) as a mark of respect to the late G. Luck, Esq., who died on Saturday morning, the 16th inst. Mr. Luck was for many years a much esteemed member of this society, and also captain of the St. Mary Abbott's society, Kensington. J. Scowen (conductor), 1; T. Scowen, 2; J. H. Genner, 3; C. Woodcock, 4; W. Murray, 5; E. Rushen, 6; A. J. Rumbold, 7; R. Brealy, 8; A. G. Langdon, 9; S. Smith, 10.

ACCIDENT TO MR. ROBERT TUKE, OF BRADFORD.

WE regret to announce that an accident of a somewhat serious nature happened on Monday last to Mr. Robert Tuke, of Bradford. As he was driving in his own dog-cart, from some cause or other, he was thrown out, sustaining injuries to the left hand, jaw, ribs, and knee-cap. These injuries, under the most favorable surgical treatment, will prevent Mr. Tuke ringing for some time, in fact mere writing at the present time is to him a painful infliction. Such an untoward occurrence will be deeply regretted by all ringers, and especially by those who like ourselves, have the honour of Mr. Tuke's personal acquaintance. It will prevent him taking part in many performances which are arranged to take place both in Yorkshire and elsewhere, at any rate, for some time to come. We hope to hear very soon that Mr. Tuke is getting on as well as his medical attendant hopes for, and that his temporary effacement from the belfry may be much shorter than he himself anticipates.

Mr. S. B. Goslin, of the Crescent Foundry, writes to say that in the list of English bell founders, published last week, the name of John Warner and Sons was omitted. We consider the inaccuracy as remarkable, and wonder at the omission made by our correspondent. In North's *Church Bells of Northamptonshire* we read the following:—

John Warner was in business, in the year 1763, as a bell and brass founder, at a house known as the Three Bells and a Star, in Wood-street, Cheap-side, London. He had a brother named Tomson Warner, who, after serving his apprenticeship as an ironmonger, at Amptill, in Bedfordshire, came to London and joined his brother John in business. Some time between the year 1763 and 1782 they removed to Fore-street, Cripplegate, near to their old premises, and also close by the side of the present foundry. In the latter year the brothers dissolved partnership, Tomson remaining in Fore-street, and John going to Fleet-street, where he carried on business as a bell-founder, under the name of John Warner and Sons. He sometimes placed his own name on bells, as at Strood, Kent, in 1788, and sometimes that of his firm, as at S. Stephen's, Norwich, in 1796, and at Colby, Norfolk, in 1802. The bell at Cripplegate church was also cast by him. From Tomson Warner (whose eldest son was named John after his uncle), the business has descended to his grandson, Mr. Robert Warner, F.R.H.S., who, under the style of John Warner and Sons, is the present proprietor. Prior to 1850 the bells cast by Messrs. Warner were in sand, and did not exceed eighteen inches in diameter, but in that year, being established in the present premises, Mr. Warner commenced casting large bells in loam. The foundry stands on ground said to have been occupied by the Jews, and given—upon their banishment in the twelfth century, to the Dean of S. Paul's—hence Jewin-street, and Jewin-crescent. The trade mark of the foundry, adopted, I suppose, from the name of the last-mentioned locality, is a bell within a crescent. A handsome band encircles some of the more recent bells cast here, upon which also appears some appropriate inscriptions in fine gothic letters.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Tuesday, April 12th, the Leicester Branch of the above Association met at the house of Mr. S. Cooper, "Defiance Inn," to celebrate the peal of Stedman Caters, rung on the 19th March, the said peal being the first rung by the Association. A very ample repast was provided, which was much enjoyed. Messrs. T. Holmes, Burton-on-Trent, and R. Lane, of Loughborough, were present on the occasion; Mr. S. Cooper, the local vice-president, was voted to the chair, and Mr. J. Buttery, the conductor of the peal, to the vice-chair.

The CHAIRMAN, in a few choice words, proposed the health of the "Queen," which was duly honoured. The Chairman next proposed the "Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," and spoke of the enthusiastic reception the Prince and Princess met with at the opening of the Leicester Abbey Park.

Song, "The Old Church Bell," Mr. T. Wilson.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the "Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and Ministers of all Denominations," said he thought the present opportunity ought not to pass without acknowledging the courtesy and kindness which had at all times been rendered to the ringers by the Rev. Canon Clayton, the much esteemed vicar of St. Margaret's, and he begged to propose "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded that gentleman for the use of the bells on this and many former occasions."

Song, "The Cottage by the Mill," Mr. Jarvis.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN next proposed success to the "Midland Counties' Association," coupled with the name of the President (A. P. Heywood, Esq.), and said that this Association was fortunate in having so talented and energetic a president, and hoped the Leicester Branch would not be satisfied without endeavouring to emulate the performances of another very important branch. A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung.

Song, "Bonnie Mary of Argyle," Mr. J. W. Wilson; other songs and sentiments following.

Mr. A. MILLIS then proposed the "Host and Hostess," which was suitably responded to by Host Cooper, which brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following is the Ringing done by the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, during the months of February and March.—On Sunday, February 20th, at the Parish Church, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, and 180 of Stedman Doubles. And on Tuesday evening, February 22nd, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 360 of Stedman Doubles. Also on Sunday, February 27th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and a 120 of Stedman Doubles. And on Sunday, March 13th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, and 360 of Stedman Doubles. Also on Sunday, March 20th, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, 360 of College Single, and a 120 of Stedman Doubles. And on Sunday, March 27th, a 720 of College Single, and a 360 of Stedman Doubles. And on Sunday, April 3rd, a 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. And on Good Friday, April 8th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, with the bells half-muffled. And on Easter Sunday, at 6 a.m., a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and for morning service, at 11 a.m., a 720 of College Single, and a 120 of Stedman Doubles. And for evening service, a 720 of Double Bob Minor, being the first in the method by the society. And after service a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. And on Tuesday evening, April 12th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Also on Sunday, April 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. The following took part in the above:—Rev. G. F. Coleridge, T. Newman, G. Essex, J. Hands, H. Smith, E. Men-day, H. Simmonds, F. Simmonds, C. Bush, C. Parfitt. Conducted by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, T. Newman and G. Essex. Tenor 17 cwt.

ANNUAL OUTING.

On Easter Monday, the Christ Church (West Bromwich) Society had their usual Easter outing to Manchester, travelling by the Great Western Railway, and arriving there soon after ten o'clock a.m., when they were met at the station by Mr. West, one of the Cathedral ringers, who conducted the party to the Cathedral, where previous arrangements had been made for an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which, after ringing about one hour, unfortunately came to grief, and there not being sufficient time for a second start, a touch was rung containing 503 changes. J. Hares, 1; T. Horton, 2; J. Frisby, 3; W. R. Small, 4; B. Hill, 5; S. Reeves (conductor), 6; R. Hall, 7; C. Price, 8; C. Timms, 9; H. Hipkiss, 10. The afternoon was spent in visiting the various places of interest in the City. The party wish to thank the Manchester band for placing the bells at their disposal, and having everything in readiness for the start, assuring them that they shall be treated in the same way any time they may think proper to pay a return visit. The return train left the station at 7.45 p.m., and the party reached West Bromwich about 12 o'clock, not quite so pleased as they would have been had the peal been finished.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, April 16th, the Quex Park (Birmingham) Band availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the country village of Ash, next Sandwich, for the purpose of attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully brought round in 2 hrs. 57 mins., particulars of which will be found in the peal column. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and is believed to be the second peal ever rung on these bells. There is no other record than a tablet which records a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by the Quex Park Band, on Feb. 18, 1826. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, and reflects great credit on the Whitechapel firm. After ringing, an adjournment was made to the White Lion Inn, where a substantial meat tea was provided by the Host, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After doing justice to the good things provided, the handbells were brought into use, and a pleasant hour was spent in change-ringing, to the great amusement of a few residents of Ash, and the parting time came too soon. After a hearty "shake hands" the happy party commenced their return journey (via Sandwich), arriving home quite safe shortly after ten o'clock, all well pleased with their achievement. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to tender their sincere thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells on this occasion.

MUFFLED TOUCHES AT ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT, IN MEMORY OF THE REV. J. H. FISH.

On the sad news of the death of their beloved Vicar and friend reaching the St. Paul's ringers, steps were at once taken to muffle the bells in order to pay the last sad tribute of respect to his memory. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung on Wednesday and Thursday. On Good Friday there was no ringing, one bell only being tolled for Divine Service on that day. And early on Saturday, during the conveyance of the body to the church (where the first part of the service for the burial of the dead was said in the presence of a very large congregation) and from the church to the station, the bells were rung deeply muffled, the back stroke of the tenor only being unmuffled, the bells being rung very slowly, having a very solemn effect. In the afternoon the week's ringing was brought to a close by an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, but this, to the great regret of the ringers, came to grief after over three hours' ringing, owing to one of the ropes slipping from the wheel and becoming unmoveable. J. Jaggard, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Austin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Griffin, 6; S. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a band of the above society met at St. Ann's, Highgate, in the afternoon, to attempt a peal. The fourth rope slipped off its wheel, after ringing an hour and thirty minutes, the bell at the same time set itself. An adjournment was made to the "King of Bohemia," when Mr. E. Chapman, of Hampstead, entertained his friends and brother Cumberlanders with refreshment, the above date being the commencement of another year of that gentleman's existence. Two out of the three Jemmies invited were present, the other one, it was presumed, having gone to Burton. A pleasant evening was spent in a quiet way, notwithstanding the mishap. Mr. John Woods, of Kenninghall, was also one of the party. W. H. F.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, the 19th instant, the above Society attempted a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques, as a mark of condolence with the bereaved family of the late Rev. J. H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, which was stopped by the conductor, owing to the "buffs" becoming detached from the back bells fourteen courses from "that's all," after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. After ringing 37 mins. on the 16th inst. the company had a similar mishap. J. Buffery, 1; Thos. Reynolds, 2; J. Joynes, 3; W. R. Small, 4; A. Thomas, 5; H. Bastable, 6; W. Kent, 7; J. Sanders, 8; S. Reeves, 9; F. H. James, 10; H. Johnson, jun., 11; C. Stanbridge, 12. Composed by H. Johnson, sen., and conducted by H. Bastable.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

A Handbell Prize Ringing Contest will take place at the house of Joseph Walton, Esq., the "Royal Hotel," Hayfield, Derbyshire, when £6 will be given in prizes for the best course of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Major, and Grandsire Caters.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE RINGERS OF ENGLAND.

SIR,—With reference to the statistics given in your number of April 9th, under the head of "The Ringers of England," I should like to point out an error into which the compiler has apparently been led. The statement that the Oxford Diocesan Guild contains seventy-two bands, 700 ringing and 210 honorary members is approximately correct. But these numbers really include those of the General Guild and local branches which follow. These last therefore should have no separate place in the table, and the various totals will then be considerably reduced, *i.e.* the ringing members by 534; the honorary members by 215, and the bands by seventy-one. I have little doubt that the compiler has derived his information from the Official Year Book of the Church of England, and that the mistake has arisen from the form in which the statistics of the Guild are there given, and for which I am alone responsible. DOLBEN PAUL, Sec. to O.D.G.B.

AN ANSWER.

SIR,—If "K.C.A.C.R." likes to send me his name and address, I shall be pleased to answer his question, and possibly enlighten him on a subject which he, and I am sure, you, Sir, will agree with me in saying is wholly unsuited for discussion in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." G. FREDK. COLERIDGE.

Caversham, Reading.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, AND THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Carter's letter in your issue of March 26th, I fail to understand the force of his denial of my statement. Undoubtedly he rang two peals on handbells with the Holt Society at the beginning of this year, and with this commenced the jealousy on the part of the members of the Amalgamated Society. Mr. Carter himself is my authority for stating that a resolution was passed by members forming the backbone of the Amalgamated Society, and his information was confirmed by another of their members, who in addition stated that no special meeting was held for the purpose, but that it was unanimously agreed to by the leading stars of the handbell performers of their society at a private meeting. Our thanks are due to Mr. Carter for being the first to divulge this, but unfortunately not until we had been victimised. A member of the Holt Society, in arranging for a birthday peal on handbells, picked a member of the Amalgamated as one of his band. This friend, the originator of the present correspondence, promised to come faithfully, but failed to put in an appearance at the appointed time, and on being remonstrated with, trumped up some paltry apology. This sort of thing would probably have continued, had not Mr. Carter's feelings revolted at such duplicity. Then it was that to prevent a recurrence of the like, he exposed the obnoxious resolution to others as well as to myself. With the view of testing its power, and if possible of rescinding it, he asked me several times to arrange a peal in which he might take part, but up to the present such a peal has not been rung. This substantiates my first letter, and bearing in mind the forcible and indignant proverb relating to the stirring up of unsavoury matter, I must now decline further correspondence on the subject. I most heartily concur with the views expressed in your able leader as to unity in this district. Taking St. Martin's as a centre, with a radius of six miles, there is an amply sufficient number of really excellent ringers to form a society, which as a united body could not fail to be powerful and influential in the furtherance of the Exercise. I am confident that a scheme is possible by which such a society could be worked with great ease. Under its auspices, the unwholesome jealousy now too frequently existing would cease, and give way to a healthy emulation of the deeds of kindred societies. WILLIAM KENT,

Fentham Road, Birchfields.

RINGERS AT ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRALS.

SIR,—I notice in the new report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of ringers that some of the members have been ringing at a Roman Catholic Cathedral at Birmingham. What have your readers to say to that? Not long ago, I heard of a Bishop's son preaching in a dissenting chapel. EX-CHURCHWARDEN.

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—Now that the question of Sunday Peal Ringing is again under discussion in your columns, I should be glad if you would spare me space for a few words on the subject. When the question was first mooted by Mr. Custance, I watched the correspondence column for some

weeks to see what replies would be evoked, and what arguments brought forward for and against, but I watched in vain. No reply came. From this I was led to one of two inferences; either that the subject was one of minor importance, or that the arguments brought forward by Mr. Custance in favour of peals being rung on Sundays, were so thoroughly sound and consistent that they were practically unanswerable. The first of the two I could not bring myself to believe, the second I fully coincide with. But I find at last that a few of your many correspondents have "agreed to differ" with that gentleman's views upon the subject. It is to be regretted, however, that after taking so much time to think over the question, the replies of neither of your correspondents attempt to answer or refute the arguments brought forward by Mr. Custance in favour of peals being rung on Sundays, both letters being abstract and, to my mind, inconsistent condemnations of the practice. The custom of ringing for an hour, and in some places even longer, before the services is almost universally upheld throughout the country, then why a peal taking three hours should be "an act of irreverence" I utterly fail to see. The narrow-minded philosophy of the majority of Englishmen at the present time only admits of the propriety of two classes of public buildings being opened on Sundays, *viz.*: the Church and the public-house, and in places where the church holds its services in the afternoon, in the evening one place alone is open; and though I would be the last to advocate a meeting there, the fact remains, that any body of men having an interest in common, will meet somewhere in their leisure time to discuss and further that interest. The part of ringing done by any scientific band, in the interests of the church, and the part done by the same band in the interest of the science, is practically inseparable, in spite of all finely drawn theories to the contrary. If any further arguments were needed in favour of allowing peals to be rung on Sundays, I need only point out the convenience to many ringers, how often a meeting for a peal is unavoidably brought to naught by the absence of one detained at the last moment by pressure of business. The readers of your columns are only too often treated to the compressed groan of the disappointed seven. My honest opinion, therefore, is that in places where churches are so situated that the ringing for so long a time would not inconvenience those outside the tower (for they too should be considered), a clergyman should be fully justified in granting permission to a band of orderly and well-behaved ringers to ring a peal, leaving the question of motive to an Omniscient power. E. NORMAN HOWARD.

Eynsford, Kent.

SIR,—I am glad to find that there are many besides the company to which I have the honour to belong, and in whose name I wrote last week on the above subject, who condemn the practice. I would remind Mr. Simmonds, and all who are in favour of the practice, that the pleasure connected with it is not profitable at any price—that they are endeavouring to raise bell-ringing as an art at the expense of depreciating the sanctity of God's holy day, and thus are honouring their work more than God (see 1 Sam. ii. 30), and so cut themselves off from the blessing of Him who commanded us "to keep holy the Sabbath Day." I trust none will be induced by Mr. Simmonds' remark (that we ring the fewest peals of any association, &c.), to deaden their conscience and disobey God by yielding the point and following where he would lead. A MEMBER OF K.C.A.C.R.

STEDMAN'S SLOW COURSE AND PRESTBURY SURPRISE.

SIR,—About twenty peals of Stedman's Slow Course have been rung by the Stockton-on-Tees Society, one of which was included in the 5040 of Minor rung here September 15th, 1883. We never turned our attention to Double Stedman's Slow Course on account of the abominable character of its music. Whatever may be the merits of the methods published in "THE BELL NEWS" as Prestbury Surprise, the author should show more discrimination than to apply the term "Surprise" to a method which has none of the features peculiar to what are known as Surprise methods, and which is not in the slightest degree entitled to such distinction. G. J. CLARKSON.

A QUOTATION.

SIR,—I beg to submit a paragraph quoted from the *Brighton Herald* of the 16th inst. for insertion in the "BELL NEWS," concerning the peals obtained in the two respective places by the Brighton gentlemen, as follows:—"CAMPAENOLOGY.—Eight members of St. Peter's Amateur Change-Ringers rang Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, at Lower Beeding Church, on Monday. The ringers subsequently visited Bolney and rang Hollis's 5-part peal of Grandsire Triples (containing 5040 changes) in three hours; the ringers being Messrs. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston (conductor), 2; G. King, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; J. Reilly, 6; J. Jay, sen., 7; and H. Cornwall, 8. The feat of ringing two peals in a day had not been accomplished in Sussex since 1818, when two peals were rung at St. Nicholas Church, Brighton."—Trusting, Sir, it may elicit a reply in the columns of your valuable journal regarding the authenticity of the statement. TINTINNABULA.

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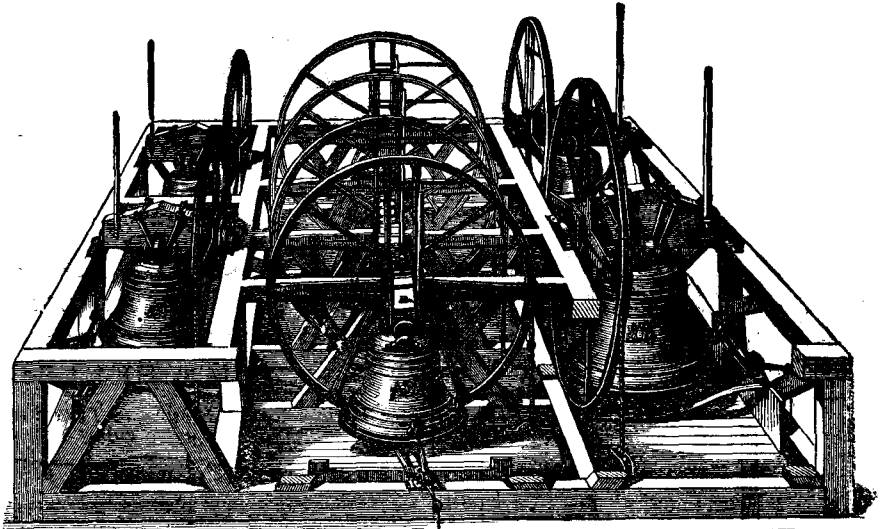
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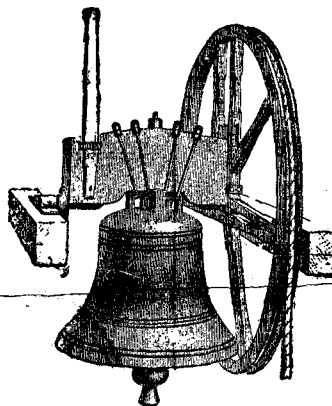
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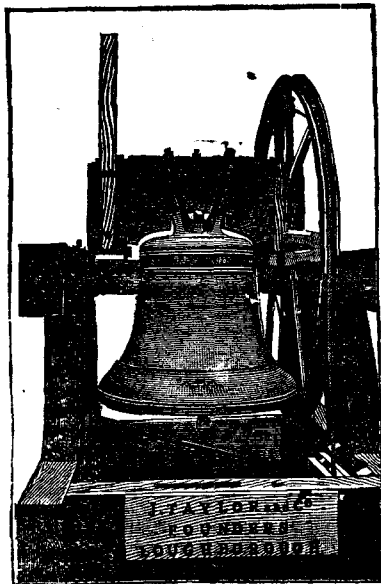
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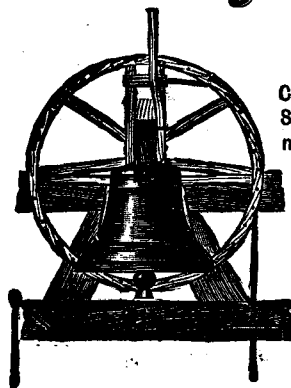
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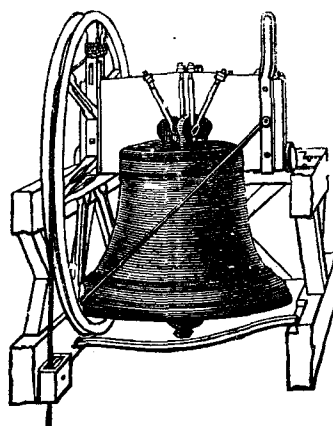
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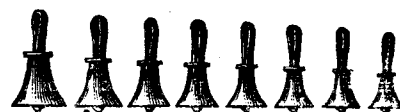
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IV.—PRICKING THE METHOD.

Before entering on the subject of pricking by course-ends, it may be as well to explain how "Duffield Major" is pricked by sixes. Rounds being the first change of a six, transposition by the following scale will give the first changes of successive sixes.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Plain Six	2	5	1	3	6	8	4	7
Bob "	2	5	1	3	6	4	7	8
Single "	2	5	1	3	6	4	8	7

As in Stedman, the bob mark must be placed against the six that results from transposing by the bob scale.

It has been remarked to me that it is always usual to prick by the last change of a six or lead. I think, however, that the plan adopted in Stedman of not pricking direct from "rounds" is unnecessarily inconvenient, and as in "Duffield" 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 comes the first change of a six, I prefer the simple course of working straight from it by successive six "beginnings." This plan has the additional advantage of making it easier to prick the remaining changes of a six, should they be required, than where the work has to be done backwards.

We are in the habit of calling the backstroke of the treble's full lead, in even bell methods, a lead end; this however, is a misnomer, for the row in question is in reality the first change of the following lead. Bobs are always made between the treble's hand and backstroke leads; that is, at the handstroke of its full lead the bells are in the coursing order due to the last bob, while at the backstroke they are shifted by the bob into a fresh order, which continues until the next bob. This backstroke is therefore, to speak correctly, a lead "beginning," and not a lead end, and we should be equally justified in calling the six "beginnings" of "Duffield" six-ends, as we are in denominating the backstroke treble leads of other even bell methods lead-ends.

It is clear, then, that "Duffield" is pricked by the usual row, namely; that at which the bob first takes effect.

The same reasoning applies to the term "course-ends," which in all even bell methods, is in fact the first change of the next course. As, however, the expression is in universal use I shall adopt it after this protest against its misapplication.

The vocal call of "bob" or "single" is to be made at the last backstroke, or fifth change, of the six; that is, at the second dodge of the bells in front and behind, thus giving as in Stedman, a whole pull's notice of the alteration. It is important the call should not be given earlier, or the bell making "first sixths" may be confused into thinking he is making the bob (bob sixths). A complete scale of course-ends is appended, and opposite each is given the number of courses the same calling will run.

SCALE OF COURSE-ENDS.

In.	Before.	Out.	Fourths.	Course-end.	No. of courses Calling will run.	
—	—	—	—	3 2 4 1 5 6	3	With the 6th at home.
—	—	—	—	4 3 2 1 5 6	2	
—	—	—	—	5 3 4 1 2 6	5	
—	—	—	—	5 4 2 1 3 6	5	
—	—	—	—	3 1 2 4 5 6	3	
—	—	—	—	5 3 2 4 1 6	2	With the 6th shifted.
—	—	—	—	5 1 3 4 2 6	3	
—	—	—	—	1 6 3 4 2 5	3	
—	—	—	—	5 6 3 4 1 2	2	
—	—	—	—	3 6 2 4 1 5	5	
—	—	—	—	3 6 4 1 2 5	3	With the 6th shifted.
—	—	—	—	5 6 2 4 3 1	5	
—	—	—	—	5 6 4 1 3 2	4	
—	—	—	—	4 6 2 1 3 5	4	
—	—	—	—	5 6 2 1 4 3	3	
Bob at Home.				2 5 1 3 6 4	6	
Middle (with a double).				4 3 6 5 1 2	3	

There are four calls that can be made in a course without affecting the tenors, namely, In, Before, Out, and Fourths. The sixes at which these calls are made are noted by the side of the plain course published in the last number, under the head of "Calls on the tenor."

My object in adopting the usual even bell names for the calls, in preference to the Stedman plan of the number of the six, is that in the former case they will be the same on the various numbers of bells; whereas, in the latter, a bob, say at B, would in Major be at the fourth six, in Royal at the fifth, and in Maximus at the sixth, thus causing a call of the same nature to be differently styled according to the number of bells, a confusion of terms which it is as well to avoid.

The bob B answers to the H in other methods, affecting only the three front bells. Bobs at B and "Out" affect in addition the 5th's place bell, leaving the 4th's and 6th's place bells untouched. The 4th, it will be remembered, takes the place occupied by the 5th in other methods, and is shifted by a bob "In." The course-ends obtainable by these three calls are placed by themselves, as they do not affect the 6th, which may remain at home throughout a peal, bobs at "In," B, and "Out," being capable of producing considerably over 5000 changes.

The bob at "Fourths" moves the 6th away. Besides these four calls there are two others that may be made without parting the tenors, namely, "Home" and "Middle." In the former of these 7, 8 dodge together behind, and the effect is that of a "Before" in other methods, the relative order of the rest of the bells being unchanged, the tenors alone having their position shifted. Bobs at H are pricked from the course-end by the scale 251364; this gives a new course-end from which another H can be pricked, and so on as required, these course-ends being but one six apart, and the last of them forming the basis for continuing the composition. It is well to consider each of these H sixes as a separate course, for not only are they necessary for proof, but also, if they are not all set down, it is difficult to see how the bells have previously been working. The case is different to Treble Bob, in which it is usual to put down as a course-end only the last of the lead ends produced by one or two bobs at H; because, as these affect only the three front bells, there is no trouble in seeing the order before the calls, nor are such lead ends required for internal proof as is the case with the H sixes in "Duffield."

A curious and most useful property of bobs H remains to be noticed, namely, that each successive one turns the course of the changes, and thus acts as a single, owing to the fact that the first changes of the sixes are alternately in and out of course, and that, therefore, keeping 7, 8 an extra six behind causes these bells to go down at a six of opposite nature to that at which they otherwise would have started away. An odd number of bobs H thus leaves the bells out of course, while an even number keeps them in course. Mr. Dains has pointed out to me how this may be taken advantage of to obtain peals with the sixth at home throughout, without the use of singles, a bob at H answering the same purpose, after which a bob at "Fourths" brings the 6th in place again; this process being repeated half way through the peal, causes the course-ends in the first half to be out of course, and those in the last half in course.

Bobs at M remain to be noticed. As this call causes the tenor to make the bob, it is requisite that a bob should also be called at the following six, which the 7th will make, and thus the tenors will be kept together, the effect being to cut out two sixes from the course, and with them the course-end. An M is therefore always to be called "with a double," and produces a long course of 84 changes. To prick M (2) let the course run to its natural course-end, and from this prick by the scale 436512, thus obtaining an imaginary course-end from which to prick the remainder of the course following the calls. For example, suppose a course to be called from rounds B, M (2), B; prick first from 123456 by the B scale, which gives 312456; this is the natural course-end cut out by the M, and from this, transposing by the M (2) scale 436512 gives 426531, from which the changes succeeding the M (2) would naturally come; proceeding again by the B scale gives 642531, the course-end required. To keep the 6th at home it would be necessary to call a bob "Fourths" after the first B, as in this way that bell would make the bob at

the six before the M, and remain in course in front of the tenor. Thus:

1 2 3 4 5 6	
3 6 2 4 1 5	B. 4ths.
4 2 5 1 3 6	M (2).
5 4 2 1 3 6	B.

It will be seen that only the last of these three course-ends is a bona fide one, the other two being purely imaginary, but required for internal proof. Being imaginary, they cannot be set down as part of the completed composition, this long course would therefore appear thus:

1 2 3 4 5 6	
5 4 2 1 3 6	B. 4ths. M (2). B.

in which 542136 is the actual course-end from which to proceed.

I will now shew the different ways in which the bells may be brought round. The natural coming home is at the first change of a six which, unless there be a bob at H, is invariably preceded three rows earlier by the "Queen's" change. This change is a sure indication of the approaching end, as it can by no possibility be brought up anywhere else, except the tenors get parted. If however the bells come round with one or more bobs at H, "Queen's" will not appear. Rounds may also come at the third change of a six from the out of course course-end 125364, that is, two changes later. In this case, unless there be a bob at H, "Tittums" will come up three rows earlier, and as the same is true of this change as of "Queens," it also is a certain prelude to the finish. Clearly therefore "Queen's" and "Tittums" cannot be had in one and the same composition.

By the strict method the bells can be brought round at no change of a six but the first and third, thus the possible numbers obtainable are limited to any that will divide by 6 without remainder, or with a remainder of 2. A remainder of 4 would necessitate coming round at the fifth change of a six, which is impossible, as the first change of the last six would be the same as the fifth of the first. If however such a number is required, the go off has only to be changed from the second to the last change of the six, and the bells will come round true two changes after the out of course course-end 125364. The required go off is annexed.

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

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

4 3 2 1 8 7 6 5

The method cannot properly be brought round at hand, as the change preceding rounds would be the same as that on going off; but in case of date touches or other exact lengths of uneven number, the odd change is easily managed by 7,8 lying still to bring up rounds. In this manner the bells can come home as follows:

From the out of course course-end 214365 at one change.	
„ the in course „	216453 „ three changes.
„ out of course „	215634 „ five changes.

Such touches will run without variation from the method till the change 21436578 comes up (at backstroke). If the conductor at this change calls "single, this is all," rounds will be produced at the following handstroke by the tenors striking 7 8 a second time. "Duffield" is thus capable of producing without irregular changes, any required number; if exactly divisible by 6, or with a remainder of 2, by the strict method; if with a remainder of 4, by going off at the last change of a six; if with a remainder of 1, 3, or 5, by 7,8 lying still on coming round.

Some authorities are, I am aware, opposed to any alteration from the method at the end of a touch, preferring to introduce irregular changes at the beginning, no matter how awkward these may be. My opinions may be heterodox, but I none the less assert that any such changes disqualify the touch from a

title to be spoken of as having been rung in this or that method. Holt's ten-part peal is *not* a peal of Grandsire Triples, and Hollis' peals with two irregular calls are *not* peals of Grandsire Triples, any more than is Shipway's with the five fifth place bobs, because none of them are got by proper Grandsire bobs and singles, although all are doubtless in other respects fine compositions, especially the latter, which indeed is the only complete peal of continuous triple changes yet composed in any method.

I further assert that such a peal as Mr. Lockwood's 9120 of Treble Bob Major is a peal in this method, because, although it is brought round from the change 1 2 3 4 5 7 6 8 by an irregular single, and thus the rounds at the finish are not got by the method, still the peal may be claimed to have started with rounds as the first change; and therefore 9120 changes have been rung by the method, although they have not been brought round by the method. The same argument will apply to peals of Stedman starting from the last change of a six, because here again rounds comes by the method at the end, although it is not connected with the peal by the usual beginning. In fine, I hold that for a touch or peal to have a legitimate claim to be considered as rung in a particular method, the sole variation from the method must be either between rounds and the first change, or between the last change and rounds, thus properly connecting the peal with rounds at one end or the other; and of course such variation must contain no "jump," or movement of any bell more than one place up or down.

It will be said that this makes date touches in many methods impossible except in certain years. This is true, but I do not see that it impairs the above reasoning. A method should be chosen which is capable of what is required. Do not let it, however, be supposed that I am an advocate for an irregular starting or finishing change. Unless there be a definite object to be attained, any variation whatever from the method is undesirable. All I contend is that, where this is confined to the first or last change, the length may be fairly termed "rung in the method," which cannot be accurately claimed if one or more irregular changes or calls are inserted within the composition. In "Duffield," I submit, therefore, is found a method in which date touches of any exact number may be truly rung, for all the requisite alterations are confined to the first or last change.

In the next paper the proof of the method will be considered.

Erratum:—In the last number, page 50, at the second line from the bottom of the second column for 78563412 read 34127856.

ABERGAVERNNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

The bells at the parish church of St. Mary's, which were a peal of six, tenor 20 cwt. in E, and which were in a very wretched condition, has been thoroughly rehung and augmented to eight by the addition of two new treble bells, as a jubilee memorial to Her Majesty. Wednesday, April 13th, being the day fixed for the opening ceremony, a band of the St. James' Society, Bristol, who were engaged for the occasion, started by the train leaving Bristol at 7.55. Upon arriving at Newport they were met by the Rev. Pitt-Eykyn, Vicar of Magor, and Hon. Sec. of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who accompanied them to their destination. Here they were greeted by one of the belfry restoration committee, and conducted to the Imperial Hotel, where an excellent luncheon was provided. They afterwards proceeded to the tower, raised the bells, and rang a 784 of Bob Major. G. Pymm, 1; W. Paddock, 2; A. Howell, 3; G. Pearce, 4; J. York, 5; W. Porch, 6; H. Tucker, 7; J. Hinton (conductor), 8. Also a 252 of Stedman Triples. W. Paddock, 1; H. Tucker, 2; G. Pymm, 3; G. Pearce, 4; A. York, 5; J. York, 6; J. Hinton (conductor), 7; H. Porch, 8. Dinner having been partaken of under the presidency of Iltryd Gardner, Esq., a 1008 of Stedman Triples was rung. G. Pymm, 1; H. Tucker, 2; A. Howell, 3; J. York, 4; G. Pearce, 5; W. Porch, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; J. Hinton, 8. And a 630 of Grandsire Triples. The bells were then lowered, and great surprise was expressed by the local ringers at the ease with which the bells were rung by the Bristol ringers, as the 7th and tenor bells required two men to each to ring them, before they were rehung.

On the return journey the ringers called at Magor, where there is a little ring of six, and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Tucker, 1; A. Howell, 2; A. York, 3; W. Porch, 4; J. Hinton, 5; H. Porch (conductor), 6. The remainder of the party then rang a six-score of Stedman Doubles, and two courses of Bob Minor. The company arrived home a little after 9 p.m.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A ringing meeting of the above branch took place at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday last, when ringers from the following places were present: Bacup, Waterfoot, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Heywood, Church, and Whitefield. Several 720's of Plain Bob, and 360's of College Single, and Oxford Treble Bob. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major was rung on the tower and handbells by various mixed teams. At a meeting in the class room, it was decided to hold the next ringing meeting at St. James's, Waterfoot, on the second Saturday in May. Votes of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom. In reply to the vote, the Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to meet the members of the Rossendale branch at his Church, and referred at great length to the position of ringers at the present day to the ringers of bygone days, and hoped that the Association would continue in the great and good work it had undertaken, that the ringers could be looked upon with respect and esteem both by the clergy and parishioners, and urged the members present to stick together and persuade their clergy to become honorary members, so that the clergy and ringers would be brought more together, and that the ringers would feel it to be their duty to attend service in the church after they had called others. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his able address, and to Mr. Nutter for presiding, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close, after which the ringers again adjourned to the tower, and ringing continued till 9.45., when the ringers departed by the various trains to their homes.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Rev. Lambert Woodard, the new vicar of St. Paul's, having expressed a desire to become acquainted with the local company practising change-ringing at St. Paul's, they attended the service on Wednesday evening in Easter week, and by his kind invitation had supper at the vicar's age, the vicar in the chair, his good lady being vice. The Rev. Mr. Brierley the curate, was also present. Handbells were used for changes and tunes entertaining music and singing being introduced. The Vicar recited a pleasing poem, by the Rev. E. W. Bowling, of Houghton Conquest Beds., whose bells have been recently restored. He also expressed his appreciation of what he had already seen of the ringers, and felt an inclination to take a rope in hand himself. He was in favour of Sunday ringing for services, especially on the days of the Church's great festivals. The gathering was in every respect a pleasant and sociable one, and good impressions have already been created by the kindly and Christian touch of recognition initiated by the Vicar. The Bedford Company are all members of the Beds. Association.

WOBURN.—Saturday, 16th April, being the tenth anniversary of the opening of the complete ring of eight bells, and the Marquess of Tavistock's birthday, several thousands of Bob Major were rung in the afternoon by the local company, assisted by Mr. I. Hills, of Bedford, who took the place of a member who had cut his fingers.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Penkridge, when the following places were represented by members and friends: West Bromwich, Perry Barr, Wombourne, Tettenhall, Willenhall, and Stafford. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, after which a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. At the Committee Meeting held in the vestry, two hon. members and two ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. At 6 p.m. the whole of the party adjourned to the vicarage where tea was in readiness, and after doing justice to the good things provided, a vote of thanks was given to the vicar of Penkridge, and the proceedings were brought to a close with a short service in the church.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, April 14th, being the birthday of Messrs John Aspinwall, Henry Winrow, and William Bentham, a start was made at the parish church to ring Mr. Aspinwall's peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1260 changes, in 43 mins., the conductor brought the bells round. W. Bentham, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; W. B. Lloyd, 3; He Winrow, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. The bells being lowered the ringers proceeded to the "White Lion" Inn, where the health of those whose birthday it was was duly toasted, their brother-strings wishing them many happy returns, with a hope that their next birthday peal may be successfully accomplished. The handbells being brought into use the rest of the evening was spent in change and tune-ringing, the company separating shortly after 10 p.m.

THE BELLS OF LIMERICK CATHEDRAL.

The following tradition connected with the fine peal of bells in Limerick Cathedral, is taken from "Curiosities of the Belfry," by J. Potter Briscoe, F.R.H.S., and Librarian, Nottm., F.P.L.

"They were originally brought from Italy, having been cast by a young native, who devoted himself enthusiastically to the work, and who after the toil of many years succeeded in finishing a splendid peal, which answered all the critical requirements of his own musical ear. Upon these bells the artist greatly prided himself, and they were at length bought by the prior of a neighbouring convent, at a very liberal price. With the proceeds of that sale the young Italian purchased a little villa, where in the stillness of the evening he could enjoy the sound of his own melodious bells from the convent cliff. Here he grew old in the bosom of his family, and of domestic happiness. At length, in one of those feuds, common to the period, the Italian became a sufferer amongst many others. He lost his all; and after the passing of the storm, he found himself preserved alone amid the wreck of fortune, friends, family and home. The bells, too, his favourite bells were carried off from the convent, and finally removed to Ireland. For a time their artificer became a wanderer over Europe; and at last, in the hope of soothing his troubled spirits, he formed the resolution of seeking the land to which those treasures of his memory had been conveyed. He sailed for Ireland, and proceeding up the Shannon, on a beautiful evening, which reminded him of his native Italy, his own bells from the towers of Limerick Cathedral suddenly struck upon his ear. Home and all its loving ties, happiness, early recollections; all, all were in the sound, and went to his heart. His face was turned towards the cathedral in the attitude of intently listening; but when the vessel landed he was found to be a corpse.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, April 22nd, ten members of the above Society rang a funeral peal with the bells muffled, to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Wyber, of the "White Swan," Farringdon-road, London, who died on Monday, the 18th inst., after a long and painful illness, aged 52 years. The funeral took place on the above date amidst every mark of respect, nearly all the shops in the neighbourhood being partially closed. The body was taken into St. Sepulchre's, where the first part of the Burial Service was impressively read by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Jackson, M.D. The cortege then proceeded to the City of London Cemetery at Ilford, Essex, where the deceased vestryman was interred. The ringers stood as follows:—J. Nelms (conductor), 1; J. Barry, 2; A. Moggeridge, 3; W. H. Moore, 4; H. J. Davies, 5; D. Lovett, 6; H. Alford, jun., 7; G. Wilds, 8; J. Rumsey, 9; A. E. Church, 10.

On Sunday, 24th inst., on the occasion of the annual sermon before the Lord Mayor on behalf of the schools of the parish, the local members assisted by Messrs. French and Newman, and J. W. Taylor, jun., Esq., of Loughborough, Leicestershire, rang for Divine Service in the morning, 395 of Grandsire Caters, and also after service, 395 of the same method, conducted by Messrs. Newman and Nelms respectively.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2nd, 1887, a District Meeting will be held at Woodbridge, on the occasion of opening the bells after rehanging. Dinner at the Crown Hotel at 1 o'clock. Service in the church at 3 o'clock, with sermon by Ven. Archdeacon Perowne, Rector of Redenhall. Members intending to dine are requested to inform the Secretary on or before Wednesday, April 27th, with name of station.

4, Bracondale Terrace, Norwich.

N. BOLINGBROKE, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, the 30th instant, when and where the Committee hope to see all members and others interested in the welfare of the Association. Arrangements are being made to provide tea, and several towers will be open for ringing on that day. Societies and members of kindred Associations intending to be present will please communicate, not later than Wednesday morning's post, with Mr. J. W. Watson, Knight Street, Lincoln, or the hon. secretary,

Market Rasen

W. LUNN.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Bournemouth on Thursday, May 5th. A Committee Meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. on that day. The belfry of St. Peter's will be open to members from 3.30 to 5, and from 6.30 to 8.30.

H. A. SPYERS, Hon. Sec.

Purbrook Vicarage, Cosham, Hants.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A DOUBTFUL QUOTATION.

SIR,—In your last week's issue I observed a letter from a correspondent, in which he doubts the authenticity of two peals which were rung by the Brighton branch of the Sussex County Association, on Easter Monday last. Your correspondent appears to me to be one who delights to make a mountain out of a mole-hill, as the only incorrect statement the paragraph contains is that it was rung by members of the St. Peter's Amateur Society. Now in point of fact these peals were rung not by a band composed entirely of the St. Peter's Society, as the band included two members of the St. Nicholas' Society, one member of the Paul's Society, and one ringer unconnected. The announcement of the peals in "THE BELL NEWS" was to the effect that they were rung by the Brighton branch of the Sussex Association no mention whatever of St. Peter's Society being made. Surely if the announcement in the paper devoted to the interests of campanology is correct, it is mere folly and waste of your space to criticise an article in a local paper which has not been read, perhaps by a dozen campanologists. It is, I own, an error into which no Society should fall, that if the ringing of a peal is taken in hand by a Society, and finding themselves short-handed apply to their brother-strings for assistance, in the event of the peal reaching a successful termination to apply to themselves all the credit for the performance. But such is not the case with the peals under discussion, as undoubtedly the announcement in "THE BELL NEWS" would be from Mr. Attree, being the Hon. Sec. of the Association, whereas I have got good reason to believe that the paragraph did not emanate from Mr. Attree, therefore it cannot be considered an official announcement. The correspondent to the *Brighton Herald* had fallen into the same mistake before on the occasion of a peal being rung at St. Peter's church about six weeks ago, which peal was rung by a mixed band, consisting of five members of the St. Peter's Society, two from St. Paul's, and one from St. Nicholas' Societies. This peal was also recorded in the *Brighton Herald* as being rung by eight members of St. Peter's amateur Society. It is a wonder your lynx-eyed correspondent has not discovered and made comment upon that likewise. The whole affair seems to be thoroughly illustrated by the words "much ado about nothing." A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—In the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" of last week, I perceived a letter from a correspondent who signs himself "Tintinabula," the letter being a quotation copied from the *Brighton Herald*, concerning two peals that were rung on Easter Monday by nine members of the Sussex County Association at Lower Beeding and Bolney respectively. But I fail to see what "Tintinabula" hopes to elicit regarding the authenticity of the statement, as the two peals were duly recorded in the peal column of "THE BELL NEWS" of April 16th. Brighton. S. C. A. C. R.

RINGERS AT ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRALS.

SIR,—Being one of those who took part in the 5040 of Grandsire Triples at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Birmingham, last August, allow me to say that I never saw such a ridiculous letter in my life as that of "Ex-Churchwarden." He is evident grossly ignorant of the ways of change-ringers, if he thinks that they consider what denomination a church belongs to before starting for a peal on the bells thereof. If he knew anything of the way in which ringing is managed in large towns, he would be aware that the same society of men who ring at the other churches, ring also at the Roman Catholic church (if there happen to be one with bells), in most cases. Very seldom do we find any of the ringers members of the Roman Catholic church themselves, although I believe that at Birmingham one or two of them happen to belong to that body of Christians. I cannot see any possible connection between the case of a Bishop's son preaching in a Dissenting chapel and a Churchman ringing at a Roman Catholic church. In the former case we should naturally suppose that the preacher believed in the doctrines held by whatever body the chapel he preached in belonged to, but in the latter there is nothing of this sort involved. Surely "Ex-Churchwarden" must be a man of very ultra-Protestant and very narrow-minded ideas, to send you such an absurd query. ALSO AN EX-CHURCHWARDEN.

SIR,—I was sorry to see such a want of Christian charity as was displayed in an "Ex-Churchwarden's" letter in your valuable impression of last week. Your correspondent is evidently one of those curious kind of persons who, not having the courage of their con-

vidions, shelter themselves under such a mean subterfuge as to wit, "What have your readers to say to that" (ringing at a Roman Cathedral at Birmingham). I am a ringer at one of the oldest churches in England, but I am glad to say I have never heard the slightest objection on the part of ringers to God's praises rung either at one church or another. I can assure an "Ex-Churchwarden" that I have rung at Roman Catholic churches, and have been treated with the greatest kindness, much more so in fact than at many of my own churches where I and my brother ringers have been treated with the barest courtesy. I also knew of Methodists being paid ringers at Protestant churches, but I suppose an "Ex-Churchwarden's" breadth of mine (?) would grant a privilege to a Methodist which he would refuse to a Roman Catholic. For shame, "Ex-Churchwarden;" to display your depth of bigotry in such a paltry manner as you have done in your letter of last week. An "Ex-Churchwarden" is also good enough to inform us of the fearful and degrading (?) fact, a Bishop's son preaching in a dissenting chapel—awful! Not even the fact that the said Bishop's son might have the means of converting the congregation from the errors of their ways, appears to strike your correspondent. Hoping you will kindly insert this letter as a protest against such a foolish and absurd letter as that of an "Ex-Churchwarden." ECCLESIA.

ANSWER TO THE REV. G. F. COLERIDGE.

SIR,—The reason why I asked Mr. Coleridge the question I did, was because he stated in his previous letter that it was a thing to be desired that people should communicate in the early morning rather than later in the day. Now Sir, I should think if this be so, that it must be for the public good, or why so much to be desired, and in that case there may be many of your readers, like myself, who have yet to learn why so much desired. For my own part, I know of no better way of ending the Sabbath Day than to meet God's children round His table to commemorate His dying love for us, after the evening service. But, in case Mr. Coleridge would prefer writing to me, I append my name and address. HENRY BAREFIELD.

6, Cambridge Street, Tunbridge Wells.

MR. SYKES' JUBILEE TOUCH.

SIR,—In your issue of April 9th, you published a "Jubilee touch of Treble Bob Major" of 2601 changes, said to contain as many changes as the Queen has reigned weeks. By what process of arithmetic Mr. Sykes arrives at that number I confess I do not understand; according to my reckoning it should be 2609, as I will endeavour to demonstrate. If we take as a commencement, 50 years of 52 weeks each, we get 2600; then, as each year of 365 days comprises 50 weeks and 1 day, we must of course add 50 days, or 7 weeks and 1 day; and as there have been 12 leap-years, that makes 12 days more, or a total of 2608 weeks 6 days. So that, if the Jubilee be celebrated on the 21st, will make exactly 2609 weeks. To "bring up" this number will, of course, require a considerable alteration in Mr. Sykes' first lead (which, by the way, is not original as it appears in Mr. Sottanstell's book, page 389, where it is stated to have been rung at All Soul's, Halifax, on January 28th, 1865), and I take the liberty of submitting the following for the consideration of Mr. Sykes and the Exercise generally:—

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

The principal characteristics of this lead are that no "foreign" changes are introduced, and every change appears in the first full lead, thus rendering false changes impossible if the remainder of the touch be true; also that each bell on coming down makes 2nd's place over the hunt bell, and has a straight course each way, falling into its proper positions at the back stroke lead of the treble, so that there will be no difficulty in ringing it. Trusting that Mr. Sykes will accept my correction in the same friendly spirit in which it is made.

JAMES SCOTT.

STEDMAN MAJOR.

SIR,—Having been a reader of "THE BELL NEWS" for some considerable time and acquainted with all the various names and titles to the different methods in practice, and also having Hubbard's and Snowdon's books on "Change Ringing," I see that Plain Bob, Grand-sire, and several methods can be rung either as an odd or even bell methods. Hubbard, speaking of the Stedman Principle, says it is unquestionably the masterpiece of all odd bell methods, and frequently seeing records of peals of Stedman Triples, Caters, and Cinques, the thought occurred to me why that beautiful ringing produced by the continuous dodging of the bells behind could not also be used with the same effect in Stedman Major, Royal, or Maximus. I have composed a plain course of Major which differs from the Stedman Principle now before the Exercise, viz., instead of being rung in a composition of sixes with three bells in the slow work and dodging in 4-5, 6-7, I have substituted four bells in the slow work rung in a composition of eights with dodging places in 5-6 and 7-8, the extra bell in the slow work being the course of Major to 128 changes composed of sixteen eights, beginning with an even eight and going even and snapping to the end of the course. I have shown the course to several of my friends and as they had not seen one of the same I put the course before the Exercise to kindly ask if it could be rung as a true method, or whether the same has ever been published before. If not a true composition, perhaps some ringer would kindly state the reason why Stedman Principle with a little alteration of the slow work could or could not be rung as an even bell method, knowing I shall receive what your friend, a constant reader, has asked for a reply, whether it be true or false.

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53124768	42586317	68471253	17635842
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Painswick, Gloucestershire.

WILLIAM HALE.

SUNDAY PEAL RINGING.

SIR,—As a former member of the K.C.A.C.R., I should like to say a few words upon this subject. I quite agree with Mr. Simmonds that it is to be deplored that more peals are not rung by the Association considering the number of ringers and fine peals of bells there are in the county. A peal can only be rung by practice, and I consider that trying to ring a peal is the best practice a man can have, and I know from experience that in the country, as Mr. Howard remarks in his very able letter, that it frequently happens that one of the band finds himself unable to meet the others through pressure of business, where if the peal was rung on Sunday, this difficulty would be obviated and much disappointment would be avoided, and why it is irrelevant to ring a peal on Sundays I confess I cannot imagine, on the contrary, I think that change-ringing elevates a man, and if by ringing, men can be made better members of society, then one great object of our Church is attained. I give an instance. For five consecutive Sundays I have

had to witness over a score of youths playing football on a piece of ground in front of my house, although within 200 yards of a church with a fine tower with one bell in it. Do not those members of the K.C.A.C.R. (who, however, seem ashamed of their name) think that those young men would be far better employed in ringing a peal than playing football to the annoyance of all right thinking people? In conclusion, sir, as this is a question of great practical importance to a large body of men, I would like to see some of the clergy, who are change-ringers, express their opinion, and then, perhaps, we may arrive at a proper solution of the question. JABEZ HORTON.

SIR,—As a member of the K.C.A.C.R., will you kindly allow me to protest against the Puritanical and Pharaesical nonsense about Sunday Ringing, which the mighty mouthpiece (of perhaps a bumpkin band) has the boldness to write, but seems ashamed to name. If he has a complaint to make and is so religious, why don't he be honest and bring the matter before a public meeting of the Association when it is held, or else sign his name to his correspondence. I also see in last week's issue a touch of 2520 of Grandsire Triples at Tonbridge, Kent, and supposed to be the first on the bells. I am very much mistaken if the Leeds band haven't rang a peal or two of Oxford Treble Bob on them nearly 100 years ago. TOMMY DODD.

In Memoriam.

JAMES HARRISON.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of the above gentleman at his residence, Lower Sandgate Road, Folkestone, on Easter Monday, April 11th, after a brief illness, in his 80th year. Mr. James Harrison was a ringer of Folkestone for nearly sixty years, and had rang at nearly all the towers in Kent. His name is recorded in several peals in the Hythe and Folkestone towers. He conducted a peal of 5040 Bob Triples at Folkestone, on November 21st, 1836, and on May 6th, 1846, he assisted in a peal of 13,444 Bob Major at Hythe. He took part in the first peal on the new bells at St. Mary's, Folkestone, 5040 of Grandsire Triples, at the age of 74. He was always a great advocate for ringing, and was the principal when the bells were worn out to get them cast and rehung at the cost of £1000, and for the active part he always took in ringing. His name was cast on the seventh bell as captain of the ringers. He rang his last touch on Sunday, April 3rd, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in the Kent County Association. He will be very much missed, as he has headed the list of subscriptions from honorary members every year since it started in 1880, and during the seven years has collected £43 3s. for the Association. His funeral took place on Thursday, April 14th, at Folkestone Cemetery. The vicar, the Rev. Matthew Woodward, M.A., performed the service, which was attended by a great many of the principal tradesmen and the friends and relatives of the deceased. The coffin was borne to the grave by the ringers, and brother ringers from Mersham and Cheriton attended and assisted at the funeral. His wish was to hear the bells to the last, and he said Good Friday was the first time he had been absent from the belfry through illness. He had the window opened to hear the bells, although they were muffled. He said that he enjoyed it very much; he had cancer in the throat, and said a few days would finish his time on earth, but he wished to live so that he might hear the bells on Easter Monday, and he breathed his last a few minutes after the ringing was over. After the funeral, the company rang a 504 of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled, 672 half-muffled, the same as he took part in at the opening of the bells on April 1st, 1879. A subscription has been opened for the erection of a tombstone over his grave, and a tablet to his memory in the belfry, which is being heartily supported, and will soon be carried into effect.

FREDERICK POWELL.

ON Friday, April 15th, the above-named gentleman departed this life at his residence, 14, Elizabeth Street, Liverpool, at the age of fifty-eight. Deceased had been connected with the ringing societies of this town for forty years, the first peal he took part in being a peal of Stedman Triples, rang at St. Luke's Church, on Monday, December 31st, 1855, by eight Liverpool members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. On Sunday evening, April 17th, before service at the Cathedral church of St. Peter, a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung, and after service, a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters. Richard Williams, Robert Williams, Charles Williams, Thomas Hammond, John Brown, John Moore, Edwin Booth, William Booth, William Brooks, John R. Pritchard, William Woodhead, Henry Coley. Deceased was laid at rest on Tuesday, April 19th, in St. James's Cemetery. Deceased was highly esteemed, as he took deep interest in Church matters, references being made of his loss at several vestry meetings.

REPRINT OF ANOTHER WORK ON CHANGE-RINGING.

The publisher of "THE BELL NEWS" has the pleasure to announce the issue, in penny weekly numbers, of a rare old work upon ringing, entitled "Campanalogia Improved; or the Art of Ringing made easy," &c. This work is printed uniform with "Shipway" and the "Clavis," which have been so eagerly taken up.

The Publisher believes that the re-issues of these various old ringing works, which at the present day are from their scarcity, so difficult of perusal, will be approved of by ringers. Their publication enables all who have an inclination for the useful, as well as the curious, to possess in time a valuable and complete ringing library. The copy, which has been kindly lent to the editor of this journal by Mr. S. B. Goslin, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, belongs to a fifth edition, "Corrected by J. Monk." For the purposes of easy publication it is called after his name, and those intending to take in the penny weekly numbers, should ask for "Monk on Ringing."

All who are desirous of securing copies should do so without delay, as a second reprint is out of the question.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1887.

THE various attempts—the results of which have been recently published—to manufacture something new in change-ringing, by exploring the regions of methods unknown, have but in very few instances been attended with success, at any rate with such favourable results as those embarking in these essays probably expected. We know it is a very serious thing to make light of such matters, as a recent case proves, but we cannot help it if we incur displeasure or animadversion when we speak of such "discoveries" as practically worthless, and calculated to provoke ridicule in the minds of discerning people at the expense of these would-be authors. Let us not be misunderstood. We are not making the least allusion in this article to the exertions of those two or three gentlemen who seem to have a peculiar gift for such studies, and who have amazed and interested the Exercise by their ingenuity and research. We merely question the value, as well as the necessity, of other endeavours, strained for the purpose of enjoying a brief popularity, attempts in fact, which will not bear the least scientific investigation.

In our correspondence columns this week will be found one of these essays at a "new method," which the writer

has the temerity to call "Stedman Major." No doubt he acts in perfect good faith, and imagines that his production is something new. But we protest against the system, now too much practised, of taking up a method, and after manipulating it to one's heart's content, calling it by the original name. If the splendid method discovered by STEDMAN is in any way tampered with, it is his principle no longer. And the same may be said of other methods. If, for instance, Grandsire Triples is mutilated, as it sometimes is, for the purpose of producing an exact number of changes, the mutilation destroys the method, and it becomes a bogus, or mongrel system. This should always be borne in mind by the innovator. In the case before us the method is that of SHIPWAY, named after him by himself, and published in his book on ringing. The slow work and the dodging are exactly the same, the difference being one or two matters of trifling detail. "Shipway's Principle" has been alluded to by Mr. Heywood in the valuable and interesting papers he is now engaged upon; and for the present we would advise all aspirants for fame in the direction we are dealing with to make themselves acquainted with the current ringing literature before they rush into print with their own ideas. This will at least save some disappointment.

Perhaps it may be thought that we might at times place some restraint upon the correspondence and other matters which are sent for publication. A reasonable supposition, without doubt; but our readers will pardon us for saying that there are a variety of circumstances known only to ourselves which impels us to gratify the desires of everyone. This explanation will satisfy those of our friends who occasionally demur to our space being taken up by matters in which they may feel little or no interest.

The Provinces.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES PETHER Treble.	ERNEST E. NAPPER 5.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	DENNIS NAPPER 6.
FRANK NAPPER 3.	WILLIAM NAPPER 7.
JOSEPH NAPPER 4.	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. R. PRITCHARD'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT Treble.	JAMES SHOLICAR 5.
WILLIAM B. LLOYD 2.	CHARLES SHARPLES 6.
WILLIAM ELLIS 3.	WILLIAM BENTHAM 7.
HENRY WINROW 4.	PETER H. HARVEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

The above peal was rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Beaconsfield.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION (DERBY BRANCH), AND THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, DERBY.

Muffled Peal.

On Thursday, April 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM SHARDLOW Treble.	CHARLES E. HART 5.
THOMAS ALTON 2.	JOHN WM. THOMPSON .. 6.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 3.	HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 7.
WILLIAM B. MIDGLEY .. 4.	GEORGE MOTTASHAW .. Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., of Duffield, and
Conducted by HARRY CHARLES WOODWARD.

The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the
Rev. James H. Fish, late Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(CRAWLEY BRANCH).

On Thursday, April 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

G. WICKENS Treble.	M. HEFFER 5.
W. COLLISON 2.	A. F. HILLIER 6.
B. KING 3.	H. BURSTOW 7.
F. RICE 4.	F. WICKENS Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by F. WICKENS.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWARD PETHER Treble.	JOSEPH NAPPER 5.
THOMAS HIBBERT 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	CHARLES ALLEN 7.
H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. .. 4.	DENNIS NAPPER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

LIVERSEDGE.

WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

L. ILLINGWORTH Treble.	W. TORDOFF 5.
J. WORSNOP 2.	A. WILKINSON 6.
T. SIMPSON 3.	J. W. EMMETT 7.
J. BRIGGS 4.	C. DRACUP Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, of Sowerby, and conducted by
J. W. EMMETT.

This is J. W. Emmett's first peal as conductor.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. CHAD AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 29½ cwt. 14 lbs. in D.

EDWIN GALLIMORE Treble.	ARTHUR E. GREENWOOD .. 5.
HENRY MEACHAM 2.	FREDERICK J. COPE 6.
JOSEPH KEY 3.	WILLIAM FEARNEYHOUGH .. 7.
HENRY SLANEY 4.	WILLIAM JENNINGS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COPE.

Messrs. Slaney and Jennings hail from Tamworth, the remainder of the band
belong to the Cathedral Society.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1887, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,
7008 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	ALFRED ROBINSON 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING 3.	JOHN HOWE 7.
HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal, which is the twelfth in the method by this branch of the Association, and
the longest length yet achieved, supersedes the 6000 rung at Gravesend in 1820. It
has the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place. The above is H. C. Woodward's 50th peal,
which are made up as follows: Union Triples 1; Stedman Triples 1; Grandsire
Triples 13; Grandsire Major 1; Grandsire Caters 1; Bob Triples 2; Bob Major 12;
Kent Treble Bob Major 9; Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Oxford Bob Major 5; Double
Norwich Court Bob Major 4. This list includes one peal of 6000, one of 7000, and one
of 10,000 changes.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(STEYNING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR
METHODS, ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court, Single Court, College
Single, Oxford Single Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure.

F. MORRIS Treble.	C. CHAMBERS 4.
J. SEARLE 2.	G. GATLAND 5.
G. SMART 3.	C. TYLER Tenor.

Conducted by C. TYLER.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(THE WORTH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR
METHODS, ON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:—

Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Warn-
ham Court Bob, College Single, and Oxford Single Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

B. PAYNE Treble.	F. RICE 4.
W. DENMAN 2.	*G. ILLMAN 5.
H. MEADS* 3.	*E. STREETER Tenor.

Conducted by E. STREETER.

*First 5040.

This is the first 5040 upon the Worth bells, also the first by all the band on six
bells.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

WALTER DAVIS* Treble.	JAMES HINTON 5.
WILLIAM SEVIER 2.	HENRY MITCHELL 6.
GEORGE DAULTRY* 3.	*FRANCIS HOWELL 7.
GEORGE ILES* 4.	*JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SEVIER.

*First peal.

This is the second peal ever rang on the bells, and the first for over thirty years. G.
Daultry, G. Iles, W. Davis, and J. Phillips were nominated for membership prior to
starting for the peal. J. Hinton and G. Daultry hail from Bristol; H. Mitchell and
Sevier belongs to Barnwood; the rest are local men.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 25, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL.. .. 5.
JOHN FRISBY* 2.	WILLIAM LONG 6.
RUEBEN HALL 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 7.
GEORGE SMITH*.. .. 4.	WILLIAM COOPER Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. J. H. Fish, late Vicar of Burton-on-Trent. *First peal.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, April 25, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

THOMAS THORPE.. .. Treble.	JAMES BARRETT.. .. 6.
JAMES GRATRIX*.. .. 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 3.	JAMES THORPE 8.
JOHN E. POLLITT 4.	*PETER BRICKELL 9.
EDWARD CASH 5.	*JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORPE, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Cash and Barratt hail from Eccles, Brickell from Northenden, Cheshire, the rest belong to Manchester. This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. George E. Turner, a member of the Cathedral company, but who could not make it convenient to be present in the peal. His brother strings wished him many happy returns of the day.

Date Touches.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, April 25th, 1887, a date touch of Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. *W. Smith, 1; †E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; C. Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall, 8. *First attempt at Major. †First attempt on an inside bell. ‡Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and conducted by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker. A very musical touch, containing numerous combinations of 4, 5, 6, together in 5-6 at the course-ends, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths place. Tenor 13 cwt.

EWHRST (Surrey).—On Monday, April 25th, the local company rang a date touch of 1887 changes, in three different methods, on six bells, being 720 of Oxford Bob, 720 of Warnham Court, and 447 of Plain Bob. W. Haynes, sen., 1; F. Francis, 2; W. Tidy, 3; A. Weale, 4; A. Baker, 5; W. Haynes, jun. (conductor), 6.

LECKHAMPTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 24th, five members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, with Mr. E. Price, visited the above named place and rang a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1887 changes), being fifteen 6-scores, and eighty-seven odd changes, each called differently, in 50½ mins. E. Price, 1; F. Hannis, 2; G. Price, 3; H. Downham, 4; W. Gregory (conductor), 5; E. Smart, 6. Weight of tenor not known.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 24th, at the parish church, for afternoon service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. Cocks, 1; A. Clegg, 2; J. Riley, 3; G. H. Beever, 4; C. Dronsfield, 5; S. Stott (conductor), 6; J. Siddel, 7; A. Wedder, 8. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. Messrs. Cocks, Siddel, and Wedder belong to the local company; the rest hail from Glodwick.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, April 19th, eight members of the St. Bartholomew's society rang at the parish church a date touch of Grandsire Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Brittain, who was a member of the above society for upwards of fifty years. S. Atkins, 1; H. Malborn, 2; A. Malborn, 3; J. Farmer, 4; G. Hughes, 5; S. Jesson, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Fullwood (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, April 24th, at St. Paul's church, for Divine Service, a 378 of Grandsire Triples, containing the Jubilee and Titmums changes. C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. Cullip, 4; W. Allan, 5; H. Chapman, 6; J. Hills, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also a 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Allan, 5; J. Hills, 6; H. Chapman, 7; C. Pass, 8.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Wednesday, April 20th, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. King, 1; H. Chapman, 2; C. West, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. King, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—Recently for evening service at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Also 144 of Oxford. T. Watson, 1; J. T. Barker (Stebbing), 2; F. Bumstead, 3; E. Claydon (Stebbing), 4; F. Ruckin, 5; S. Hammond (conductor), 6.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service in the morning, 560 of Bob Major. T. Grant, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8. Longest touch of Bob Major for all except the conductor. Also a touch of Stedman Triples. For afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. H. Lewis, 1; *A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; E. Hulks, 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman. Also a touch of Bob Triples. And for evening service, 378 of Grandsire Triples.

HARWICH.—On Wednesday, March 30th, 120 of Bob Doubles, and 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Brewster, 1; T. Aldis, 2; C. Ramplin, 3; W. Easter, 4; G. Knock, 5. And 720 of Grandsire Minor. D. Huff, 1; J. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; C. Ramplin, 4; W. Easter (conductor), 5; G. Knock, 6. On Thursday, April 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor. Aldis, 1; Brewster, 2; Green, 3; the rest as before.

CHELMSFORD.—On Saturday evening, April 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, after the usual practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the front six of the peal of ten, as a trial, and is the first on these bells since they were hung in their old quarters. J. F. Barker, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Piper, 6.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday, March 27th, at St. Edward's church, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-six singles), was rung on the back six in 26 mins. W. Nash, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; J. Fruin, 3; B. Keeble, 4; W. Doran, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucester).—On Tuesday, April 19th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. H. Barnes, 1; W. Sevier, 2; J. Yates, 3; G. Miles, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. The above was rang in honour of the conductor's birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Also 360 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Barnes, 1; S. Romans, 2; —. Douling (Brockworth), 3; H. Mitchell (conductor), 4; W. Sevier, 5; R. J. Wilkins, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service in the morning 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Brown (first 720), 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts, 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucester).—On Thursday, April 21st, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, being the first 720 in the method on the bells. *W. Pegler, 1; *F. Hart, 2; †R. J. Wilkins, Esq., 3; *G. Brunson, 4; R. Brunson (conductor, first 720 as conductor), 5; W. Brunson, 6. *First 720. †First 720 in the method. Also several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. B. Sevier (conductor), 1; *F. Hart, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; G. Brunson, 4; R. Brunson, 5; W. Pegler, 6. Mr. W. Brunson taking part in several 6-scores of Stedman. *First 6-score in the method. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday evening, April 24th, at St. Margaret's Church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. Rayner, 1; A. Ring, 2; W. Baker, 3; J. Tulett, 4; G. Lindoff, R.E. (late of Leiston, Suffolk), 5; A. Heigh (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all except A. Heigh and G. Lindoff. A. Ring belongs to Frimberry, and A. Heigh and G. Lindoff, to Gillingham. Tenor 15 cwt.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Easter Monday, April 11th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. W. Cook, 1; G. Conyard, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. French, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. W. Cook,

G. Conyard, and F. French hail from Crayford. On Sunday evening, April 24th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Cornford (first in the method), 1; W. Martin, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—On Saturday last, eight members of the above Association started at the parish church, for a peal of Treble Bob Major, in the Kent Variation, composed by Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne. The peal contained 5184 changes, but after 4450 changes had been rung, in 2 hrs. 35 mins., a change-course happened, and the conductor called stand. James Gratrix, 1; Thomas E. Turner, 2; James Barratt, 3; John Welsby, 4; John E. Pollitt, 5; James Thorp, 6; Charles Cash, 7; Edward Cash (conductor), 8. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. Messrs. Gratrix, Turner, Pollitt, and Thorp, hail from Manchester; Welsby, from Worsley; the rest belong to the local company.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—*Muffled Peal.*—On Saturday, April 16th, ten members of the above, rang on the bells of St. Philip's church, 1763 Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. J. H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, in 1 hr. and 12 mins. G. Hitchman, 1; T. Russam, 2; J. Callaghan, 3; J. Carter, 4; J. Hall, (West Bromwich), 5; C. Carmell, 6; W. Ellesmore (West Bromwich), 7; R. Hall, (West Bromwich), 8; A. Hackley, 9; J. King, 10. Conducted by J. Carter. Also on Monday, April 25th, an attempt was made for a peal of 5057 Grandsire Caters, at the above church, but after ringing 3000 changes, in 1 hr. and 59 mins., the 5th rope broke, which caused it to come to grief. W. Broomfield, 1; J. T. Perry, 2; C. Barnacle, 3; J. Carter, 4; R. E. Grove, 5; C. Carmell, 6; H. Williams, 7; J. Crane, 8; A. Hackley, 9; C. Sparts, 10. Conducted by J. Carter. The treble man hails from Bromsgrove; 5th, 7th, and 8th men hail from Kidderminster.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY, NEAR DERBY.—On Saturday, April 23rd, at the parish church of All Saints', by the kind permission of the rector (the Rev. T. H. Freer), a 720 of Bob Minor in 27½ mins. R. Logie, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; L. Bullock, 3; J. Austin, 4; G. Robinson, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Also about 500 of Grandsire Minor, and several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, in which W. H. Stone, W. Burton, and W. Wylde took part, conducted by L. Bullock. This peal has lately been augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have given every satisfaction.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWOLD.—On Friday evening, April 22nd, the following members of the local company rang at the parish church a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles) in 28 mins. T. King, 1; F. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; E. Upcraft, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. H. Hurr, 1; the others as before.

WENHASTON.—On Saturday evening, April 23rd, the Southwold company paid a visit to this parish, and were there met by G. Miles, the clerk, and F. Lambert, of Halesworth. A 720 of Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles) was rung in 25 mins. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. T. King, 1; F. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; F. Lambert, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27½ mins. H. Hurr, 1; F. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; F. Lambert, 4; T. King, 5; G. Miles (conductor), 6. The Southwold company beg to thank the Rev. R. Gathorne, vicar of Wenhaston, for kindly allowing them the use of the bells; and also to G. Miles for raising them, &c., ready for use.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM.—On Sunday, April 24th, for Morning Service at the church of St. Mary, a 360 of Grandsire Minor, in 14 mins. G. Webb, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. Also after Evening Service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins. T. Bidmead, 1; H. Hatto, 2; J. Richardson (conductor), 3; A. Richardson, 4; J. Hatto, 5; T. Wigmore, 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in Bb.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT, ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

UTTOXETER (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, April 21st, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. W. Cope, 1; J. Higson, 2; J. D. Higson, 3; C. Bentley, 4; P. Arnold, 5; S. Spencer (conductor), 6. First 720 by all except James Higson and S. Spencer. This is the first 720 ever rung by an Uttoxeter company, who have been taking instructions from S. Spencer, of Wolstanton, who is leaving for Canada, where we all wish him prosperity.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, April 10th, for evening service at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; J. Hawkins, 2; G. Wyatt, 3; H. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Saunders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; G. Pederick, 8. And on Sunday evening, April 17th, 1120 of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; G. Wyatt, 3; H. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Saunders, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; G. Pederick, 8. Also 210 of Union Triples, standing as before. And on Monday evening, April 18th, for practice, 1050 of Grandsire Triples (Reeves's variation), in 36 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; J. Easton, 3; H. Pederick, 4; H. Kenten, 5; W. Saunders, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; G. Pederick, 8. This last 1050 was rung as a farewell touch to H. Kenten, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Chertsey, his brother ringers expressing their regret at his leaving.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT.—On Thursday, April 21st, at St. Anne's Church, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; E. Lee, 4; W. Houlton (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. Also 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. H. Stapleton, 1; R. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Houlton (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Grandsire Minor by all, except W. Houlton, and was rung at the third attempt, and the first night of trying. Also on Friday, April 22nd, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; W. Houlton, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Harding, 6. Also a touch of Grandsire Minor. H. Stapleton, 1; E. Spooner, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Houlton (conductor), 6.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, six members of the local branch of the above Guild rang at St. John's Church in the early morning, a 720 of College Pleasure in 24 mins. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 360 of College Exercise. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And for Morning Service, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also after Morning Service, a 720 of Superlative Surprise in 23 mins. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, April 25th, for afternoon service, a 720 of College Pleasure, in 25 mins. T. Stedman, 1; A. Tidy, 2; R. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And after service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. A. Mills, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; E. Jordan, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Superlative Surprise. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

NEWDIGATE (Surrey).—On Easter Sunday, the Capel branch of the above Guild visited St. Peter's Church, and rang before the evening service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise in 24½ mins. M. Jenkins, 1; E. Jordan, 2; R. Jordan, 3; T. Stedman, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Stedman, 1; E. Jordan, 2; R. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; A. Mills, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And after service, 360 of Kent. T. Stedman, 1; G. Holloway, 2; A. Mills, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; F. Wickens, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 360 of College Exercise. R. Jordan, 1; G. Holloway, 2; T. Stedman, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; F. Wickens, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. This is the first 720 of Cambridge on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Friday evening, April 15th, eight members of this society attempted a peal of Bob Major, it being Mr. Nelson Hawkins' birthday; but after ringing 1 hr. 10 mins., it came to grief. The band was sorry that they did not get the peal, so it was decided for the same eight to meet again the next evening, and attempt the same peal again, when after ringing 4800 changes in 2 hrs. 55 mins., they had the misfortune of breaking a rope. G. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; W. P. Gridley, 5; R. Mingay, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; S. Slater (conductor), 8.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, April 10th, for morning service, a 336 of Bob Major, for the afternoon service a 560 of Bob Major, and for the evening service a 1008 of Bob Major. John Ambrose, 1; P. C. S. Scott, 2; O. Garwood, 3; Z. Slater, 4; J. Bird, 5; A. Symonds, 6; John Slater, 7; S. Slater (conductor), 8. And on Saturday evening, April 23rd, the following eight members attempted a 5040 of Bob Major, but after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins., it came to grief. P. Scott, 1; J. Lee, 2; F. Wells, 3; A. Symonds, 4; G. Maxim, 5; J. Bird, 6; O. Garwood, 7; S. Slater (conductor), 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP.—On Sunday, April 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). Also on Tuesday,

April 19th, being the Duke of Cleveland's 84th birthday, who is the oldest duke living, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles). Also 720 of Bob Minor (four bobs and twenty-six singles). Also 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). Also 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and ten singles). and touches of College Single. Also on Sunday, April 24th, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. McLean, 1; J. W. Shipp, 2; W. E. Johnson, 3; T. Lenard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; J. Brown, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, April 19th, on the occasion of the funeral of the Duchess of Norfolk, eldest daughter of Lord Donington, who is patron of the living of Ashby, several plain courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, with the bells half-muffled, by the following members of the Ashby parish church Society: J. H. Dunmore, 1; H. Canner, 2; T. Jacques, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; W. Canner, 5; J. Canner, 6; W. Preston, 7; J. Curtis, 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. in Eb.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 12th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. F. Arnold, 1; T. Lesson, 2; R. Arnold, 3; J. Burkin, 4; W. Sadler, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. *F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; *F. Arnold, 3; J. Burkin, 4; W. Sadler, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also on Tuesday, April 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, April 24th, 360 Bob Minor. J. Poplett, 1; F. Bridger, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Bone, 1; S. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5; E. Moses, 6. J. Burkin hails from Nutfield; W. Burkin from Beddington; and W. Bone from Reigate.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, at the residence of Mr. S. Hammond, upon handbells, retained in hand, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. E. Hammond, 1-2; F. Bumpstead, 3; *Wm. Hammond, 4; S. Hammond, 5-6. Composed and conducted by S. Hammond, and contains twenty-one bobs and six singles. *This is W. Hammond's first 720. He received his first lesson on March 17th, and consequently has only been five weeks learning the method. And the same evening, after the above, 216 of Bob Minor. C. Howard, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; S. Hammond (conductor), 5-6. The striking was good throughout.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, April 23rd, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. G. Hatton, 1; F. Davies, 2; J. Brooks, 3; C. Daniels, 4; C. Beasley (conductor), 5; W. Woodall, 6. Each called differently. Davies, Hatton, and Brooks hail from Lye.

DUNSTER (Somersetshire).—On Wednesday, April 13th, the first half of Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 32 mins. E. Hole, 1; R. Hole, 2; Rev. J. U. Todd, 3; J. Tudball, 4; C. B. Craze, 5; W. W. Thrush, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Monday evening, April 25th, at St. Cuthbert's church, a 1008 of Bob Triples, in 40 mins. J. Bolton, 1; W. Stephenson, 2; J. H. Whitfield, 3; J. K. Whitfield, 4; J. Coverdale, 5; A. Hodgson, 6; G. A. Overton (conductor), 7; W. Auld, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. Messrs. J. H. Whitfield, and J. Bolton, are from St. John's, the rest belong to St. Cuthbert's.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, April 24th, at the church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. Frank Hales, 1; Martin Murphy, 2; William Stringer, 3; John Murphy, 4; Peter Conlon, 5; Bernard Wittchell (conductor), 6; James Plant, 7; Isaac Wilcox, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. Composed by Mr. Henry Johnson, sen.

GLODWICK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. *R. Guest, 1; G. Dunkerley, 2; C. Dronsfield, 3; A. Clegg, 4; S. Stott, 5; G. H. Beever (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 17th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, at St. Laurence's church, two 720's of Bob Minor; first, with two singles and sixteen bobs, in 25 mins. G. Rowland, 1; R. Thobald, 2; James Stiff, 3; W. Leeks, 4; H. Diggins, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Second, with six singles and nine bobs, in 26 mins. W. Body, 1; H. Smith, 2; A. Symonds (conductor), 3; W. Leeks, 4; W. Bantock, 5; H. Diggins, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Messrs. Bobby Smith, and Symonds hail from Lavenham; the rest are local men.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, March 10th, being the anniversary of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' Wedding Day, the local com-

pany rang at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. C. Honeybell, 1; C. Adams, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; S. Slater, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, March 27th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Wells, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; W. P. Gridley, 4; J. Lee, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, April 21st, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Wells, 1; S. Slater, 2; J. Lee, 3; C. Adams, 4; G. Maxim, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 24th, at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, for evening service, a course of Duffield Major. W. Meadows, 1; J. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; C. Saul, 4; W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 5; W. Motts, 6; E. Reeve, 7; S. Tillett, 8. And three courses of the same method. W. Meadows, 1; W. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; R. Hawes, 4; W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 5; J. Motts, 6; E. Reeve, 7; S. Tillett, 8.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, April 25th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. F. Davis, 1; *J. Brooks, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Bird, 4; A. H. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 5; *A. E. Parsons, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. *A. Folkes, 1; H. Mason, 2; *F. Davis, 3; A. G. Parsons, 4; W. Bird, 5; A. H. Bassano, Esq. (conductor), 6. *First 720. The above are the first 720s on the bells. Tenor 3½ cwt.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, April 24th, at St. John's Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. W. Bamber, 1; Jno. Miller (St. Cuthbert's), 2; C. H. Kerr, 3; R. Cookson, 4; Jno. Fell (conductor), 5; R. White-side, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday evening, April 14th, at the parish church, the local company rang their first touch (168 changes) of Grandsire Triples (three bobs), with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the Right Hon. C. N. Newdigate, late M.P. for North Warwickshire, who died at his seat, Arbury Hall, Nuneaton. W. Adler, 1; G. E. Swain, 2; T. Lingard, 3; W. Swain, 4; T. Chapman, 5; T. Bates, 6; H. Horwood (conductor), 7; J. Ballard, 8. Also on Sunday, January 17th, after Morning Service, by special request, with the bells deeply muffled, five six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently, with 4-6-8 behind. J. Ballard, 1; W. Swain, 2; T. Chapman, 3; E. Rowley, 4; H. Horwood (conductor), 5; J. Clarke, 6; T. Bates, 7; G. Winter, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—*Handbell Ringing at the house of Mr. J. Gilbert*.—A 308 Bob Triples. W. Stubbs, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; R. Pendered, 4; W. A. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6; H. Stubbs, 7-8. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples. *W. Stubbs, 1; *R. Pendered, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; *B. W. Allen, 5; F. Gilbert, 5; W. A. Hall, 6; H. Stubbs (conductor), 7; *S. Bailey, 8. *Longest touch of Grandsire Triples.

RINGSTEAD (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, April 23rd, some members of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association met at St. Mary's Church and rang 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). *W. Lewis, 1; G. Burton, 2; H. Stubbs (conductor), 3; W. A. Hall, 4; E. Maize, 5; F. Slade, 6. Also another 720 of Plain Bob. W. Lewis, 1; G. Burton, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. A. Hall (conductor), 4; *J. Bailey, 5; F. Slade, 6. *First 720. Also 360 of London Single (nine bobs). T. Roberts, 1; J. Braybrook, 2; E. Maize, 3; F. Chapman, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; J. Stubbs, 6. W. Lewis, J. Bailey, and G. Burton hail from Rushden; W. A. Hall, F. Slade, J. and H. Stubbs, from (Raunds), the rest belong to Ringstead. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. W. O. Lead-bitter, for the use of the bells, and the ringers for meeting them.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, April 15th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, (sixteen bobs and two singles) by the resident band. W. Lord, 1; J. W. Howarth, 2; J. T. Bartle, 3; J. Lord, 4; A. A. Stott, 5; J. Stott (conductor), 6. The same was repeated for afternoon service on the following Sunday, making their third performance of a full 720, having rung their first 720 on Friday, February 4th last. This is the first resident band that have succeeded in accomplishing a 720, although the bells were hung in 1870. The above band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Bacup company for their welcome services on Easter Sunday, and other occasions, and also to correct an mistake as regards the weight of the tenor, which is 15½ cwt. in Eb, not 18 cwt. as it has been thought to be up till recently.

SALISBURY. —On Saturday, April 23rd, 1512 Grandsire Triples, being the three first parts of Holt's ten-part peal, in 55 minutes. J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. This is the longest touch ever rung in Salisbury. On Wednesday, April 20th, a 518 in the same method. W. W. Gifford, 1; W. Prince (first touch), 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Easter Monday, April 11th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Rochester, 1; G. Taylor, 2; J. Freeman, 3; W. Wallage, 4; G. Martin, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; F. Pitstow, 7; J. Taylor, 8.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Mary-the-Virgin Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins., with the 2nd the observation. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; H. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Also 648 changes in the following methods, being a plain course of each, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. J. Tucker, 6. And on handbells retained in hand, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 20 mins. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. Mr. Tucker hails from Bishops Stortford. And on Sunday, April 24th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey (conductor), 4; H. Prior, 5; I. Cavill, 6. And 360 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also for the afternoon service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25½ mins., (with four bobs and fourteen singles). I. Hammond, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; I. Hammond, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

TITCHMARSH (Northants).—On Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 360 of Bob Minor. F. Jeffs, 1; W. Gray, 2; G. Jeffs, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; G. Jeffs, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And 308 of Bob Triples. J. Jeffs, 1; J. Petit, 2; C. Chapman, 3; G. Jeffs, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6; R. Dunkley, 7; J. Martin, 8. Also 364 of Bob Triples. J. Petit, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; J. Martin, 3; G. Jeffs, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; R. Dunkley, 6; E. Chapman, 7; C. Faulkner, 8. And 336 of Bob Major. J. Jeffs, 1; J. Petit, 2; E. Chapman, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; G. Jeffs, 6; J. Martin, 7; R. Dunkley (conductor), 8. Tenor 21 cwt. F. Gilbert, W. J. Gilbert, hail from Raunds; J. Petit, and J. Martin, from Keyston, Hunts; R. Dunkley and E. Chapman, from Bythorn; the rest hail from Titchmarsh.

TURVEY, (Beds).—On Easter Monday, April 11th, five ringers from Emberton, who had joined the Bedfordshire Association that day, on their way home (calling at Turvey), with the kind permission of the Rev. — Mumby, rector, rang at the parish church 720 Bob Doubles, with the four different observations; and 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Wright, 1; H. Booth, 2; W. Mynard, 3; C. Line, 4; W. Freeman, 5; T. Sargent (Turvey), 6.

TUE BROOK (Near Liverpool).—On Easter Monday, April 11th, at St. John the Baptist Church, 1664 of Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Williams, 1; W. Walmsley (conductor), 2; W. Ingham, 3; C. Williams, 4; W. Booth, 5; J. R. Pritchard, 6; W. Davies, 7; R. Williams, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Walmsley and Ingham hail from Macclesfield.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 22nd, eight members of the above Guild attempted to ring three peals of 5040 changes in one day, and at three different places, the places chosen being Hagbourne, Dorchester, and Drayton, about ten miles apart, the first peal being started for at Hagbourne at 6 a.m., and was successfully brought home. The company then made their way to Dorchester, where they lost their peal of Stedman after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins. After refreshing the inner man, a move was made to Drayton, and the peal there seemed an absolute certainty, when suddenly just before the end single was called, with not a minutes ringing wanted, the treble rope broke. This was a bad job, as it was splendid ringing, and would have been the quickest peal on the bells, as it would not have occupied much more than 2 hrs. 30 mins. J. W. W.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—VESTRY MEETING.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. F. d'Auvergne, presided at a meeting held at the National Schoolroom on Friday evening, April 22nd, to sanction the removal of the old tenor bell to the Lindfield Cemetery. After much discussion of a somewhat factious character, it was resolved that the bell should be retained at the church in the custody of the vicar and churchwardens.

The CHAIRMAN said he was opposed to it being hung in the tower, and guaranteed that he would do his best to carry out Mr. J. T. Comber's suggestion that it should be placed somewhere in the Church where it could be seen. At present the bell remains on the floor of the Church tower.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE NEW CHIMES FOR THE PARISH CHURCH.

The arrangements for the working of the new carrillon machine in the belfry of St. Luke's church are now complete. On Thursday evening, April 7th, a preliminary trial was made in the presence of the Vicar (Archdeacon Lightfoot), the churchwardens, Mr. Wm. Woolston (the donor), and others, and was regarded as very satisfactory. The following is the number of tunes which will be played (fourteen in all), with the names attached:—barrel I: 1, "O rest in the Lord;" 2, "The Minstrel Boy;" 3, "The Harmonious Blacksmith;" 4, "The Last Rose of Summer;" 5, "The Harp that once through Tara's Hall;" 6, "Hanover;" 7, "Home, sweet Home." Barrel II: 1, "Ein Feste Burg," A.M. 378; 2, "See the conquering hero comes;" 3, "The Soldier's Tear;" 4, "The Blue Bells of Scotland;" 5, "The Vicar of Bray;" 6, "Aurelia;" A.M. 358; 7, "There is nae luck about the house." It is understood they will not be used before June 20th. Mr. Weston has been appointed to attend to the winding of the chimes and the clock. According to custom, the parish church bells were rung early on the morning of Easter Day, commencing at 6.15. It is worthy of notice that not a single mishap of any kind occurred during the ringing. Notwithstanding the multitude of wires, levers, cranks, and hammers, that have been fixed in connection with the new chimes, everything worked smoothly and well, none of the fittings being in any way disturbed.—*Local Paper.*

MIDDLETON PARISH CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

The re-opening of the peal of six bells at this church is fixed for the first Saturday in May, to celebrate the birthday of one of the oldest ringers, John Heywood, who has rung at the above church ever since 1836. The bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London. They are splendidly hung, the work being superintended by Mr. George Vincent, of the above-named firm. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at Manchester Cathedral. Meeting place, Crown Hotel Blackfriars Street, Salford. Business to commence at 4, after which the bells will be at the disposal of the members.

A UNIQUE PEAL.—ITNOTGAOTU.

Ringers owning their allegiance to the above, and who are willing to go for a peal, are requested to send their numbers, names and addresses to H.A., 61, Palace Chambers, Westminster, stating what methods and what bell they are prepared to ring, and whether able to call a peal. Out of the number of ringers in the country at the present time, there ought to be no difficulty in arranging for a peal, which would certainly be a unique one. HIRAM ABIFF.

THE BATTLE OF THE NILE.—Within a quarter of an hour after the action commenced, the two first ships of the French line had been dismantled, and all the rest had been so terribly mauled that a victory seemed certain; and by half-past eight the third, fourth and fifth were in our possession. It was about this time that Nelson received a severe wound from a piece of langridge shot, which struck him on the forehead. Cut from the bone, a flap of skin had fallen over one eye, and as the other was blind, he was in total darkness. As he was falling backward, Captain Berry caught him in his arms; and so great was the effusion of blood that all thought the wound was mortal. When carried below, where the horrors of the cockpit far exceeded those of the upper deck, the surgeon came to him at once, relinquishing a seaman who was under his hands. "No," said Nelson; "I shall take my turn with my brave fellows." Nor would he suffer his wound to be attended to until his time again. From its severity he was certain that he was about to die, and desired the chaplain to bear his last remembrance to Lady Nelson; but a burst of joy resounded through the cockpit when the surgeon pronounced the wound to be merely superficial.—*From "British Battles on Land and Sea,"* for May.

LONDON.—At the time the new thoroughfare from Charing Cross to Oxford was opened by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, it was omitted in our paper to report that three courses of Cambridge Surprise was rang, at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on the back eight, by a band of the Royal Cumberland Society. This was after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday, February 26th, to commemorate the opening of Charing Cross Road.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

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St. Peter's Society, Sheffield:—	33	8	6
Charles Bower	£0	2	6
Wm. Burgan	0	2	6
John Sandforth	0	2	6
St. Mary's Society, Sheffield:—	0	2	6
J. Dixon	0	2	6
J. Mulligan	0	1	0
Mr. Abbishaw, Rothwell	0	2	6
The Birmingham Amalgamated Society	0	10	6
The Surrey Association	1	1	0
A. B. Carpenter, Esq.	0	10	0
The Royal Cumberland Youths	2	2	0
The St. Peter's Parish Church Company, Leeds	1	6	0
he Liverpool Youths	0	14	6
Mr. T. Powell, Waltham Abbey, Essex	0	2	6
St. Luke's Society, Liverpool, per Mr. R. S. Mann	0	8	0
A. Percival Heywood, Esq., Duffield	1	1	0
Charles E. Malim, London	0	5	0
Wm. Jones, Royal Cumberlands	0	2	0
St. Peter's Society, Huddersfield, per Tom Haigh	0	10	0
Collected from members present at Meeting of Norwich Diocesan Association, at Ipswich, October, 1886	0	15	0
E. A. Foster, Corsham, Wilts.	0	5	0
The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Kings Lynn	1	1	0
The Doncaster Society	0	5	0
The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton, Berks.	0	5	0
Mr. John Day, Birmingham	0	2	0
Mr. Urban Holman, Croydon, per A. B. Carpenter, Esq.	0	2	6
The St. James' Society, Bolton, near Bradford	0	6	0
Swanscombe (Kent) Society, per F. J. King	0	5	0
Mr. John Carter, St. Giles' Company, Pontefract	0	5	0
" William Pearson	0	2	6
" W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, Essex	0	2	0
The Willesden Branch of College Youths	0	5	0
" St. John's Society, Bromsgrove	0	5	0
" Woodbridge Society, Suffolk, from fund	0	5	6
Mr. John Fosdike, Woodbridge	0	2	0
" W. M. Meadows	0	1	0
" W. Ward	0	1	0
" C. Ward	0	0	6
" E. F. Cole, London	0	5	0
The Bedfordshire Association, Bedford company, per M. Warwick	0	8	0
The St. Giles' Society Houghton-in-the-Dale, Per E. F. Elwin, Walsingham	0	5	0
The Proprietors of "THE BELL NEWS"	1	1	0
" Employees in "THE BELL NEWS" Office	0	12	0
The S. Michael's Society, Sittingbourne	0	5	0
T. Clark, Esq., Keldale Villa, near Ripon	1	0	0
The Masham Ringers, in mem. November 16th, 1885, per Rev. G. M. Gorham, Vicar	0	12	6
Mr. Bleazard, Pulford, Chester	0	2	6
Edward E. Lawson, Esq., Leeds	1	1	0
Mr. Henry Hayes, Church, Lancashire	0	2	6
St. Paul's Church Guild of Change Ringers, Brighton	0	10	6
Mr. Alfred J. J. Giddings, Frome, Somerset	0	2	6
" George Murray, S. Paul's Guild, Brighton	0	2	6
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Edward Webster, Tong	0	2	6
From a few ringers' of Lincoln:—			
Per Mr. Isaac Vickers	0	5	0
Mr. John Strodger, Ripon	0	2	0
The Hertford College Youths, per Mr. James Staples	0	15	0
Mr. John Penning, Saffron Walden	0	2	6
" Joseph Cheetham, Bradford	0	2	6
R. K. Knight, Esq., Walthamstow	0	2	6
Mr. Wm. Lomas, Sheffield	0	2	6
The Holt Society, Aston-Juxta-Birmingham, per Mr. T. J. Hemming	1	1	0
Mr. R. Pearson, Campsall	0	2	0
A. B. Pearson, "	0	1	0
" Jno. Haley, Tong	0	3	0
" Wm. Smith, Sheffield	0	1	0
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By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Thursday, April 21st, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. Mr. Dalby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. Weston, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. King, 4; J. T. Rickman, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. E. Golds, 7; W. Robinson, 8. Also on Sunday, April 24th, 518 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins.

By the Crawley branch, at Crawley.—On Thursday, April 21st, a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes) in 2 hr. 52 mins. (for particulars see peal column).

By the Eastbourne Branch, at All Saints, Eastbourne.—On Sunday evening, April 34th, a 616 of Grandsire Triples, in 22 mins. W. Ticehurst, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; W. Siggs, 3; E. Willoughby, 4; W. Avann, 5; T. Lewis, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; S. Lewis, 8.

By the Christ Church Branch, Eastbourne, at Christ Church, Eastbourne.—On April 17th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 26 mins. H. Knight, 1; H. Colbran, 2; G. Howse, 3; J. Sharpe, 4; G. Smith, 5; F. Smith (conductor), 6. And on April 24th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Knight, 1; G. Howse, 2; J. Sharpe, 3; G. Smith, 4; H. Colbran, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. H. Knight, 1; G. Smith, 2; G. Howse, 3; J. Sharpe, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Smith, 6. Conducted by F. Smith. On Monday, April 25th, a 720 of Warnham Court Minor, in 26 mins. H. Knight, 1; J. Sharp, 2; H. Colbran, 3; T. Smith, 4; G. Smith, 5; G. Howse (conductor), 6.

By the Ringmer Branch at Ringmer.—On Thursday, April 21st, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (the first rung by this branch unassisted). H. Jones, 1; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 2; A. Slarks, 3; G. Washer, 4; A. Washer, 5; E. Pelham, 6.

By the Steyning Branch at Henfield.—On Tuesday, April 19th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Gatland, 1; C. Tyler, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. E. Brackley, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Smart, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. G. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; C. Tyler, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Saturday, April 23rd, a 5040 on six bells, in seven Minor methods. (For particulars see peal column). Also on Sunday, April 24th, a 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Tyler, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Matthews, 1; C. Tyler, 2; E. Brackley, 3; F. Morris, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Worth branch, at Worth.—On Saturday, April 23rd, a 5040 on six bells, in seven different Minor methods, (for particulars see peal column).

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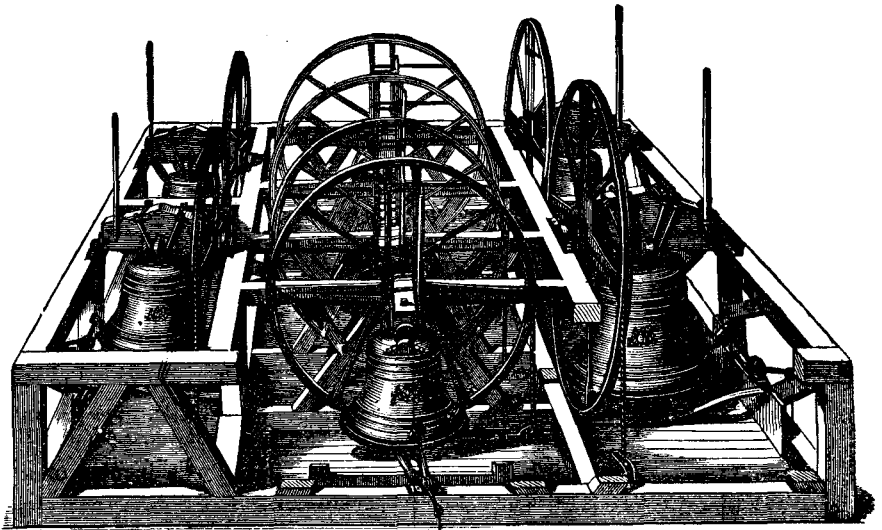
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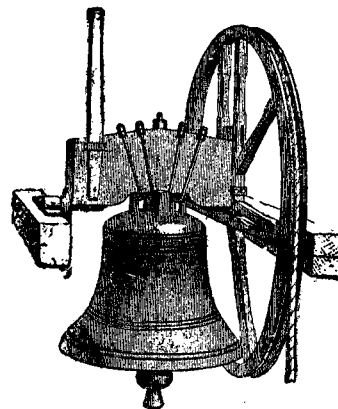
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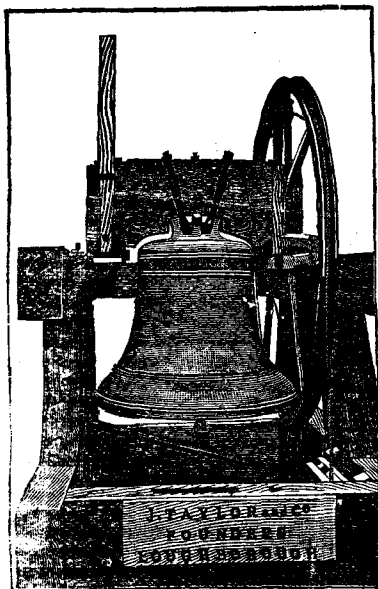
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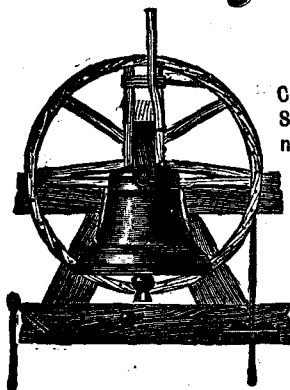
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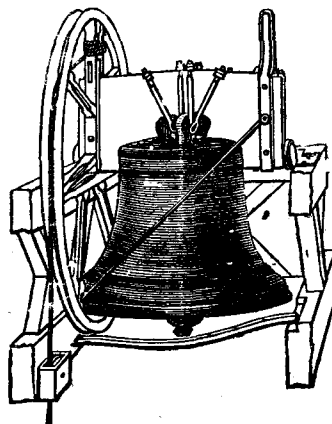
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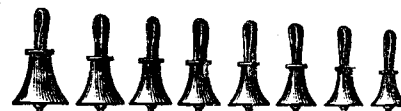
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V.—PROVING THE METHOD.

In order that these papers may deal exhaustively with the subject under consideration, it will be desirable, before proceeding to examples of composition, that a description should be given of the proof by which such productions must be tested. The proof of Duffield Major, like that of all methods which contain false internal changes, is of a two-fold character. It is not sufficient to establish the truth of the first change of each six, but enquiry must also be made with a view of detecting whether repeating rows come within the sixes from dissimilar first changes. These are two entirely independent processes, each of which must be carefully attended to in order to ensure correctness.

In explaining the proof of the first changes of the sixes, I shall use the term "six" as denoting this row alone. It is needless to remark that if, in every course, the sixes at which the tenors are in position for a call are pricked, and these are true with one another, all the sixes will be true. They are, as usual, set down in columns, there being a separate one for each calling place, so that each column consists of rows with the tenors in the same position, and no row has to be compared with any but those in its own column. If in a given composition there are calls at In, Before, Out, and Fourths, four columns will be required. If, however, there are no calls at Fourths, three columns will suffice. Now as no call—except an M which will be seldom used, and which I will therefore for the present neglect—can be made after Fourths until the course-end has come up, it will save trouble if, instead of pricking the six produced by Fourths, the effect on the bells is noted at the course-end. In the same way, if there are no calls at Fourths in the composition, the effect of the order at the Out may be equally well shewn at the course-end without pricking the six which the Out produces. The following tables are arranged on this plan, the first being adapted for compositions that contain calls at Fourths, the second for those that do not.

	C.E. to In.	In to B.	B. to Out.	Out to C.E. with a
Plain Six	652413	124635	314625	463152 Plain 4ths.
Bob Six	652134	124356	314256	423165 Bob 4ths.

	C.E. to In.	In to B.	B to C.E. with a
Plain Six	652413	124635	654321 Plain Out.
Bob Six	652134	124356	264351 Bob Out.

A bob at H takes effect at the six following the course-end, and as it produces a fresh course-end, the course preceding which consists of one six only, such a call must be pricked by the scale 251364 from the course-end after which it occurs, and the resulting six set down under the other course-ends, as in the ordinary pricking of the method already explained. An example will make these matters clear:—

(348).

C.E. to In.	In to B.	B. to Out.	123456	H. In. B. Out. Fourths.
465213	462351	243165	251364	—
654132	651432	164532	143256	—
632541	635241	562134	524136	—
			142536	—
			431265	—
563412	564231	452163	152436	—
635412	634512	465312	325416	—
612435	614235	462513	532416	—
613452	614352	463132	123456	—

If the tenor is called M, it must be "with a double," that is, as has been already stated, there must be a bob at the next six also to keep 7, 8 together; the course-end is thus cut out, and it remains to show how such courses are to be proved.

The best way is to proceed on the plan adopted in pricking Ms, which was set forth in the last paper, namely, to prick the natural course-end that would come up if no M was called, using

one or other of the above tables, according as the composition contains, or not, bobs at Fourths. From this natural course-end transposing by the scale 436512 will give the course-end from which the order following an M (2) called in the previous course would naturally come. Thus there are two natural course-ends, both of which must be set down under the other course-ends, and which may be marked m^1 and m^2 respectively. The proof can then be continued by pricking forward from course-end M^2 by the table previously selected. An example is again given:—

(144).

C.E. to In.	In to B.	123456	H. In. B. Out.
346521	345162	251364	—
		562143	—
		261543	(m^1) —
		513426	(m^2) —
621453	624153	231456	—
653421	654321	123456	—

The call M (2) is made before the natural course-end 261543; it is here placed opposite the natural course-end 513426 because the latter contains the order produced by these calls. The calling will be better understood from the following, which is the proper mode of expressing the touch:—

1 2 3 4 5 6	H. In.	B. Out.
2 5 1 3 6 4	—	—
5 6 2 1 4 3	—	—
2 3 1 4 5 6	—	—
1 2 3 4 5 6	—	—

As in the above touch there are no repeating rows in any one column, all the sixes are true. The M sixes are true because the course-ends m^1 and m^2 shew the order both before and after the M (2) calls. The position at the six between the first and second of these bobs is one into which the tenors can never fall in any ordinary course, therefore this six can only repeat with a similar six occurring at another M (2), but in such a case the repetition would be shewn both by the m^1 and m^2 course-ends; therefore the proof is complete so far as the first changes of the sixes are concerned. Although, however, the fact that the course-ends m^1 and m^2 do not appear again among the other course-ends is proof of the truth of the M sixes, it does not follow that if one or both of them did so appear the composition would be false. To explain this it is necessary to examine carefully what part of the courses which these natural course-ends represent actually occurs. The bob at In initiates the order which is shewn at the natural course-end m^1 , but the first of the M (2) calls breaks off the course one six before the course-end, therefore all that really appears of the course 261543 is that part of it which lies between the In and the M, so that if 261543 came at another part of the touch by a bob H, it might continue to the In following without being false. Similarly all that actually occurs of the course 513426, which is the natural m^2 course-end, is that part which lies between the third six, at which point the second of the M (2) calls breaks in, and the following B; so that if the same order came at another part of the touch not earlier than at a B, and was allowed to run no farther than the following H, where a bob would have to be called, no repetition would take place. An extension of the last touch will make this clear.

(152).

C.E. to In.	In to B.	123456	H. In. B. Out.
346521	345162	251364	—
		562143	—
		261543	(m^1) —
		513426	(m^2) —
621453	624153	231456	—
653421	654321	513426	—
		125364	—

Round in two changes.

Here is carried into effect the latter of the above two suppositions. The course-end 513426 appears first as a natural m^2 course-end, and again as a fixed course-end followed by a bob H, under which conditions there are no false sixes. It may be well to explain, for the benefit of those to whom they are not

familiar, that the term "fixed" course-end implies a course-end actually occurring in a composition, while a "natural" course-end is one to which or from which, a certain "fixed" part of the course would naturally run if it were not for certain bobs which disturb it; thus a natural course-end is purely imaginary, and is merely obtained as a convenient way of working out some kinds of proof.

From what has been shewn, it may be thought that the proof of the truth of the sixes in this method is somewhat complicated, yet, with the exception of bobs at M, such is not really the case. It was necessary, for the sake of completeness, to go fully into the effect of the latter calls, but composers will not in all probability make much use of them. With regard to the general proof of the sixes, I have given the elementary basis on which to proceed. With this before them, experienced composers will readily see how far the full proof can be abbreviated, and to what extent, as may often be the case in the simpler peals, an examination of only the course-ends will suffice. Saving bobs at M, the proof of Duffield Major by sixes is identical in principle with the proof of other even bell methods by lead-ends.

In proving compositions that contain calls at In, B, and Out only, the 6th need not be pricked, and the following table may be used:—

	C.E. to In.	In to B.	B. to C.E.	with a
Plain Six	52413	13524	54321	Plain Out.
Bob Six	52134	13245	15324	Bob Out.

The remaining part of the proof, that of the internal changes of the sixes, will be considered in the next paper.

Erratum:—In the last number, page 61, second column, near the end of the third paragraph, for "bobs at In, B, and Out," read "calls at In, B, and Out."

LOCAL USES OF CHURCH BELLS.

The following particulars, drawn from the interesting works by the late Mr. Thomas North, and Mr. J. C. L. Stahlschmidt, of the various uses to which church bells are locally put in Hertfordshire, succeed naturally to our previous notice of that part of the book dealing chronologically with the bells and their founders. We may take this opportunity of adding to our former remarks, that the work of Messrs. North and Stahlschmidt bears evidence of being as complete and accurate as any record of the kind can possibly be, and that alike to campanists and to those who are interested in the church history of the county the volume will be indispensable.

At the present day it would seem from the Prayer Book that one bell is all that is required; the sole rubric dealing with the matter orders the curate that ministereth to "cause a bell to be tolled a convenient time before he begin . . . that the people may come to hear God's Word and to pray with him." The Canons however contemplate the use of more than one bell, speaking of "one short peal" in connection with ringing for the dead; and the government of the belfry is placed in the hands of the priest and the churchwardens. Local uses, says Mr. North, may be divided into two classes: ancient and modern—comprising among the former those which at the present day are continued, although their meaning has been lost or perverted, such as early week-day or Sunday ringing, and the "curfew" and "pancake" bells; while among the latter are classed those which, although as ancient in origin, are adapted to the requirements of the present day, as well as those which are distinctively modern in their inception. Of early Sunday ringing, that at seven o'clock only obtains now at four churches in the county: at Much Hadham, where the tenor is rung and called the "sermon" bell; at Tring (treble); and at Watford and at St. Peter's, St. Albans, at both of which the first and second bells are chimed. Rickmansworth retained the custom until six years ago; and at Hitchin the treble was rung at that hour. At Ashwell a bell known as the "horse-keepers' bell" was rung, doubtless from the habit of those in charge of horses to rise by it to attend to their duties—a perversion to the original meaning of the ringing, which was to call the faithful to Matins. Ringing at eight o'clock, the usual time for Matins, is very much more common, thirty-three churches still continuing the custom. At some places this bell is called the "sermon" bell, as at Hexton, the origin of which at this and other hours is somewhat obscure. It would seem likely to have begun early in Elizabeth's reign, when for a time many churches were served by "readers," who were strictly forbidden to preach; and an early peal at some hour on Sunday seems to have been intended to announce a sermon by a priest licensed for such

work by the bishop. The nine o'clock, or Mass bell, is of rare occurrence in the county; it is stated to have been rung at Pirton from time immemorial, and Great Gaddesden, Hinxworth, and Little Berkhamstead also preserve the custom. At Ashwell the second bell is then rung, and is called the "Sunday School" bell, this being a very doubtful case of survival. It is said that the treble used formerly to be rung at Albury at ten o'clock on Sundays, as to which Mr. North thinks tradition has shifted the hour from nine to ten, unless it was a "sermon" bell, which is still rung at the latter hour at Westmill. Two examples of the evening Angelus, or "Curfew," bell still remain. At Baldock the third bell is used for this as for the early morning peal, from March to October, at eight o'clock, the day of the month being tolled; at Hitchin the tenor is rung at this time from September 29th to March 25th. Tradition has preserved instances of this custom at Ashwell, Harpenden, Bishop Stortford, and other places. The "pancake" bell—really the Shroving bell, rung on Shrove Tuesday to call men and women to confession—is still rung at Ashwell at noon; it was also formerly rung at Baldock, Hitchin, and Hoddesdon. Of ringing on the great Church festivals there are of course many instances. Good Friday is specially marked in one parish alone—Ayot St. Peter, where the cemetery bell is tolled thirty-three times at three o'clock in the afternoon—the "ninth hour."

Coming to modern uses, Sunday mid-day ringing obtains in several places. It is difficult to say whether this should not be regarded as a survival of the mid-day Angelus bell. At Bennington and Hitchin the treble is rung at the conclusion of morning service "to show that service is over." At Rickmansworth the treble is rung at one o'clock, this seeming the most likely case of survival. At Walkern the tenor was once rung after morning service if evensong was to follow; at Watford the fourth bell was rung after morning service "to give notice to gentlemen's servants to get their masters' carriages ready." There are instances of the use of the "sermon" bell at other times than eight o'clock, generally either before or after the ringing (or chiming) for service, as at Barkway and Rushden, and formerly at Walkern and Baldock. As the use of church bells in connexion with weddings has almost universally sunk into a question of pounds, shillings and pence with the "happy pair," there are few instances of past and present usage of a different character to be noted with regard to this. "Banns peals" used to be rung at Hinxworth on the first Sunday of publication, a custom which has apparently died out. Wedding peals are rung at Essendon after the ceremony, and also in the evening. At Stanstead Abbots there is a short peal, for which payment is optional; at Wyddial a peal is rung when the newly-married people return from their honeymoon. The "Passing" bell, properly so called—that is, a bell rung while the dying man or woman is actually passing away—is not, so far as is known, ever rung now. In a few instances, however, there is a near approach to this old custom, as to Hexton, Little Munden, Sandon, and Royston, where the death-knell is tolled as soon as notice is given to the parish clerk or sexton. At other places it is rung on the day following, or at twelve or twenty-four hours subsequent to death. The number of years of the deceased is tolled at Chorley Wood, Ickleford, St. Ippolyts, and Willian; while at Walkern the age is approximately denoted by the use of different bells for different ages. The frequent postponement of the death-knell may, says Mr. North, have originated in the Protestant prejudice against praying for the dead. The custom is almost invariably to mark the sex of the departed by what are technically known as "tellers," the normal use being three times two strokes for a female, and three times three strokes for a male—in which, says the author, is seen the explanation of the proverb, "Nine tailors make a man," that is, "Nine tellers make a man." At Widdford there is no distinction of sex. Dedication peals are rung only at Ardeley, on August 10, the church being dedicated to St. Lawrence; this is said to be a revival, rather than a survival, due to reverence for old customs on the part of the late Rev. W. Malet, the vicar.

Of secular uses, the most common is the ringing of peals on Royal anniversaries, as on the Queen's birthday; the birthdays of the Prince and Princess of Wales are similarly marked at Great Berkhamstead. On Restoration-day, May 29, peals are rung at Kingswolden, King's Langley, and Watton. The custom also obtained formerly at Essendon, Hitchin, and Little Hadham, but is now discontinued. November 5, Guy Fawkes's-day, is noticed by ringing at Cottered, Furneaux Pelham, Flamstead, Watton, Great Gaddesden, Much Hadham, Hemel, Hempstead, King's Langley, North Mimms, Redbourn, Westmill, and Wyddial, and the custom has been discontinued at other places. The "Vestry" bell—the modern representation, and doubtless in some cases the survival, of the ancient "Moot"; or assembly bell of the people—is rung in many places. At Ashwell both for vestry and town meetings the tenor is tolled. Another purely secular use of the bells was to mark the time in harvest when gleaning was to begin and end; and in some parishes where the "gleaning" bell was a useful institution from the absence of watches and clocks it has survived to the present day. At Ashwell, Barley, Buckland, Bennington, Cottered,

Kelshall, Rushden, Sandon, Alberry, Redbourn, Clothall, Much Hadham, Little Munden, and Standon it is rung at eight in the morning and five in the afternoon; at Watton and Thorley the hours are eight and six, at Ickleford seven and six, at Hertingfordbury eight and seven, at Ardeley nine and four, and at Stocking Pelham nine and five. The custom has been recently discontinued, among other places, at Aston, Datchworth, Essendon, Walkern, Anstey, Baldock, Barkway, Hinxworth, and Furneaux Pelham. The use of one or other of the church bells as a "fire-bell" seems to have died out. The second bell at Tring is still called the fire-bell; the fifth is rung at Ashwell, and this seems to be the only example in the county of a church bell so used. A curious instance of bell usage is given by Salmon as existing in 1728 in Hinxworth parish. He says:—"The cow commons were given to keep the Church in repair. A tax for that purpose hath been ever since laid upon inhabitants, who keep 84 cows upon the common, and pay to the repairs according to the number of cows they keep, except the Rector, who keeps three and pays nothing to it. This is kept in memory by the tolling a bell on Whitsun Eve. There is a tradition that this was given by two maiden sisters: but it is generally thought that John Ward, the Lord Mayor, was the benefactor." *Hertfordshire Express*.

In Memoriam.

JOSEPH STOKES.

We regret to record the death of the above named gentleman, who died at Folkestone, March 15th, 1887, aged 71 years. The deceased was a member of the Kent County Association from its commencement, and had been a ringer 41 years. Although not able to take part in any performance for the last few years of his life, he had accomplished some remarkable performances in his younger days at Aldington, where he was a native and learnt change-ringing. He had assisted in ringing a great many 720's of Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court Bob, he also rang in several peals of 5000 changes and upwards. Also at a change-ringing contest at St. Stephens, Hackington, near Canterbury, in 1845, when two trebles were added to make a peal of eight, four bands entered the contest, viz., Ashford, Faversham, Wye, and Hythe, the last named in which four of the Aldington band assisted in ringing the required number of changes, viz., 1008 in any method, this one being Bob Major, which was pronounced by the judges to be the best performance, each one of this band receiving a pair of white kid gloves as a Prize. He also rang the 4th bell through a 6720 of Bob Major at Hythe in the same year (1845), and the same peal at Folkestone in the same year, and on May 4th, 1846, he rang the 4th bell through the 13,440 of Bob Major, at St. Leonard's, Hythe, Kent, in 7 hrs. and 55 mins., it being the longest length rung in the county by one set of men. Two only now survive him, James Harrison having died at Folkestone, on Easter Monday, April 11th, aged 79 years. Edward Hyder and Thomas Post, who rung the 7th and tenor respectively, are the only two living of the band, both belonging to Aldington. The deceased was buried at Aldington, on Monday March 21st, and the local company rang in the evening, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), with the bells deeply muffled. Charles Slingsby, 1; Thomas Hodgkin, 2; William Post, sen., 3; Edward Hyder, 4; William Hyder (conductor), 5; Phillip Hodgkin, 6. And on Saturday evening, April 23rd, the Aldington company rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with the bells deeply muffled, as a last mark of respect to James Harrison, of Folkestone. W. Post, sen., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; F. Wanstall, 3; E. Hyder, 4; W. Hyder, 5; P. Hodgkin (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

A change-ringing contest on handbells will take place at the house of Mr. Jos. Walton, Royal Hotel, Hayfield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, May 21st, 1887, when £6 will be given in prizes by the proprietor, in the following order: for Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major, first prize, £2 10s.; second, £1 10s.; third, 17s. 6d.; fourth, 7s. 6d. There will also be an extra two prizes for the two best courses of Caters. First prize, 10s.; second, 5s. To take place at 5 p.m. Every company to ring one set of bells, which will be provided, and 18 size in the key of G. Competent judges will be provided. All enquiries to be made to Thomas Brocklehurst, Jumble Farm, Hayfield.

We are requested to say that the statement which appeared in the issue of "THE BELL NEWS" of February 12th, 1887, to the effect that the bad condition of the 11th bell of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, was due to the inferior workmanship of a local bell-hanger, had nothing whatever to do with the firm of Llewellyn and James, of the above city.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 2ND, 1887.

By the Augmering Branch at Augmering.—On Saturday, April 23rd, a 120 of Bob Minor. Barnett, 1; Evans, 2; T. Parsons, 3; C. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Blackman (conductor), 6. On Saturday, April 30th, a 180 of Bob Minor. Barnett, 1; T. Parsons, 2; F. Luxford, 3; C. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Blackman (conductor), 6.

By the Balcombe Branch at Balcombe.—On Thursday, April 7th, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. R. Bourne, 1; A. Stoner, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 10th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 14th, a 720 of College Single. R. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; H. Meads, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. R. Bourne, 1; A. Stoner, 2; E. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 360 of College Single. R. Bourne, 1; R. Streeter, 2; J. Gasson, 3; T. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 24th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne, 2; H. Meads, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Single Bob. R. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourne, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; J. Cheeseman (conductor), 6. On Thursday, April 28th, 720 changes in seven different methods, being 120 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 120 each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Oxford Single Bob, and a plain course each of College Single and Warnham Court Bob Minor. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourne, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Salmon, 2; H. Weston (conductor), 3; G. King, 4; J. Reilly, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; A. E. Nunn (Staplehurst), 7; D. Ross, 8. Also on Monday, May 2nd, a 784 of Bob Major, in 31 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; J. Jay, 5; G. Kirg, 6; W. Palmer, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8.

By the Crawley branch at Crawley.—The 5040 reported last week as Grandsire Triples, should have been Kent Treble Bob Major.

By the Christ Church, Eastbourne branch, at Christ Church.—On Sunday, May 1st, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 27 mins. R. Howse, 1; T. Smith, 2; G. Smith, 3; H. Colbran, 4; J. Sharp, 5; G. Howse (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 26 mins. H. Knight, 1; J. Sharp, 2; G. Howse, 3; G. Smith, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. Also with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Harfley, by six of his grandsons, on Monday, May 2nd, a six 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins. R. Howse, 1; H. Goddard, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. Harfley, 4; T. Smith (conductor), 5; G. Howse, 6. And a 360 of College Single, in 12 mins. C. Harfley, 1; G. Smith, 2; H. Colbran, 3; J. Sharp, 4; G. Howse, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6.

By the St. Albans' branch, at St. Albans.—A 5040 of Grandsire Triples on handbells retained in hand (Holt's Original) in 2 hrs. and 35 mins. The first peal on handbells by four members of the Association.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Sunday, May 1st, a 720 of Yorkshire Court. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Woolgar, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Tyler, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch at Warnham.—On Thursday, April 28th, a 576 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Andrews, 4; H. Wood, 5; F. Knight, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandle (conductor), 8. First touch in the method by all the band.

By the Worth branch at Worth.—On Sunday, May 1st, a 720 of Warnham Court, in 24 mins. W. Owden, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. E. Streeter, 1; F. Streeter, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob, in 23½ mins. W. Meads, 1; W. Denman, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting will be held at Poole, on Tuesday, May 10th, Divine service at St. James', Poole, at 11 a.m. Business meeting at the "Crown" Inn at 12.30. Dinner at the "Crown" Inn at 1.15 p.m. Towers open for ringing, Poole, Canford, Wareham, Corfe Castle, and Bournemouth, St. Peter. A meeting will also be held at Trowbridge on Thursday, May 12th. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. Towers open, Trowbridge, Bradford, North Bradley, Westbury and Steeple Ashton.

DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT POYNTON, NEAR STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

Tuesday last will form a red-letter day in the history of the parish church of Poynton, as being the day on which the bells were dedicated to the service of Almighty God, and which had been looked forward to with feelings of pleasurable anticipation by all concerned. The dedication ceremony had been fixed to take place at six o'clock, and before the confirmation ceremony, and previous to the service, a right merry peal was rung out by a set of ringers from Macclesfield, and the bells were clearly and distinctly heard as far as Hazel Grove, and there is no mistake as to their sweetness. At the time of commencement, the church was crowded in every part, the greatest interest being manifested in the proceedings. Amongst those present was the Dowager Lady Vernon and other members of the Vernon family, the other leading families of the neighbourhood being also well represented. Exactly at six o'clock, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester (Dr. Stubbs), entered the sacred edifice, attended by the Rev. Canon Brown, rural dean, the Rev. Canon Symonds, rector of Stockport, the Rev. Marshall Wild, a former vicar of Poynton, the Rev. G. N. Wilmer, vicar of Hazel Grove, the Rev. Mr. Freer, vicar of Sudbury, the Rev. T. Bridge, vicar of Poynton, &c. The form of service was the usual evening service to the end of the third collect, with a special lesson and special psalms, the latter being the cxxii and the cl. the service opening with a hymn, which was heartily sung. The lesson was read by the Rev. Marshall Wild. Then followed prayers having special reference to the occasion which had brought them together, and in which the blessing of Almighty God was invoked "that all they who with their outward ears shall hear the sound of these bells, may be moved inwardly in their spirits, and draw nigh unto Thee, the God of their salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord." A blessing was also asked upon those who shall ring the bells, that they "may be filled with all reverence and godly fear, and may ever be mindful of the sacredness of Thy House, putting away all idle thoughts and light behaviour, and continuing in holiness of life." At the conclusion of these prayers, there was a pause in the service, during which there was a short touch upon the bells, and the scene was most impressive as the large congregation sat in silence listening to the bells, with which everybody seemed to be highly pleased. This was followed by the "general thanksgiving" and the prayer of St. Chrysostom, after which a hymn was sung. The Bishop then advanced to the pulpit and delivered a short sermon, basing his observations upon the tenth verse of the eighteenth chapter of Proverbs, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower." He said there were other thoughts besides those of congratulation, which might be taken for granted on an occasion like that, when then were met for the dedication of their new bells. They had recently completed their new tower and otherwise improved the Church, and it might be asked what was the meaning of all this, and of what use was it all? It was right that these questions should be answered, and he would endeavour to supply a few answers that might be given. His lordship then went on to show why churches were built, which was to promote the continuity of our spiritual worship, and to preserve our treasures of faith and prayer. They built their houses of prayer strong and beautiful, and different from our ordinary dwelling houses, so that people could break away from the secular and harassing cares of daily life, and get to the place where there were purer and more elevating suggestions; and they furnished the House of God in such a manner that all classes might find a place in it. The preacher then referred to the uses of towers and bells in the past, a most historical reference. Sometimes towers were used as beacons and lights to guide the way-faring traveller. Bells were heard as warnings in the days of civil war, and were often rung in honour of triumph, and the church tower was a place of refuge where people could hide their little treasures. After some further reference in this connection, the Bishop said that the bells in the tower of that Church would call the people to assemble in the House of their Heavenly Father, the place where they would be enabled to reach forward in faith to the Lamb that was slain. They could come to meet God in His sanctuary, where He had promised to give to them His blessing. He hoped the bells, the first hallowed peal of which they had just heard, would fulfil the spiritual ends to which they had been dedicated. They would be rung under different circumstances—at the solemn hour when they had to bury their beloved friends, at the time when loving hearts would be united in holy matrimony, and at times of general rejoicing; but they would also be rung for people to come to church, and he trusted that the parishioners would always recognise the call. Another hymn was sung, and the service was then concluded, and was followed by the confirmation. The bells rang out several touches in various methods

after the service, and the ringers were highly complimented for the skilful manner in which they handled the bells, and the beautiful harmony brought out. Though the above was the formal dedication of the bells, they were rung for Divine Service on Easter Sunday by ringers from Hayfield, Derbyshire. The bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

THE NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first Committee Meeting of the recently formed Association for North Nottinghamshire was held at Worksop, on Saturday, April 16th. The objects of the Association are: (1) To recognise the true position of ringers as church workers. (2) To cultivate the art of change-ringing. (3) To promote order, good feeling and friendship amongst ringers. (4) Belfry reform. A set of rules for the guidance of members has been adopted, and it is hoped that the Association may be the means of greatly benefiting ringers in the district. It is intended that the Association shall consist of honorary and performing members. Honorary members to subscribe not less than 5s. annually, or become life members by a donation of not less than £2 2s., and performing members to subscribe 1s. annually payable at Easter at each year. The Association will amongst other things provide Instructors for societies who have not mastered change-ringing, the societies benefited paying half the cost of providing such instructors and the Association the other half.

Ringings meetings will be held monthly in the towers of the Association by permission of the Incumbents and Churchwardens, and the first of such meetings will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 28th, when and where the peal of eight bells at the East Retford parish church, and the peal of six bells at West Retford parish church will be put at the disposal of visitors.

The Patrons of the Association are, His Grace the Duke of Newcastle; His Grace the Duke of Portland. The Officers are: President, the Bishop of Southwell; Vice Presidents, the Rev. A. F. Ebsworth, Rev. G. Osborne Browne, Rev. Marshall Wild, Rev. Watkin Homfray, Rev. Canon Gray, Rev. H. T. Slodden; Treasurer, George R. Lucas, Esq., Worksop; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Fred. Mackie, the Square, Retford.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

BICKLEIGH (near Plymouth).—A band in connection with the above Guild has been formed at Bickleigh, near Plymouth, under the instruction of Mr. Taylor of Plymouth. There are at present seven members of the band, who stand as follows: Messrs. John P. King, 1; John Willcocks, 2; John Ham, 3; James King, 4; William J. Halls, 5; Harrington P. Cole, 6; and Mr. William Giles, an old ringer, also rings the tenor. On Wednesday, April 27th, Mr. Batchelor of Plymouth, accompanied Mr. Taylor to Bickleigh, to certify that the band are capable of ringing Grandsire, so as to be eligible for membership of the Guild. Several six-scores of Doubles were rung by the band, standing as aforesaid, in a most creditable manner, conducted by Messrs. Halls, and J. P. King alternately; Messrs. Taylor and Batchelor remaining outside the tower. Afterwards several six-scores were rung with Messrs. Taylor and Batchelor taking part, conducted by Mr. Taylor. The go of the bells, tenor about 13 cwt., is very good, and the belfry is commodious and well-arranged. The practice night is Wednesday, and the band rings for the Sunday services.

PLYMOUTH (St. Andrew).—The band here ring for Sunday morning service, and on Thursday evenings. The woodwork of the bells being warped by the long-continuance of dry weather, causes the hinder bells (tenor 35 cwt.) to go rather badly, so the band has not for some time done any longer length than 168 of Triples, but a representation on the subject has been made to the churchwardens, and no doubt the matter will be attended to. Good progress is being made here; but with the bells in their present condition it would be "cruelty to animals" to attempt a long touch.

DEVONPORT (Dockyard Chapel).—Practice here is regularly kept up on Saturday evenings, and several long touches of Grandsire Triples have recently been rung, extending to 800 or thereabouts, conducted by Mr. Banister.

THE HERTS. COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to take notice that the next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Braughing, on the 10th of May, and that the following resolutions will then be proposed: 1; That the Association be divided into four districts, after the model of the Oxford Guild, viz.: the northern, the western, the central, and the Eastern. 2; That this resolution be considered at the annual general meeting at St. Albans, next October. Each band to make its own arrangements as to the 10th of May.

W. WIGRAM, General Secretary.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Report of ringing done by the Bishop Auckland Branch at the parish church during the month of April.—On the 3rd.—A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the seven back bells. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Castree, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6; H. C. Mayne, 7. Also a 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; E. Titt, 5; F. Charlton, 6; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 7; F. Castree, 8.—On the 10th.—A 720 of Kent. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; E. Titt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Castree, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6. In 26 mins. Also a 168 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; J. W. Cleminson, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. W. Cleminson, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. Also a 168 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. W. Cleminson, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. This was an attempt for a quarter-peal, but a wrong call brought it to grief after ringing half an hour.—On the 17th.—A 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. Pallister, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; F. Cleminson, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. Also a 462 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. W. Cleminson, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; F. Castree, 8.—On the 24th.—A 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 7; E. Titt, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following is the ringing done by the Burford company during the month of April.—On Sunday, April 3rd, a 336 of Bob Major. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Brown, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; D. Frances, 6; H. Bond, 7; W. Large (conductor), 8. On Sunday, April 10th, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. E. Smith, 1; H. Bond, 2; W. Smith, 3; D. Frances, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. On Monday, April 11th, a 360 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; D. Frances, 3; W. Smith, 4; W. Large (conductor), 5; H. Bond, 6. And 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Clinch, 1; H. Bond, 2; E. Smith, 3; W. Smith, 4; D. Frances, 5; W. Hall, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Shaylor, 8. And 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. Clinch, 1; H. Bond, 2; E. Smith, 3; W. Smith, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Shaylor, 7; D. Frances, 8. On Thursday, April 17th, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Clinch, 1; H. Smith, 2; H. Bond, 3; T. E. Glanville, 4; D. Frances, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Shaylor, 7. On Sunday, April 24th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Brown, 1; W. Hall, 2; D. Frances, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Bond, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. And 168 of Grandsire Triples. T. E. Glanville, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Smith, 3; W. Smith, 4; D. Frances, 5; H. Bond, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Shaylor, 8. On Wednesday, April 27th, a 360 of Bob Minor. J. Clinch, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Smith, 3; T. E. Glanville, 4; W. Large (conductor), 5; H. Bond, 6; D. Frances, 7.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1887.

OUR correspondence columns have of late been taken advantage of greatly for the purpose for which they are open to our readers, viz.: the ventilation of their opinions and grievances, in their own phraseology. We often feel desirous of entering the lists against much that is written in this way, but we know that to do so under the form of correspondence would for us scarcely be honest.

There are occasions when remarks possessing the influence of editorial comment should be made. A subject last week suggested our observations, and this week we cannot refrain from alluding to a very important matter which is brought before the notice of the Exercise by Mr. GEORGE MUSKETT, the respected Secretary to the Ancient Society of College Youths. The publication of the assertions contained in the letter from that gentleman had doubtless been well considered before its author determined upon its appearance. Whether these are true or not—and in our opinion they are highly colored, to say the least—is a matter for the Exercise, after hearing, as they no doubt will, both sides of the case, to determine. If there is any ground for them, it seems a most unfortunate thing that they were not made public at an earlier date, indeed directly after the peal had been rung. Honesty of purpose would have strengthened the intention—if it ever existed—to challenge the truth of the performance immediately, and not wait the lapse of years before making a statement condemnatory of it.

It must be conceded that the step taken by Mr. MUSKETT in making such an assertion public is no more than what could be expected of one who took part in the peal which the Birmingham performance was intended to supersede. The condemnation he gives to the author of the rumour, if incorrect, and to the performance, if untrue, will find an echo in the minds of all. What we condemn is the delay in bringing such statements forward, a delay unpardonable. The matter will have to be thoroughly and impartially sifted to the bottom, as it greatly affects those whom all have looked to as the fountain of honour and truth. We hope the answer of those immediately concerned will be one not made under

feelings of panic or anger, but we believe the accusations will be proved to be without a shadow of foundation. Such incidents as are related in connection with this performance seems extremely hyperbolic. May be they are begat from a feeling of pique or disappointment on the part of some one who imagines he will, by such a report, be revenged for a supposed injury.

The Metropolis.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, April 28, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILD Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON 2.	RICHARD FRENCH .. 6.
WILLIAM JONES 3.	ARTHUR HAYWARD .. 7.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 4.	*JOHN FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

*First peal.

Messrs. Wild and Freeman were proposed members of the above society previous to starting for the peal.

NEWINGTON, SURREY.—THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Friday, April 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (REVERSED). Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM COPPAGE Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 2.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. 6.
JOSEPH BARRY 3.	GEORGE B. LUCAS .. 7.
WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 4.	WILLIAM G. WILDE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

Messrs. Waghorn, Lucas, and Barnett hail from Tottenham, and were elected members of the above Society previous to starting for the peal.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, April 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE, JEWRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C #.

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH .. Treble.	JOSEPH BARRY 5.
ROBERT JAMESON 2.	GEORGE RICHARD BANKS 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	RICHARD FRENCH 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 4.	EDWARD ALBONE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD FRENCH.

The above peal was rung by order of the Churchwardens, and is the first Jubilee peal rung in the city of London, to commemorate the fiftieth year of Queen Victoria's reign, and it is also 125 years since a peal was rang on these bells, and that was Court Bob Major.

The Provinces.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

HENRY ELLIS Treble.	WILLIAM ELLIS 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR 2.	JOHN ASPINWALL 6.
WILLIAM B. LLOYD 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
WILLIAM BENTHAM 4.	PETER H. HARVEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BENTHAM.

John Aspinwall hails from Liverpool.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ST. ALBANS' CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

Handbell Ringing.

On Wednesday, April 27, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE SPICER STREET SCHOOLROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN C. MITCHELL..	1-2.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL..	5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM..	3-4.	WALTER BATTLE..	7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Mr. A. Selby acted as umpire and had every change written out before him. The above are also members of the Sussex, Essex, and Hertford County Associations. This is the first handbell peal by the Sussex Association.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Muffled Peal.

On Friday, April 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WAKLEY ..	Treble.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE ..	5.
HARRY WAKLEY ..	2.	THOMAS HOLMES ..	6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY ..	3.	JOHN JAGGAR ..	7.
JOHN AUSTIN ..	4.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the third anniversary of the death of Mr. M. T. Baas, founder of St. Paul's Church.

ASHFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM POST, SEN. ..	Treble.	GEORGE PAINE ..	5.
DAVID HODGKIN ..	2.	FRED WANSTALL ..	6.
FRANK WANSTALL ..	3.	WILLIAM HYDER ..	7.
EDMUND POTTER ..	4.	PHILIP HODGKIN ..	Tenor.

Composed by BENJAMIN ANABLE, and Conducted by WILLIAM HYDER.

This is the first peal of Major by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 8th Seventeen years have elapsed since a peal in this method was rung on these bell Potter hails from Dover; Paine from Mersham; and the rest from Aldington.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' REVERSED. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK FIELD ..	Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	5.
JOHN H. VINER* ..	2.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. 6.	
THOMAS SHORT* ..	3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..	7.
WILLIAM SANDELL* ..	4.	JOHN BROWN ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

Messrs. CASSELL AND COMPANY will publish during May "The Queen's Pictures, illustrating the chief events of Her Majesty's life" (reproduced by the gracious permission of the Queen), as a special Jubilee Number of "The Magazine of Art." The text will be written by Richard R. Holmes, Esq., F.S.A., Librarian at Windsor Castle, and the work will contain engravings of pictures which have been executed from time to time by the Royal commands to illustrate the chief events of Her Majesty's life, and of portraits of the Queen painted at various periods by celebrated painters. Many of these pictures have never before been engraved, and are now published for the first time by the special permission of Her Majesty.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.

On Saturday, April 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE* ..	Treble.	*JAMES MOTTS ..	5.
WILLIAM HOWELL ..	2.	*HENRY BOWELL ..	6.
SAMUEL SLATER† ..	3.	†ARTHUR SCOTT ..	7.
JOHN LEE† ..	4.	†HARRY HARPER ..	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above peal is in three parts and contains the sixth at home at two course ends in each part, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Sillitoe, Howell and Harper hail from Sudbury; Slater from Glemsford; Motts and Bowell from Ipswich; and Lee is a local man. Mr. Bowell is at work at Sudbury re-hanging the peal of eight at St. Peter's Church. †First peal in this method. †Cumberland Youths. *College Youths.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE ..	Treble.	THOMAS B. REED ..	5.
LEON WILLSHIRE ..	2.	SAMUEL JARMAN ..	6.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE ..	3.	JOHN J. BRISTOW ..	7.
THOMAS B. REED JUN ..	4.	FRANK CARROWAY ..	Tenor.

Conducted by LEON WILLSHIRE.

This was a wedding peal, rung as a mark of respect to Mr. Albert Heury Sayer, a member of the Quex Park Band, who was married the same day at Birchington parish church. Also as a farewell peal to Mr. P. A. Reed, a member of the band, who is about to try his fortune in the far west, and sails next week for New York.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Wedding Peal.

On Thursday, April 28, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

JOSEPH FAYERS ..	Treble.	DR. A. B. CARPENTER ..	5.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER* ..	2.	JAMES W. TRAPPITT ..	6.
JOHN BRANCH ..	3.	*GEORGE WELLEN ..	7.
EDGAR BENNETT ..	4.	ALFRED BRUCE ..	Tenor.

Composed by T. MORRIS, and Conducted by J. W. TRAPPITT.

*First peal of Bob Triples. The above peal was rung to celebrate the marriage between Miss Caroline Lydia Hodgson, niece of the Rev. Canon Bridges, Rector of Beddington, and Mr. Howard J. Trollop, son of Mr. J. Trollop, of Queenswood, Beddington.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES, IN TWENTY-ONE DIFFERENT METHODS, ON FIVE BELLS;

Being a 240 of each of the following:—

Stedman Doubles, College Doubles, March Delight, St. Simon's Doubles, Twilight, The Dream, Dreamer, Fortune, Morning Star, Morning Doubles, Evening Doubles, Evening Star, St. Dunstan's Doubles, Hudibras, April Day, Little Bob, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles, London Doubles, Grandsire, and London Dream.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ..	Treble.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ..	3.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.		GEORGE WIGHTMAN ..	4.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. ..			Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

The above was rung by father and four sons.

SAMUEL WEBSTER, a native of Tong, but who has resided in Pudsey many years, died suddenly on Thursday, April 28th, aged 78 years. He was formerly (for some years) one of the company of ringers upon the old peal of five bells at Tong. A treble was cast in August, 1841, making them six, when he took the interest to learn a few methods. He was also a very popular and well-known vocalist, and for many years carried on a very active life in that capacity. His remains were brought to his relatives at Tong, on Saturday, April 30th, and respectfully interred at Tong church, on Sunday, May 1st, at 1 p.m. He was carried to his last resting-place by the Tong company, who after the interment rang several touches, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to the old veteran.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Thursday, April 28, 1887, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHAS. BENNETT Treble.	JNO. WM. STICKNEY 5.
HARRY CUTTER 2.	TOM STOCKDALE 6.
WM. SOUTHWICK 3.	ROBT. CHAFFER 7.
JNO. POLLARD 4.	CHAS. JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, of Mottram, and conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal was rung as a tribute of respect, with the bells muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Joseph Kent Mumby, honorary member of the Association.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Muffled Peal.

On Monday, May 2, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. in Fg.

JAMES HEWETT* Treble.	CHARLES RIVETT 5.
JOHN W. WHITING* 2.	GEORGE GRAHAM* 6.
FREDERICK HILL* 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS* 7.
JOHN STAPLES* 4.	GEORGE PASSINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*Cumberland Youths. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. J. Banting, late of Fareham.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY.—On Saturday, April 30th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Wilks, 1; B. T. Copley, 2; M. Moor, 3; S. Langstaff, 4; J. S. Clark, 5; W. E. London, 6; J. Lilley, 7; F. London, 8. Composed and conducted by F. London. Tenor 15 cwt. Copley hails from Bolton, Moor from Keighley, Langstaff from Pudsey, and the rest are members of the local company. It was intended to ring a peal of Oxford, but owing to the unexpected appearance of a telegram, instead of two brother strings from Keighley, the above was rung with the kind assistance of Messrs. Lilley and Clark, who were in the tower when the message came.

WHITEFIELD (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, May 1st, at All Saints' Church (Stand) a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), it being the anniversary of the opening of the bells, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Haughton, 1; A. Barrett (conductor), 2; E. Bradshaw, 3; W. Warburton, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Rothwell, 6; W. Hilton, 7; J. Bradshaw, 8. Tenor 21½ cwt. Messrs. Barrett and Radcliffe.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, April 28th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Mayes, 1; W. Biggs, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Hall (conductor), 5; J. Spencer, 6.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Howard (first 720), 1; C. West, 2; W. Biggs, 3; W. King, 4; H. King, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Saturday, April 30th, eight members of the above Guild met at the Church of S. Sidwell, and rang eight courses of Stedman Triples (1512 changes), taken from Thurstan's peal. W. Mundy, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; E. Truman, 8. This was rung to celebrate the 29th birthday of Mr. F. Shepherd, the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Also on Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the morning,

168 of Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd (conductor), 3; S. Binfield, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also 210 in the same method. W. Devey, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; S. Binfield, 4; W. Mundy (conductor, first time), 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; C. Carter, 8. Also 252 of Stedman Triples. E. Pitt (conductor), 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday, April 26th, at the church of St. John, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. J. Bolton, 1; J. Little (first 720), 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; W. Lester, 5; R. Moncaster (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in C.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, April 30th, a 720 of Double Court Bob, in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; *W. Moore, 2; S. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; A. Huckson, 6; H. E. Hammond (conductor). *First 720 in the method.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. Mary's Church, after evening service, a 720 of Bob Major, in 28 mins. W. Coakham, 1; F. G. Newman (conductor), 2; Geo. Grimwade, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; R. Maynard, 5; G. Cornell, 6; T. Maynard, 7; H. Scarlett, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Monday, May 2nd, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of New London Pleasure. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper (conductor), 6. Also on Handbells, a 360 of Double Court, and 120 of Cambridge Surprise, standing as before.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, a 364 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; A. Squires, 4; Robert Jackson, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Also a 112, with J. Phillips, 2; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; the rest as before. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 564 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Phillips (conductor), 5; A. Squires, 6; Richard Jackson, 7; J. Roslyn, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. A. Squires hails from Hitchin.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN, (Lancashire).—On Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., a 720 of Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), in 24½ mins. J. Brookes, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Worthington (conductor), 3; J. Williamson, 4. S. Oakes, 5; A. Potter, 6. On Sunday, the 1st instant, being the occasion of the anniversary sermons, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 24 mins. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Potter, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Welsby (Worsley), 5; W. Denner, 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) was rung in 24½ mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Welsby, 2; J. Worthington (conductor), 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. On Monday evening, the 2nd inst., a 720 of Bob Minor (forty singles) was rung for practice, in 25 mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter (conductor), 4; J. Williamson, 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, (Derby).—On Monday evening, April 25th, for practice, the local society rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles), in 27 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; G. A. Fish, 3; Jos. Warren, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. Also on the Wednesday following, being the fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells, the same 720 was rang in 26 mins. J. R. Wood, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff, 6. This was J. R. Wood's first 720 in the method.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

PUTNEY (Surrey).—On Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's Church (after an attempt for a peal of Caters at Fulham), eight members of the above Society rang a touch of 576 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 20 mins. A. E. Church, 1; J. Priest, 2; W. Driver, 3; G. B. Lucas, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; E. Barnett, 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, May 1st, 1887, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 28 mins. J. Hartley, 1; R. Whittles, 2; J. Crossley, 3; A. Bamford, 4; *T. Stott, 5; A. Crossley (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT.—On Monday, April 25th, at St. Anne's Church, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. F. Francis, 1; R. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; E. Spooner, 4; W. Houlton (conductor), 5; R. Weeks, 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. H. Stapleton, 1; R. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Spooner (first 720 of Grandsire Minor), 5; W. Houlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt. On Thursday, April 28th, a 240 of Bob Minor. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; W. Houlton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, May 1st, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; R. Weeks, 6. And for service in the evening, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, standing as before, and two 120's of Bob Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; E. Angel, 2; T. Gould, 3; F. Francis, 4; E. Spooner (conductor), 5; R. Weeks, 6. And after service, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles. E. Angel, 1; E. Spooner, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Harding, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Sunday, May 1st, being the first anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, the local band rang, after Divine Service in the evening, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Kimbrey, 1; H. Humfrey, 2; W. Sandall, 3; E. Webb, 4; T. Short, 5; J. H. Vyner (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; A. Burgess, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, April 30th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for practice, eight members of the above rang a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 55 mins. H. Dudley, 1; G. Russell, 2; H. C. Haley, 3; A. B. Carpenter, M.B. (conductor), 4; U. Holman, 5; W. States, 6; T. Verrall, 7; S. Fisk and W. Todd, 8. Composed by H. Johnson. Tenor 32 cwt. in Eb.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—At SS. Mary and Nicolas Parish Church, on Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, 518 of Grandsire Triples, Robert Jarvis, 1; George Skeef, 2; J. W. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4th; G. L. Richardson, 5; Richard Mackman, 6; J. S. Wright, 7; G. Ladd (of Pinchbeck), 8; G. Skeef (conductor). Also after evening service 1036 Grandsire Triples (being the first two parts of Holt's ten part peal). Time 45 mins. J. R. Mackman (aged 11 years), 1; *G. Skeef, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; *G. L. Richardson, 5; *R. Mackman, 6; *J. S. Wright, 7; J. W. Jarvis, 8; G. Skeef (conductor). *College Youths, †Cumberland Society. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY (Kent).—On Friday, April 29th, at All Saints' Church, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 22 mins. D. Winsor, 1; A. Ring, 2; G. Hutchings, 3; W. Hunt, 4; G. Lindoff, R. E. (conductor), 5. Also 120 of Old Doubles, being the first in the method by all except G. Lindoff. And on Sunday, May 1st, after Divine Service in the evening, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 26 mins. D. Winsor, 1; E. Collard, 2; G. Lindoff, R.E., 3; A. Ring, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt. G. Lindoff hails from Gillingham.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY, NEAR LEEDS.—On Saturday, April 30th, the Rothwell branch of the above Association, visited the above place, and attempted to ring 5040 changes in seven different methods on six bells, but after ringing 720 each of the following methods, viz., Violet, London, Scholars, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, and the first part of Duke of York, the treble also broke, and thus the peal came to grief. J. G. Verity, 1; J. C. Abbishaw, 2; A. Chapman, 3; W. Abbishaw, 4; Jno. Chapman, 5; J. M. Chadwick (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, April 30th (the Vigil of St. Philip and St. James), at St. James' church, six members of the above Society rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. W. Porch, 1; H. Porch (conductor), 2; A. Howell, 3; G. Pearse, 4; W. Paddock, 5; H. Tucker, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the society.

ANSTON (Yorkshire).—On Friday, April 29th, for practice, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Pashley, 1; R. Smith (aged 17), 2; R. S. Fox, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; T. Silvester, 6. Also on Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 in the same method. W. Pashley (first 720, aged 15), 1; R. S. Fox, 2; J. Bland, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; T. Silvester (conductor), 6.

BANHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, April 13, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Barker, 1; R. Hutton (conductor), 2; W. Nudds, jun., 3; C. Tite, 4; R. Chapman, 5; W. Nudds, sen., 6.

BARLOW MOOR (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 1st, for Divine Service, at Christ Church, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. Also on Monday, May 2nd, for practice, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw, 1; W. Holbrook, 2; G. J. Pearson, 3; W. Mellor, 4; J. Wilde, 5; T. Brickell, 6; J. Derbyshaw, 7; J. Cole, 8.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Friday evening, April 1st, at the parish church, a 720 of Court Single; and on Easter Sunday morning, a 720 in the same method. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargeant, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine service in the afternoon, a 360 of Court Single, and 120 of Oxford Treble Bob. C. H. Howard, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargeant, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday evening, April 26th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 240 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargeant, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Sunday, March 6th, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Doubles. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. And on Thursday, March 10th, 720 of Bob Doubles in 24 mins. W. Bowyer, 1; Fred. Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. And on Thursday, March 31st, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. W. Bowyer, 1; F. Arnold, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. Also two 120's of Bob Doubles. *J. Robinson, 1; Fred Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. *First 120. Tenor 10 cwt.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, April 17th, after Divine service, at the Parish Church, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. R. Hutton, 1; R. Kemp, 2; W. Mapes, 3; J. Cullum, 4; G. Manser, jun., 5; J. Hinsley (conductor), 6. Also 720 in the same method. J. Fox, 1; R. Kemp, 2; W. Mapes, 3; J. Cullum, 4; R. Atkins, 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. And another 216. J. Fox, 1; R. Kemp, 2; W. Mapes, 3; G. Manser, 4; R. Hutton (conductor), 5; E. Coleman, 6.

CHILHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, May 1st, a mixed band attempted a 6000 of Bob Major, but after ringing three hours, a mishap occurred and stand was called. *R. Simmonds, 1; *J. Cooper, 2; *P. Simms, 3; *H. G. Fairbrass, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; *A. Moorcraft, 6; *S. Snelling, 7; *H. Pearce (conductor), 8. Tenor 19 cwt. The bells have lately been rehung by S. Snelling, and give the greatest satisfaction. *College Youths.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, April 30th, six members of the Lye Society paid a visit to Cradley, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Taylor, 1; J. Brooks (conductor), 2; H. Woodridge, 3; A. Folkes, 4; G. A. Hatton, 5; F. Davis, 6.

DARESBURY (Cheshire).—On Easter Day, April 10th, at the parish church, the local society rang for early service at 7.15, a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. At 10 a.m. for Morning Service, 360 of Bob Minor; and for Evening Service, 360 of Bob Minor, and after service, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. P. Hamblett (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. De Prez, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. De Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, May 1st, at Martin's Church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 26 mins. Tennent, 1; Pittam, 2; J. Leach, 3; T. Gleed, 4; J. Nixon, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; T. Titchener, 2; Pittam, 3; J. Leach, 4; Tennant, 5; J. Nixon, 6. And after service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. N. Alderman, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; J. Nixon, 3; J. Leach, 4; Pittam, 5; Tennant, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LINCOLN.—On Saturday, April 30th, several ringers from Spalding went to Lincoln fair; it also being the annual meeting of the North Lincolnshire Association, they had the pleasure of ringing several touches of Grandsire Triples with some of the members at the Cathedral and St. Peter at Arches. R. Creasey, R. Mackman, G. Skeef, J. W. Jarvis, R. Jarvis, and J. R. Mackman, from Spalding; G. Ladd, from Pinchbeck.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, April 30th, at Christ Church, the local company rang a 2528 of Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 31 mins., to celebrate the restarting of their church clock, which has been undergoing a thorough repair at the works of Messrs. Potts, or Leeds, and which was restarted that day. T. W. Lang, 1; J. Knott, 2; L. Illingworth (conductor), 3; S. Goodall, 4; H. Brooke, 5; M. Ramsden, 6; A. Briggs, 7; W. Collins, 8. Composed by C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield. Tenor 15 cwt.

OVERTON, FRODSHAM (Cheshire).—On Saturday, April 23rd, eight members of the Daresbury society visited the above place, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. T. Houghton, jun., (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. De Prez, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. De Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Also a 360 in the same method. T. Houghton, sen., 1; D. Melbourne, 2; P. Johnson, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; E. De Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor about 19 cwt. These fine tenor bells have recently been rehung, the "go" of which is all that can be desired, and reflects great credit on the bell-hanger,

PULFORD (Cheshire).—On Saturday, April 30th, the members of the local society, assisted by Mr. C. Price (College Youth), rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jones, sen., 1; J. Mercer, 2; J. Saladine, 3; W. Thomas, 4; C. Price, 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. G. Jones, sen., 1; J. Mercer, 2; J. Saladine, 3; C. Price (conductor), 4; J. Morgan, 5; W. Thomas, 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. C. Price, 1; J. Mercer, 2; M. Blezard, 3; W. Thomas, 4; G. Jones, jun., 5; J. Morgan (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single. J. Mercer, 1; G. Jones, jun., 2; M. Blezard, 3; W. Thomas, 4; J. Morgan (conductor), 5; C. Price, 6. Average time nearly 26 mins. Tenor 10 cwt. in Ab.

SALTAIRE, (Yorks).—On Tuesday evening a date touch was rung, comprised of the following:—87 Bob Doubles, 360 Grandsire Minor, 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. B. T. Copley (conductor), 1; J. Baxter, 2; B. Emmett, 3; F. London, 4; A. Bulmer, 5; Alf. Riley, 6. Time 1 hr. 4 mins. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, April 20th, at St. Mary's the Virgin, six of the local company rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25½ mins., composed by E. Francis, of Diss. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; H. Prior, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 24½ mins. J. Luckey, 1; *W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; *G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. *First 720 in this method. On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 24½ mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; H. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And 360 of Grandsire Minor. W. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; J. Luckey, 4; H. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And for the afternoon service, 180 of Plain Bob Minor. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 24 mins. C. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And after service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; C. Prior, 3; H. Prior, 4; C. Prior, jun., 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And 360 of College Single. H. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. Mr. Tucker hails from Bishop Stortford.

STRETTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, April 11th, six members of the Daresbury society paid a visit to the above place, and rang at the parish church a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. De Prez, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. De Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

ST. ALBANS.—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, April 30th, 827 of Grandsire Caters. H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8; W. Battle, 9-10. Also some Treble Bob Major was rung.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service at All Saints' Church, a touch of Grandsire Triples, by six members of the local company, with Mr. J. Motts and Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich. C. Sillitoe, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, 3; J. Motts (conductor), 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Bowell, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Bracket, 8. *Handbell ringing.*—On Thursday, April 28th, at the meeting house, Gregory-street, on handbells, retained in hand, a course of Grandsire Cinques. M. Silvester, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; H. Bowell, 7-8; W. Howell, 9-10; W. B. Ransom, 11-12.

SYSTON (Leicester).—On Tuesday, April 26th, at the parish church, after confirmation, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. A. Swann, 1; G. Freeman, 2; W. Bail, 3; J. Pickard, 4; G. Walton (conductor), 5; J. Hall, 6; J. North, 7; J. Freeman, 8.

WALTER BELCHAMP (Essex).—On Sunday, May 1st, the following mixed band attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary's Church, but after ringing 3800 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins., a mistake occurred which brought it to grief:—J. Lee (Foxearth), 1; H. Harper (Sudbury), 2; G. Brown (Sudbury), 3; W. Howell (Sudbury), 4; H. Bowell (Ipswich), 5; S. Slater (Glensford), 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor, Sudbury), 7; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 8. Tenor 11 cwt.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third annual meeting of the members and friends of this Association, took place at Lincoln on Saturday last, and was attended with great success. Through the kindness of the clergy and churchwardens, all the towers containing peals of bells in the fine old city, were open for ringing purposes, and there being a good muster of members, this privilege was taken full advantage of. The Association was favoured with the presence of representatives of several kindred societies, including St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield, the Eastern Counties' Guild, East and South Lincolnshire Associations, and the Newark Society. The branches of the North Lincolnshire Association represented were Lincoln (four societies), Gainsborough, Market Rasen, Nocton, and Grimsby. At four o'clock, tea was provided in the Odd-fellows' Hall, to which a company numbering close upon fifty sat down, and after tea the meeting was held. In the absence of the President (the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Butler), the Rev. S. W. Andrews (rector of Claxby, and vice-president for the Market Rasen local centre) presided, being supported by the Rev. Canon Venables (Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral), F. F. Linley, Esq. (Vice-president for the Gainsboro' centre), and others.

In opening the meeting, the CHAIRMAN said he was very sorry indeed that their president, the Dean, so able and so true a friend of the Association, was unable to be present in the place which he (Mr. Andrews) so unworthily filled. He had a letter from the Dean which told them he was obliged to be at Ely, a place without bells, at least so far as the Cathedral was concerned; they at Ely were therefore behind the Cathedral at Lincoln, and Lincolnshire in this matter, as indeed in other matters, took the lead. He (the Chairman), thought when Lincolnshire men took anything up, they took it up with a will and determination to be if possible at the top of the tree, and he had no doubt that in a short time there would be no bell-ringers Association that would excel their own. At the same time he was quite sure he did not wish to depreciate the work of other Associations, some of the members of which they were glad to welcome amongst them in North Lincoln, and hoped they would come again. He had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was in the name of the Dean to present to the Association, what he ventured to think all would consider a very handsome present, and one which their President said he trusted would be of great use to the Association, and record many triumphs of Lincolnshire ringers—it was a peal book. He thought the members would only be too glad that he should in their name tender to the Dean very hearty thanks for his kind, handsome, and useful present. He could not help on an occasion like this, feeling what a very happy and very beneficial thing it was for them from time to time to have an opportunity of coming together and joining in social intercourse, to compare notes as it were, and to be of one heart and one mind. It surely was one of the bright features of the times that different associations were springing up and being formed, that one association could work with another association, that the clergy and the laity and all other associations could strive together to carry forward the great work set before them. He was sure by so doing, they would in their respective spheres do a great deal to elevate the tone of the people amongst whom they lived, and surely that was a great and desirable thing. At the same time, they would themselves be deriving a great benefit from thus uniting together in the furtherance of the several good works for which associations of this kind were formed. He did not think there was anything hardly more needed than a bell-ringers' association, and they had only to look a few years back to find what improvement such institutions as this had effected in the character of their ringers, and the order in the belfry. It was no doubt a very great privilege to have any gift, and did they not think it was a wonderful gift and a privilege to be able to brighten up and throw an extra bit of sunshine into the Lord's Day? The ringing of the church bells always seemed to him to lift one up, and make one think more of heaven. And when one heard, as they did in Lincoln, two or three peals of bells clanging together, sounding the praises of God, and showing forth his glory, it did seem to elevate him, and seemed to throw extra sunshine and brightness into God's Day. Surely that was a great privilege, and the bells also provided a grand opportunity for men after the day's work—all of them nowadays, parsons as well, were workers—to take up the art of bell-ringing, exercising their strength as well as their skill. It was very nice when they could take to bell ringing. He hoped this Association would continue to carry on its good work, and that they would have many such happy gatherings as the present one; he had no idea they had such a large Association, and was heartily glad to find its objects were so thoroughly appreciated.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with. The hon. secretary read the report for the past year; the accounts shewed a

balance in the treasurer's hands of nearly £10, and the numerical statement was also very satisfactory. The report of ringing work done was highly encouraging, showing that since the last annual meeting there had been accomplished one complete peal of 5040 changes (the first recorded by the Association, and rang by the Gainsboro' branch), two half-peals of 2520 changes one of Grandsire Triples at Grimsby, and the other of Bob Triples at Lincoln Cathedral, a date touch (1886 changes), in three methods, by the Market Rasen branch; 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Lincoln, Market Rasen, Nocton, and Lea; a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob at Nocton; a 720 of Grandsire Minor at Lea; peals of Oxford Bob at Market Rasen; several 720's of Plain Bob Minor; and a 720 in six different methods at Skellingthorpe. The Very Rev. the Dean was unanimously re-elected the president for the ensuing year. S. F. Hood, Esq., of Nettleham Hall, having kindly acceded to the request of the city of Lincoln local centre, was elected vice-president for that centre, *vice* the Rev. A. G. Musson, who resigned through leaving the district; F. F. Linley, Esq., was re-elected vice-president for the Gainsboro' centre, and the Rev. S. W. Andrews, vice-president for the Market Rasen centre. Mr. H. Gadd, of Market Rasen, was re-appointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. Lunn, of the same place, hon. secretary. Mr. F. F. Linley, of Gainsboro', and Mr. J. W. Watson, of Lincoln, were selected for auditors. The question of what peals were to be inserted in the new peal book was considered, and it was resolved to insert the first 720 rung upon five bells in two or more methods; the first 720 in each method on six bells, and also date touches in not less than three methods; on seven and eight bells, also half-peals, or whole peals of 5040. It was proposed that the annual subscription remain the same as last year, and that the headquarters of the Association remain at Lincoln. Two efficient members were enrolled, also four probationers. It was decided to hold the next general quarterly meeting at Grimsby, in July, the exact date to be left in the hands of Mr. Seamer, conductor of the Grimsby company, and the hon. secretary. A vote of thanks to the Dean for the gift of the peal book, was enthusiastically carried. The proposal of having a jubilee ringers meeting (an amalgamation of the three Lincolnshire associations) in June, having been introduced, Mr. J. C. Tinker, of Gainsboro', Mr. E. Mason, of Boston (secretary of East Lincolnshire), and Mr. R. Creasey, of Spalding (secretary of South Lincolnshire), gave their opinions on the subject, after which it was decided that the secretary of North Lincoln be authorised to attend a committee meeting of the three Associations to be held at Boston shortly. A vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of their church bells to the members of the Association on that day, was carried unanimously.

The Rev. PRECENTOR VENABLES acknowledged the compliment in a nice speech, in the course of which he welcomed the members and friends to Lincoln, and said he should be glad to become an honorary member of the Association, the aims and objects of which he fully sympathised with.

Mr. D. SEAMER, of Grimsby, conveyed to the meeting the regret of the Vicar of Grimsby (the Rev. J. P. Young), that he was unable to attend, and hoped to see and welcome the members of the Association at Grimsby.

Mr. R. MACKMAN, of the Eastern Counties' Guild, proposed that the best thanks of the visitors be given to the North Lincolnshire Association for the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained; this was seconded by Mr. Creasey, and carried. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. S. W. Andrews for presiding, the chairman briefly responding.

The ringers then repaired to the various towers, where they exercised their skill in Grandsire, and Plain Bob Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and other methods.

BRAMSHAW BELLS, NEW FOREST.

In the New Forest is the church of Bramshaw, the wooden belfry of which contains two bells, neither have any inscription or date. The smallest is rather a curiosity, and apparently was cast in the fifteenth century. The crown is perfectly round, forming a complete hemisphere, and the height of the bell from the lip to the cannons is the same as the diameter at the mouth, viz., 19½ inches. This gives it a very long and narrow appearance. The other bell is more modern, and measures 21 inches at the mouth. The wheels are of a very peculiar and clumsy construction. Both bells would well repay an archeologist for a visit.

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Correspondence.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

PEALS OF "DUFFIELD."

SIR,—I have received numerous communications on the subject of the new method now under notice in your columns, most of them containing peals. May I courteously request any who require information on the subject to wait a few weeks, until the whole of the details are before them, after which, if there remains any point yet requiring elucidation, I shall be most happy to give it by private letter. Nearly all the peals forwarded to me are false, simply because their authors are unacquainted with the necessary methods of proof. To give these in writing to each one of my correspondents is entirely beyond my power. Will they kindly accept this apology and exercise a little patience.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Duffield Bank, May 1st, 1887.

THE ANTIQUITY OF LARGE BELLS.

SIR,—Can any of your readers give me any information with respect to the origin and antiquity of larger bells? We know that Aaron wore golden bells round the hem of the high priest's ephod, "that his sound might be heard when he went in unto the holy place, and when he came out" (Exodus xxviii. 34). We know also from specimens and ancient drawings preserved in museums, that small bells and gongs of every form existed before the Christian Era, but I am not aware of anything like a tower-bell in those early times.

The old dictionaries stated that church bells were invented at Nole, in Campania, in the fifth century, but the Encyclopædia Britannica affirms, without reference, that large bells were known in China and India long before. There is a large bell at Pekin said to weigh fifty tons, and Mareo Polo speaks of a bell in the same city which was used as a curfew in the 13th century. The great bell-tower of Nankin was built about 1420 A.D. I do not think it likely that India can claim the invention of large bells, but for several reasons it seems to me probable that they came to us from Eastern Asia.

C.P.

THE AUTHOR OF "DUFFIELD" AND HIS REMARKS.

SIR,—Every ringer will, I think, give Mr. Heywood credit for his new method, but his remarks respecting peals of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob will not go down with all. He says "Holt's ten-part is not a peal of Grandsire Triples." Well, this is something new to get from such a man as Mr. Heywood. He objects, I presume, at the singles. If he had said the Original was not a peal I could have understood him better. I take it that you cannot get a peal of Grandsire Triples without two singles. The ten-part has these two singles pure and simple; they are single changes, whereas in the Original they are really doubles, and, I believe, this was the term originally given to them. Again we are told that "Lockwood's 9120 of Treble Bob is a peal in this method. I say it is not a properly recognised peal. The origination of Treble Bob never meant—and there is no authority for saying anything to the contrary—that singles (call it anything else you like) should be used to suit a certain purpose in this method. The longest legitimate length with tenors together is Harrison's 8896, rung at Highgate, April 27th, 1876; and considering (according to *Snowdon*) that it is possible to get a greater number than this, I do not think that such means for bringing bells round should be countenanced.

BOB MAJOR.

PEAL-RINGING ON SUNDAY.

SIR,—Allow me, as a clerical ringer of about twenty years' experience to offer some thoughts upon this subject. First, a protest against arguing backwards. If we once begin to reason "This is not wrong, therefore that is right," we can justify anything. Let us lay down sound principles, and then go on fearlessly wherever they may lead us. I start with these principles. The Lord's day commemorates three events; the Creation, the Resurrection of Our Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit. It points forward to a fourth, the rest of Heaven. Now a day, the one day in seven, given to man, with these associations is to be observed as a day of religion and of rest. And religion is to come first. We have no right to accept the gift, and to shut out the giver, from His own day. Apply these thoughts to peal-ringing. A peal requires, one thing with another, four hours; exclusive of any timespent upon the road. That is to say: If a band agree to meet at ten in the morning, you must not order dinner before two o'clock. And to answer for myself, a peal leaves me comfortably tired, and more than comfortably hungry. Now there is a good deal of work for everyone upon a Sunday, which must be done. If to it we add four hours in the belfry, and all the travelling, how much will be left for religion? I think that practically religion will be crowded out. Then

there are our neighbours to think about. In every parish are many who connect with the Sunday, all the traditions inherited from the Jews and from the puritans. They are mistaken. But still, their convictions are not to be trodden down harshly. Further, we know that most trades leave work at four o'clock on the Saturday, and that a Monday half-holiday is not uncommon. Hence I fail to see the difficulty of getting a band together on one or other of those days, provided that men will make arrangements beforehand, and that they will keep the engagements which they have undertaken. Such, in my judgment, is the case against Sunday peal-ringing.

Hertford.

W. WIGRAM.

SIR,—Will you allow me in your next issue to protest against the practice of peal-ringing on Sunday. While no one can love bells and ringing more than I do, yet I think that while our ringing on a Sunday should be our very best, both as to striking and music, so that our service, which ought to be considered by all of us as part of the Divine Services of the church, it might be as acceptable as possible, and also be in harmony with the other parts of the service. I would like to ask the advocates of peal-ringing on Sunday, how many men could be found whose minds would be in a fit state to join in the worship of Him whom we are told "must be worshipped in spirit and in truth," after having successfully completed a peal, and being filled with the elation and excitement which always follows. Or on the other hand, having for some reason or other failed in the attempt, and consequently filled with disappointment and vexation, which we know is always the case. I think peal-ringing on Sunday would rather tend to bring back the old state of things and lead ringers to the public house rather than into church, and would consequently be a decided step in the wrong direction and undo what our Associations are trying to bring about. Let us remember that Sunday is the Lord's day specially hallowed to himself, and let our ringing be for His praise and glory, and not be seeking our own pleasure and unfitting ourselves for His service during the remainder of His Holy Day. There are many other reasons which might be urged against the practice, which perhaps some one more able than myself will take up, as I know plenty of ringers who are opposed to it.

W.D.C.R.A.

A POINTED QUESTION.

SIR,—I see Mr. Barefield, of Tunbridge Wells, is an excellent correspondent, and perhaps he can give the members of the Kent County Association some information as to how the ringers are getting on at Tonbridge. Also who is instructing them, and how much cash will be extracted from the funds before the men are competent to ring 120 changes?

A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

ANSWER TO MR. SCOTT.

SIR,—All I have to say about the Jubilee Peal I have sent out is that I have worked it on the almanack principle that there are 52 weeks in a year, and have taken seven days from the leap years to make one week, and as to what you have stated about those changes that appear in the first lead being in Mr. Sottanstell's book, if so I do not know, as I have not had his book for some nine years, nor yet have I any other, as what I sent out is simply out of my own head. I trust that Mr. Scott will take this reply in the same friendly spirit in which it is made.

A. SYKES.

Huddersfield.

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT BIRMINGHAM.

SIR,—As one who took part in the long peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, I beg respectfully to ask a question, through the medium of your valuable paper, as to the accuracy of a verbal statement gratuitously made last Easter Monday, respecting the long peal of Stedman Cinques rang six years back at Birmingham. The statement is as follows: (by Mr. Joseph Cattle, late of Birmingham, who heard the peal from beginning to the finish). "The last course was nothing but firing, and when the bells came into rounds the second bell was down, so that only eleven bells came into rounds, and the one who rang the second was first out of the tower, and said it was no peal. If this statement is false, I must say it is a cruel and unjustifiable assertion to make. If on the other hand this statement turns out to be accurate, I for one would say it is an unpardonable fraud on the ringing public. Will some one set the ringing community right on the matter?"

GEORGE MUSKETT.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I should be glad if you would recommend any ringing association in the neighbourhood of the London Hospital, to which I might belong. As yet I have only mastered Grandsire Doubles, and I should like to extend my knowledge of the art.

E. WYCHE.

The London Hospital, May 3rd, 1887.

REPLY TO A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—A correspondent who signed himself as above appeared to be very decisive as regards "A Doubtful Quotation" he dealt with in your last issue of "BELL NEWS." At the same time this lofty-minded gentleman gave your readers an index to the vocabulary of worn-out adages in which he seems to have such a complete mastery over. Surely the apparition in which I appeared to him "to be one who delights to make a mountain out of a mole-hill," and "Much ado about Nothing," ought to have contained a final character, viz., "Abuse was no argument," but perhaps that would have been too reproachful for your correspondent's feelings. This worthy member of the Sussex County Association wondered that I had "not discovered and made comment upon" a similar error in the *Brighton Herald* of about seven weeks previous, on the occasion of a peal being accomplished at St. Peter's Church, Brighton. Allow me to state that I had noticed it and thought it might have been an editorial error, but when it was again indulged in concerning the ringing on Easter Monday at Lower Beeding and Bolney, I determined to challenge its authenticity through the medium of "BELL NEWS," as being the chief organ of the ringing community. Again, your correspondent had "good reason to believe that the paragraph did not emanate from Mr. Attree," which was published in the local paper! Did it appear to him possible that any ringer would for a moment entertain such an insane idea as to imagine that that gentleman would be a party to such a mean action? I hope not. It is pleasing to find that the above correspondent "owns it is an error into which no society should fall," to claim a peal when rang by a mixed band as rang by eight members of their own, although it might have been obtained under the auspices of that society. In conclusion, sir, allow me to ask your correspondent which of the two ringers who rang the 7th and tenor bells at Bolney through the peal, was the one he describes as unconnected.

TINTINABULA.

Brighton, May 3rd, 1887.

THE RECENT HALF PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, RANG AT TONBRIDGE, KENT.

SIR,—I should like to ask the conductor of the above why he allowed the same to be published as a half peal when it is well known that they started for a whole peal and a shift course occurred before the half way and forced into rounds when they got to that place.

HARRY PEARCE.

BEDFORD RINGERS AT LEICESTER.

ON Saturday, April 30th, seven members of the St. Paul's company arranged to visit Leicester by an excursion train that was run by the Midland Railway Company. On arriving there, the visitors were met by several of the Leicester company at their meeting house, and from there to the church of St. Margaret's, which tower contains a noble ring of ten. After raising the bells in peal, the visitors, with the assistance of one of the Leicester company, rang 378 of Grandsire Triples. F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; ———, (Leicester), 3; W. Allan, 4; W. Biggs, 5; H. Chapman, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Afterwards seven of the Leicester company with three of the Bedford company, rang 285 of Stedman Caters. J. Wilson, 1; T. Wilson, 2; S. Cooper, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. P. Cooper, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; W. Biggs, 7; A. Millis, 8; J. Buttery (conductor), 9; H. Chapman, 10. This was the first touch of any sort on ten bells by Messrs. Biggs, Clarke, and Chapman, and rang at the first attempt. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Caters, by a mixed company, conducted by C. W. Clarke. After lowering the bells in peal, a move was made to the meeting-house, when after doing justice to the inner man, the handbells were made use of, when touches of Bob Minor, Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Caters, the last being a plain course of Grandsire Cinques. S. Cooper, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (first attempt at Cinques), 3-4; A. Millis, 5-6; J. Buttery, 7-8; T. Wilson, 9-10; W. P. Cooper, 11-12; which ended a very enjoyable evening. The Bedford company take this opportunity of heartily thanking their Leicester friends for the very kind and courteous manner with which they were received, and they hope at some future occasion to have the pleasure of returning the compliment in Bedford.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Saturday, April 23rd, a party of ringers from Frindsbury, St. Margaret's, Rochester, and Gillingham, journeyed to Aylesford, near Maidstone, for the purpose of having a pull on the fine peal of eight, tenor about 14 cwt. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles, with 4,6,8, behind, were rung. The "go" of the bells is splendid, and great credit is also due to the ringers of Aylesford for their clean belfry. A meat tea was provided at the "George Inn," and in all a very pleasant evening was spent. They wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the ringers for having everything ready.

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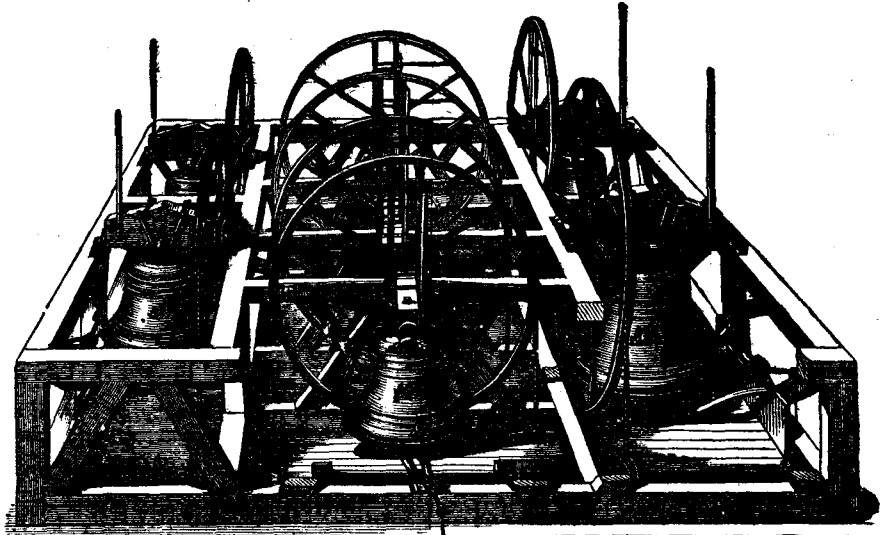


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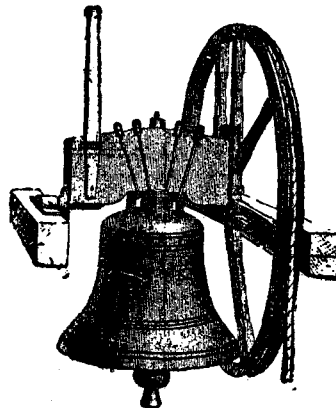
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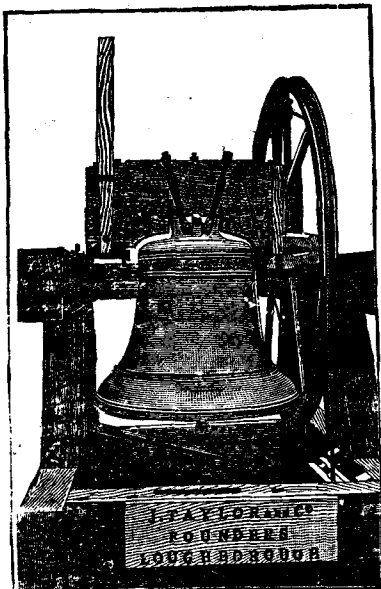
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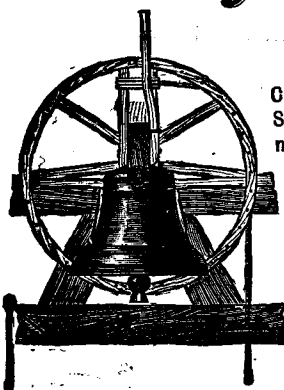
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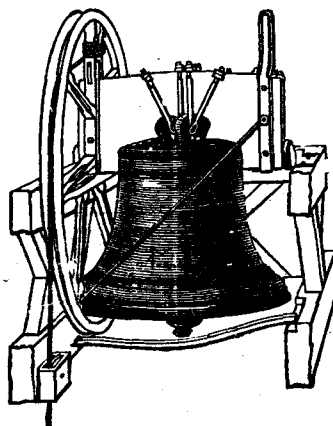
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The necessary steps for ascertaining the truth of the first changes of the sixes having been made clear, it remains to enquire how far such proof is a guarantee of the truth of the other five rows. In this method, between each backstroke and the following handstroke, every bell changes its place as 21436587 from 12345678; therefore, as the present proof takes for granted that the tenors are never parted or reversed, every handstroke is inseparably wedded to the preceding back-stroke, and no handstroke row can come at back, or backstroke row at hand. It follows that if all the backstrokes are true, the handstrokes must also be true.

Repetition cannot occur except between rows that have 7, 8 in the same position, and, putting aside for the present the six produced by an M call, every other position into which 7, 8 can relatively fall is found in a plain course, and any of these occurring in duplicate will be liable to produce false rows.

In the following diagram the positions of 6, 7, 8 are given at every backstroke throughout the plain course; the other bells are, for the sake of clearness, omitted, and their places denoted by dashes.

A ¹	-	-	-	-	6	8	7	8	E	1
A ²	-	-	-	6	-	-	7	8	O	
A ³	-	-	6	-	-	-	7	8	E	
	-	-	-	-	6	8	-	7	O	2
	-	-	-	8	6	-	-	7	E	
	-	-	8	6	-	-	-	7	O	
C ¹	-	6	-	-	8	7	-	-	E	3
D ¹	-	6	-	7	-	8	-	-	O	
	-	6	7	8	-	-	-	-	E	
	6	8	-	-	7	-	-	-	O	4
	6	8	-	-	-	7	-	-	E	
	6	8	-	7	-	-	-	-	O	
B ¹	8	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	E	5
B ²	8	7	-	-	6	-	-	-	O	
B ³	8	7	-	-	-	6	-	-	E	
	7	-	8	6	-	-	-	-	O	6
	7	-	6	-	8	-	-	-	E	
	7	-	-	6	8	-	-	-	O	
D ²	-	-	7	8	-	-	6	-	E	7
C ²	-	-	8	-	7	-	6	-	O	
	-	-	-	8	7	-	6	-	E	
	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	6	O	8
	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	E	
	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	O	

A little attention will shew that there is no row in which 6, 7, 8 occur a second time in the same position, and therefore, so long as the 6th is kept at home, no proof other than that already set forth is necessary, even if singles be used.

In compositions in which the 6th is moved the duplicate positions of 7, 8 must be examined. The rows containing these are denoted on the left of the diagram by similar letters; on the right, in addition to the numbering of the sixes, is given the nature of each row, whether in or out of course. In my explanation I shall avoid the lengthy expressions "in course" row or course, and "out of course" row or course, by using the terms "even" and "odd" rows or courses, as these words more briefly and accurately express what is meant. In the diagram therefore, E denotes the in course and O the out of course rows. I shall also speak of rows or courses that are either all even or all odd, as being of "like nature;" and of those of which one or more are even and one or more odd, as being of "opposite nature." By the term "order," which I have already made use of in such expressions as "the order of the bells at a six," I mean their coursing order as distinct from the actual places they occupy; thus, in a plain course, the "order" of the bells is the same in every row. These abbreviations are

essential that redundancy in the use of the words "course" and "coursing" may be avoided.

In the diagram, four of the sixes, 1, 3, 5, and 7, will be seen to contain 7, 8 in duplicate positions. In the first and fifth sixes these positions occur in the same six, while in the third and seventh sixes they recur reciprocally between one and the other. All these duplicating rows are even, except A² and B³; therefore the latter rows can only run false against a course of opposite nature to the plain course. The enquiry, however, will be for the present confined to courses of like nature.

The remaining duplicate rows repeat in couples, A¹ with A³, B¹ with B³, C¹ with C², and D¹ with D², so that against any one row there can never be more than one false row. More than this, and here is the most remarkable property of the method, one course, 126543, contains everyone of the rows that can be false against the plain course 123456. Therefore every even course has one and only one even course false against it. Of the duplicate rows A and B alone require attention, because, as no call can be made between D² and the course-end, or between the course and D¹, any order producing false rows at these places would be the same and recognizable at the following or previous course-end respectively.

The six containing the A rows is the course-end or H six, and that containing the B rows is the six at which a bob B takes effect. In a plain course the rows of the B six are the exact converse of the rows of the H six; thus the first row in the latter is 12345678, and in the former 87654321, and the rest of each six in like manner; thus the reason of one false course covering both these sixes is apparent. If, therefore, the order in the B six of a course were always the same as that at either the previous or following course-end, it would be sufficient in proving a composition to transpose each course-end by the false course-end 126543, and to see that none of the resulting false course-ends were made use of. In any course, however, where bobs are called at In or B, and also at Out or Fourths, the B six, which lies between B and Out, will not have the order of the bells in it shewn at either the previous or following course-end. For instance, if from rounds a course is called In, B, Out, which produces 542136, neither this course-end or the previous 123456 shew the order at the B six. A distinctive plan of proving these B sixes must therefore be adopted.

If from rounds the course-end resulting from In, B is pricked, a natural course-end, 432156, is obtained shewing the order of the bells at the B six in the course called In, B, Out. In the same way the order at every B in the composition must be found, and set down in a column, headed "Natural course-ends from the B," along side of the fixed course-ends. It is by no means always requisite to be at this trouble, but in such form the proof will be more easily understood. An example is annexed.

336.

Nat. C. Ends from the B.	123456	In. B. Out. 4ths.
432156	462135	- - -
246135	356124	- - -
195324	215364	- - -
521364	541326	- - -
154326	214356	- - -
421356	421356	- - -
123456	123456	- - -

The false course-end against any course has the same two bells in front and the four remaining bells reversed, as 126543 to 123456. It is not therefore necessary to prick the false course-ends, as the transposition can be made at sight. Looking down the column of fixed course-ends, only those that have the same two bells in front need be compared. The only one that presents itself is 215364; reversing the four hinder bells gives 214635, and as this does not appear as a course-end, 215634 is true. From the reciprocal nature of the false course-ends it follows that, if 215364 does not repeat with 214356, neither can the latter repeat with the former, therefore 214356 need not be proved. The natural course-ends denoting the order at the B sixes must also be looked over, and will be found true. A quick prover will notice that for two course-ends to repeat, not only must the same two bells be in front, but the

6ths place bell in one must be a 3rds place bell in the other, and *vice versa*. Thus by observing say the 6th, a glance will shew what course ends repeat without troubling to reverse the last four bells.

If the sixes of a composition have been pricked out for proof, it is unnecessary to obtain the natural course-ends from the B sixes, because, in the B column of the proof by sixes, is presented the identical order required, the only difference in treatment being that the figures must be read backwards, or tested by the reverse of the false course-end 1 2 6 5 4 3, viz.; 3 4 5 6 2 1, in applying which, rows with the same bells in 5-6 must be first looked for, instead of, as before, in 1-2.

Having explained the internal proof requisite for compositions in which the courses are all of like nature, the next step is to shew what is necessary for such as contain both odd and even courses. Referring again to the diagram, A³ and B³, the only odd rows liable to run false, will in an odd course become even rows, under which conditions they may repeat either with the A¹ and B¹ or A² and B² rows of an even course. That is, against any course, in addition to the false course of the same nature, there are two of opposite nature. Of the latter, one will cover both A¹ and B¹, the other A² and B². Against 1 2 3 4 5 6 they are as follows:—

Even courses against even	}	1 2 6 5 4 3.
or		
odd against odd.	}	1 2 5 3 6 4.
Even courses against odd		
or	}	1 2 4 6 3 5.
odd against even.		

It may here be remarked that, in proving, it is immaterial in the abstract whether the courses are odd or even; the gist of the proof lies in testing those of like nature by one process and those of opposite nature by another, no matter of which specific nature they may be.

A convenient example will be found in the touch of which the sixes have already been proved.

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	B sixes.	123456	H.	In.	B.	Out.	4ths
Odd.	462351	251364	—	—	—	—	—
	651432	143256	—	—	—	—	—
	651432	524136	—	—	—	—	—
	635241	142536	—	—	—	—	—
Even.	564231	431265	—	—	—	—	—
	634512	152436	—	—	—	—	—
	614235	325416	—	—	—	—	—
	614352	532416	—	—	—	—	—

The column to the left of the course-ends contains the actual B sixes copied from the proof by sixes given in the last paper, for having this, it is, as has been shewn, unnecessary to go to the trouble of obtaining the natural course-ends from the Bs.

In order to make the proof of the touch clear, I must here make a brief digression. It has been mentioned that a bob at H acts as a single in changing the nature of the courses. How this comes about may be seen by examining the diagram. The first rows of the sixes will be observed to run alternately even and odd, and as the first row of the plain course, 123456, is even, if a course is employed of which the first row is odd, the rest of such a course will be of opposite nature to the plain course. Now a bob at H keeps 7, 8 an extra six behind, and produces a fresh course-end at the beginning of the next six. This course-end, being only one six removed from the previous course-end, will be of opposite nature, and thus a course is initiated of opposite nature to the one which preceded it. If the new course be taken as odd, the following courses will remain odd till another bob at H or single is called. If two bobs at H are called consecutively after an even course-end the courses will remain even, and *vice versa*, but the six between the calls will be of opposite nature to those before and after them.

In the above touch, then, the first four courses are odd, after which the second bob at H causes the last five to be even. To prove these, taking the course-ends first, transpose each by 126543, and compare the false course-ends resulting from the

first four with each of the first four, and those from the last five with each of the last five, recollecting that the false course-end 126543 is to be used only for testing courses of like nature. Now take either the first four or the last five, that is, all the odd or all the even course-ends,—it is best to choose the kind of which there are fewest—transpose them by each of the false course ends 125364 and 124635, and compare the resulting false course-ends with the course-ends of opposite nature to those selected; absence of repetition will shew all the course-ends to be true. Proceed in a similar way with the B sixes, but as in these the bells are exactly reversed, the false course-ends by which they are to be tested must also be reversed, 126543 being taken as 345621, and the other two in like manner. The B sixes being thus proved true the entire proof is completed.

In the next paper the proof of the method will be concluded with the treatment of courses containing bobs at M.

Erratum.—In the last number, page 73, second column, in the eighth line from the top, for "M²" read "m²."

THE FIRST PEAL IN DORSETSHIRE.

In the peal page will be found an account of the first peal ever rung in the county of Dorset. The occasion was that of the dedication of a new peal of eight bells, tenor 20 cwt., by Messrs. Warner, at Bridport. Before going further it may be well to call attention to the fact that the hanging of these bells was only completed a few minutes before the peal was started for, and several odd jobs had to be finished the next day. The dedication service was performed at 3.30 p.m. by the Ven. Archdeacon Sanctuary, and an address given by the Rev. A. D. Hill. At 4 p.m. a short touch was rung, immediately after which the ringers (members of the Salisbury and Devonshire Guilds) started for the peal which, under the circumstances, they had but faint hopes of accomplishing. However their doubts and fears proved groundless, for the bells were successfully brought round in 3 hrs. and 2 mins. Evening service was to have taken place at 7.30 p.m., but as the peal was not rung by that time it was delayed for a quarter of an hour through the kindness of the authorities. Nothing could exceed the kindness and hospitality shewn to the ringers on this occasion by the rector and churchwardens, and by Mr. Northover, the Hon. Sec. of the newly-formed Bridport Guild of ringers. The latter gentleman had the entire management of the day's proceedings, and too much praise cannot be given to him for the admirable manner in which he managed everything for the comfort and convenience of the ringers. The company desire to take this opportunity of publicly thanking him; and also the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness. It may be added that this peal created a great deal of excitement in the town, and a large crowd assembled outside the church towards the end to hear the completion of it.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 7th, twelve members of the above society met at St. Saviour's to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques, but owing to one of the bells not being pealable, the attempt came to an abrupt conclusion. They afterwards adjourned to the "King's Head," Winchester Street, Borough, where handbells being brought into requisition, a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung by Messrs. H. Swain, 1-2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; H. A. Hopkins, 7-8; J. M. Hayes, 9-10; F. G. Newman, 11-12. Next came a course of Kent Treble Bob Major by J. Rogers, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; H. A. Hopkins, 5-6; W. Baron, 7-8; and lastly a touch of Grandsire Caters. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; J. Rogers, 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7-8; W. Doran, 9-10. The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony. Mr. R. T. Woodley acted as chairman, and sang "The Maid of the Mill," and "Some Day,"; Mr. G. Mash, "The Shoeblack," and "They are coming,"; Mr. McLaughlin, "Jack's Yarn,"; and Mr. W. Baron, "When we were boys." The comic element was ably represented by Mr. H. A. Hopkins with "Matilda Gorgier," and "Hear, Hear,"; Mr. Frank Davies, "Two lovely black eyes,"; and Mr. George Wild, "Oh what must it be to be there." Mr. J. Rogers amused the company with his well known "nautical fantasia," and another entitled "Tea leaves and snowballs." Messrs. Partington and Prime also sang two songs. Besides the above mentioned, there was present Messrs. Tyack, Garrard, H. and S. Davies, and others. During the evening, the Master (Mr. G. T. McLaughlin), proposed "Prosperity to the St. James's Society," mentioning the names of Rogers, Hayes, and Baron, who responded, stating that through the medium of this society, many young ringers had become proficient in the art of change-ringing, and it also allowed a friendly meeting between the two head societies of London. The company separated at an early hour, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

THE CHANGE-RINGERS' MEMORIAL WINDOW TO
JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.—UNVEILING
CEREMONY AT ILKLEY CHURCH, YORKSHIRE, ON
SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH.

THE PRESIDENT of the Yorkshire Association writes as follows:—

Will you kindly call the attention of all subscribers to the above, who are considering the question of being present, that arrangements are being made at Ilkley to give a hearty welcome to all who come. In order to ensure a good day's ringing the Yorkshire Association's June Meeting is to be held concurrently. The gathering therefore will certainly be large, and, it is hoped, influential and representative.

The eight bells—by kind permission of the Vicar of Ilkley—Rev. Howard Kempson, M.A., will be at the disposal of the visitors from an early hour, immediately following the removal of the muffles after an In Memoriam touch by our officers.

Divine Service will be held at 4.30, at which—at the invitation of the Vicar of Ilkley—a sermon will be preached by a change-ringer in holy orders; the window will then be unveiled.

As the subscriptions of a great number are massed together under the names of their churches and associations, it will probably prove to be impossible to communicate with each one direct. Those organizing the Ilkley arrangements will therefore be much obliged if every subscriber will take this letter as a direct invitation to be present. In order that the final arrangements may be satisfactorily carried out, it will be necessary, later on, for every subscriber intending to be present to forward his name to some one of the organizers, whose name will be duly announced in these columns. It is hoped that this letter, written one month before the date of the meeting, will enable each one to so arrange his plans that those at Ilkley, when the time draws near, may learn exactly what numbers are to be expected.

WM. SNOWDON.

THE JOHNSON TESTIMONIAL.

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The Secretary has a few Duplicates and Cabinets to dispose of at 6d. and 1s. each. Ringers desirous of having either portrait, are requested to apply at once to A. Thomas, 83, Wheelleys Road, Birmingham. No further copies will be ordered.

BICKLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.

The ringers of the above place intended visiting Meavy on Sunday last, May 8th, for a touch on the bells of the parish church, but owing to the illness of two of the band the trip was abandoned. The arrival of Messrs. Taylor and Manning from Plymouth in the afternoon, completed a band for a touch on the bells of Bickleigh Church. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were then rung, conducted by Messrs. Halls and Taylor. In the evening, for service, nine 6-scores of Grandsire were rung in different callings, in 41 mins. Edward Taylor, 1; John Willcocks, 2; John Ham, 3; Edgar E. Manning, 4; William J. Halls, 5; Harrington Cole, 6. The Vicar expressed his great satisfaction as to the striking, and was pleased to find that the ringing was conducted with less noise than the old system of "Stoney," which used to sound so loudly through the church immediately before the services. Mr. Taylor is to be complimented on the great progress made by his pupils here, three of whom could not handle a rope in rounds nine weeks back. It is hoped that the ringers of many of the neighbouring moorland churches will before long devote themselves to the study of the art.

THE PEAL AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

It will appear curious to change-ringers when we record the fact that although the church has been built 207 years, when the bells were placed in the tower, only four peals, including the one reported last week have been rung; the first three by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths as follows: 5040 Union Triples, 1727; 5440 Court Bob Major, 1735; 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1762. A start was made for the above peal, Mr. Haworth conducting, but it came to an end through two bells changing after ringing about 2000 changes; another attempt was made directly afterwards, Mr. Haworth wishing Mr. French to conduct the peal, and it was finished, thus ringing more than 7000 changes, occupying more than four hours. The caretaker of the bells and headringer, Mr. Haworth, deserves some credit for the excellent condition of the bells, as the men rang a well-struck peal, with comparatively little fatigue, considering the great weight of the metal (tenor 36 cwt). A tablet, it is expected, will be placed in the ringing-chamber, recording the Jubilee peal, the first rang in the city of London to commemorate the event.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Divine Service at St. Mary's Church at 12.30 p.m., with an address by the Bishop of Colchester. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. in the Charity Schools, to be followed by the usual business meeting. The towers of Chelmsford (ten bells), Galleywood (eight bells), Broomfield (six bells), Springfield (six bells), Widford (six bells), will be open for the use of the members during the day. Writtle tower (eight bells), is at present closed to ringers owing to a case of serious illness near the Church. Members intending to be present, are requested to inform the Secretary on or before Wednesday, May 25th, whether they wish for dinner tickets (price 1s.), and if arriving by train, from what station they propose to start. Return tickets at 1½ fare will be issued to those who produce their receipt for the current year's subscription. Subscriptions for the ensuing year (1887-8), fall due on Whit-Monday. Any subscriptions still unpaid for the present year (1886-7), should be forwarded to me at once, that the accounts for the year may be closed. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

THE HANDBELL CONTEST AT HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, May 21st: 1—The contest commences at 4 p.m.; 2—That the committee have the power to withhold any prize or prizes, should there not be a sufficient number of entries; 3—That if there are above twelve entries the committee do not hold themselves responsible if any of the bands have not time to compete.

THE ANDAMAN ISLANDERS.—The aborigines, whose total number does not exceed 2,500, are an anomalous race of the most degraded and repulsive description; and are supposed to be the descendants of a cargo of African slaves wrecked upon these isles, which before that had been uninhabited. Fierce, cunning, and vindictive, they are perfectly black, never over five feet in height, with huge disproportioned heads, high shoulders, small limbs, and protuberant stomachs. The only covering of their persons consists of mud, in which they are constantly coated as a protection from the noxious insects which infest these isles. Their woolly hair they dye red with ochre. Their habitations are branches of trees, spread over four short poles; their couches are leaves, and they have no vessels capable of resisting the action of fire. Their weapons are bows and lances of iron-wood. The former are bamboo, strung with vegetable fibre; their arrows reeds, pointed with fishbone. Their mode of running up a cocoa-tree is remarkable—running up like a monkey, and descending with astonishing velocity. In tempestuous weather they are reduced to the utmost want, feeding on rats, lizards, and snakes, and perishing when these resources fail. Their language has no affinity to any other in India, and they worship the celestial bodies and various imaginary genii, especially one named the Demon of the Storms, whose wrath they deprecate in wild and barbarous choruses. In the time of Kæmpter they were deemed cannibal, but this has been since disproved. The necessity for a British establishment, as shelter for shipping east of Bengal, and also as a depot for the reception of convicts, induced the Government to establish a colony at Port Chatham (in 1791), a well sheltered, picturesque embayment at the south-eastern extremity of the great Andaman. Two years subsequently a similar attempt was made at Port Cornwallis, in the same island; but the extreme unhealthiness of the locality, together with the ferocious disposition of the natives, and their excessive hostility to all strangers, rendered the attempt abortive.—From "Cassell's Illustrated History of India" for May.

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Mr. John Lomas, St. Peter's Society, Sheffield	0	2	6
Mr. Charles Price, Ecclestone	0	2	6
North Lincolnshire Association, per W. Lunn	0	10	6
Mr. Rowland Hill, Kirkburton	0	2	6
W. Gill, Hull (late of Keighley)	0	2	0
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A VISIT TO LONDON.

Starting from Kenninghall on Saturday, April 9th, for Eccles Road station, I and my son booked to London by the 2.50. train, and arrived at Kentish Town Station quite safe at 6.15. p.m. We made our way to Highgate New Town, and after refreshing the inner man, we went in search of my old friend Mr. Thomas Titchener, whom we very soon found. He informed me that there was ringing at Hampstead on Easter Sunday morning for early service at eight o'clock, and he kindly consented to walk over with us. So to promise, we were astir by half-past six, and we made our way to the church of St. Stephen's, where we found the local company in readiness, and my esteemed friend Mr. George Newson invited us to take part in a touch of Grandsire Caters. After the ringing was over, Mr. Newson asked me if I would kindly take his place at St. Anne's, Highgate, as he could not attend on account of his having to attend to the duties of steeple-keeper at Hampstead: so we met and rung a very good touch of Grandsire Triples for the morning service, and in the evening we met the local company at Hornsey, and rung two six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and two courses of Grandsire Minor, and a course of Bob Minor, my son taking part in it. We could not do anything of any importance, as they are quite a young band; it finished the ringing for the Sunday. On the Monday, it was intended to start for a peal of Treble twelve at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, but we could not make up a band for it, so we started for a peal of Grandsire Caters, and all went well for fifty minutes, when for some cause to our dismay, the conductor called "stand." Thus ended the ringing for that day, with the exception of a short touch or two of Treble Bob Major. On the Tuesday evening I met the local company at Hampstead, and rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, and a 500 of Stedman Triples, and after the ringing was over, Mr. W. H. Fussell kindly invited me to take part in a peal of Grandsire Caters that was arranged to take place on the Friday evening at St. Clement Danes, which I kindly accepted, and met to promise, and the peal was duly accomplished in 3 hrs. and 20 mins. by the following members of the St. James's society. W. W. Thorne, 1; J. Barry, 2; A. R. Aldham, 3; R. T. Woodley, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; R. French, 6; J. Woods, 7; G. R. Banks, 8; W. H. George, 9; A. Hayward, 10. It was duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS," and on the Saturday, a band of the Royal Cumberland Youths met at St. Anne's, Highgate, for a peal of Treble Bob Major, it being the birthday of Mr. E. Chapman, of Hampstead. A start was made, but the peal came to grief after an hour and thirty minutes, good ringing, by the fourth bell casting rope. J. Page, 1; E. Chapman, 2; G. Newson (conductor), 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Woods, 6; J. Barrett, 7; A. Jacob, 8. On Sunday morning, I met the local band at Hampstead, and rang a 500 of Grandsire Caters for morning service, and then I had to say farewell to my Hampstead friends, trusting to meet at some future time. In the evening, I and my son met the local band at St. Martin's Church, Haverstock Hill, and rung for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun. (first 720), 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; T. Glead, 3; T. Titchener, 4; J. Woods, sen., 5; J. Nixon, 6. This brought our visit to a close, so we had to say farewell to all brother strings, trusting to meet again at some future time. I take this opportunity of thanking all friends who took part to make this visit a pleasant one, and to Mr. George Newson for arranging for the ringing, and also to Mr. Thomas Titchener for conducting us about. We left for home on the Monday, and arrived quite safe, after a most pleasant visit.

Kenninghall, Norfolk.

JOHN AND JOSEPH WOODS.

MAJOR DATE TOUCHES.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

I have had several applications lately for Major date touches. I append one in each of the methods that I know of as being rung at the present time on eight bells. They all run without any variation from the method until the 1886th change; to bring up the 1887th (rounds), it is simply necessary for 7 8 to lie still at the hand stroke of the treble's full lead, which in every case comes by the method 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 7. It is unnecessary to call the last bob, as the bells are round before it can be made. It is simply given to show what would be the natural course-end at the 1888th change if 7 8 did not lie still at the 1887th. Probably this plan has already occurred to many of the readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

BOB MAJOR.

1887.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M	H
4 2 3 5 6				
2 5 3 4 6	3	-	-	
3 2 5 4 6				
5 3 2 4 6				
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-	
3 6 2 4 5				
2 3 6 4 5				
5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-	
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-	
5 2 3 6 4				
3 5 2 6 4				
3 5 4 2 6	-	2	-	
4 3 5 2 6				
4 3 2 6 5	I	-	-	
2 4 3 6 5				
3 2 4 6 5				

YORKSHIRE COURT.

1887.

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

KENT TREBLE BOB.

1887.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
4 3 5 2 6	I	-	-	I
2 5 3 4 6			2	2
3 4 2 5 6	I	-	2	I
5 2 4 3 6	I	-	-	2
2 3 5 6 4				
3 2 4 6 5	2			2

DOUBLE NORWICH.

1887.

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

DOUBLE OXFORD.

1887.

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

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

1887.

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

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

1887.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAXIMUS.

6336.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, Ipswich.

2 3 4 5 6	I	4	7
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
5 6 3 4 2	-	-	-
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-
2 4 6 5 3	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

Omitting the bobs braced in 1 or two parts will reduce the peal to 5048 or 5280, and by calling one part—

2 3 4 5 6	I	4	7
2 5 6 3 4	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-

will further reduce the peal to 5016.

A PEAL OF OXFORD SURPRISE
MAJOR.

5024.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, Oxford.

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By C. H. HATTERSLEY, Sheffield.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
4 6 5 3 2	I	I	2
2 3 5 6 4	I	I	I
2 5 6 3 4	I	I	2
2 6 3 5 4	I	I	2
2 6 5 4 3	2	2	I
2 5 4 6 3	I	I	2
2 4 6 5 3	I	I	2
2 4 5 3 6	2	2	I
2 5 3 4 6	I	I	2
2 3 4 5 6	I	I	2

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SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1887.

ONE other of the English counties has this week vindicated its claim to be considered an integral part of "the ringing island." The county of Dorset, where hitherto the ringing of a peal was absolutely unknown, has been the scene of the performance of 5040 Grandsire Triples, the town of Bridport being the first town in the county so honoured. The occasion was the opening of a new ring of bells, which have just been erected at St. Mary's Church, Bridport, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and though the ringers of the peal came from other places outside the county, being well-known members of the Salisbury and Devon Guilds, that fact is none the less satisfactory, because the impetus they have given to the movement in Dorsetshire will do incalculable good, and materially strengthen the hands of those who in another part of the county are exerting themselves to spread a knowledge of the art.

Years ago the late Rev. H. T. ELLACOMBE was wont to say—and with truth—that there was no ringing worthy of the name below Bristol, and though he lived long enough to see a great change for the better in the South-western counties, he would, we believe, have rejoiced in the fact of a peal being rung in Dorsetshire.

It is to be hoped this initial performance will be the means of promoting, to a great extent, the art of change-ringing in the county. With feelings of satisfaction we hear of the formation of the Bridport Guild, and we shall wait anxiously for some report of their progress. We would have them know that to excel as change-ringers entails some amount of hard study, and a great deal of unflinching perseverance, but the greater the labour the greater honour will be acquired by them. And when they have begun to see the beauty and poetry of the ringing science, let them not stay their hand, and think their task is ended. Be it their mission to carry the practice of the art into other parts of the country, and assist, both by precept and example, in making it universally known and honoured. By the constant perusal of the reports which particularise the doings of other

bodies of ringers, they will be able to see what course to take, and they may depend upon always receiving good counsel and advice from whatever quarter of the ringing world they may seek it.

The Metropolis.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

Jubilee Peal.

On Thursday, May 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

J. R. HAWORTH Treble.

W. CECIL 2.

H. LANGDON 3.

J. BARRY 4.

M. A. WOOD 5.

C. BEECH 6.

W. H. GEORGE 7.

W. W. WILLIAMSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by Mr. M. A. WOOD.

This is the second Jubilee peal in the city of London. Mr. D. Living, steeple-keeper, deserves great credit for the excellent way he keeps the steeple and bells generally, and the above ringers tender their thanks to the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells for this Jubilee peal.

BATTERSEA.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, May 7, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SAMUEL GREENWOOD Treble.

CHARLES E. MALIM 2.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 3.

GEORGE PELL 4.

WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 5.

HENRY S. THOMAS 6.

ALBERT E. CHURCH .. 7.

HENRY PATES Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. CARPENTER.

The day being Mr. Malim's birthday, his brother ringers wish him many happy returns.

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

On Saturday, May 7, 1887, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6240 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.

WILLIAM CECIL 2.

ROBERT JAMIESON 3.

MATTHEW A. WOOD 4.

JOHN BONNEY 5.

SAMUEL JOYCE 6.

*CHARLES BEECH 7.

WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and

Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

BRIDPORT, DORSETSHIRE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. A. D. HILL Treble.

JAMES R. JERRAM 2.

WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 3.

CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.

FERRIS SHEPHERD 5.

THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.

WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.

JOHN JUDD Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

All are members of the Salisbury Guild. Mr. F. Shepherd hails from Exeter, and is also a member of the Devonshire Guild. This is the first peal ever rung in Dorsetshire.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(BURTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SNOWDON'S VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN Treble.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	GEORGE ROBINSON 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
W. B. ALLISON 4.	HARRY WAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Mr. W. B. Allison, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Stoke-on-Trent, and this is his first peal.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (READING BRANCH).

On Saturday, May 7, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT E. REEVES Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
HENRY EGBY 2.	TOM HIBBERT 6.
WILLIAM H. HOLLOWAY .. 3.	J. MARTIN ROUTH, Esq. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS .. 4.	WILLIAM ROBINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Grandsire, and the second peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. F. White, of Appleton.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 7, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WILLEY Treble.	CHARLES BOWER 5.
JOSEPH ROWLEY 2.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 6.
JOHN MULLIGAN 3.	WILLIAM SMITHSON .. 7.
CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY 4.	JOHN LLOYD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBT. H. BRUNDLE Treble.	WM. L. CATCHPOLE 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 2.	ROBT. HAWES 7.
W. P. GARRETT* 3.	JAMES MOTTS 8.
WM. MOTTS 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 9.
FREDK. MEE 5.	JAMES W. LINES Tenor.

Composed and conducted by J. MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE MAXIM* Treble.	OLIVER GARWOOD 5.
JOHN LEE 2.	*ROBERT MINGAY 6.
CHARLES SILLITOE 3.	NELSON HAWKINS 7.
FREDERICK WELLS 4.	SAMUEL SLATER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL SLATER.

The above peal, in three parts, is now rung for the first time, and is the first in this method on the bells. Mr. N. Hawkins hails from Walter Belcham; Mr. Sillitoe from Sudbury; Messrs. Wells, Garwood, and Slater from Glemsford; the rest are local men. *First peal in the method.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Birthday Peal.

On Wednesday, May 4, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	A. C. FUSSELL 5.
W. H. FUSSELL 2.	WILLIAM WILDER 6.
ALFRED ANDREWS 3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 7.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 4.	JAMES PERRYMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Messrs. Newson and Chapman hail from Hampstead; the rest are local ringers. The peal was rung on the 80th birthday of John R. Fussell, Esq., an old resident of the town of Slough. At the conclusion of the peal the members of the band, with the steeplekeeper, Mr. Wm. Leader and Messrs. Pursey and Hale, were entertained to supper at the house of Mr. A. C. Fussell. Permission was kindly given by the Rector, the Rev. H. Saville Young.

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL YOUTHS' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 7, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT WILLIAMS Treble.	HENRY COLEY 5.
WILLIAM JAMES 2.	WILLIAM DAVIES 6.
WILLIAM BOOTH 3.	THOMAS HAMMOND 7.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 4.	WILLIAM BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HAMMOND.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. S. Gough, superintendent, for his kind hospitality towards them on the completion of the peal.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

W. WALTER* Treble.	W. LATTER 5.
W. POPE* 2.	H. BAREFIELD 6.
J. TILLMON* 3.	E. POPE 7.
W. E. POPE* 4.	E. MANKELOW Tenor.

Conducted by H. BAREFIELD.

The ringers wish to thank C. E. Warner, Esq. for his hospitality, and for the use of the bells, also the local ringers for their courtesy, and kindly giving up their practice night for them. *Staplehurst. †Tunbridge Wells.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER.—On Sunday afternoon, May 8th, for a special service held in St. George's church, for young men, conducted by the Rev. Canon Massey, of South Normanton, eight members of the above Association rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1887 changes, Taylor's bob-and-single variation (forty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Fevre, 1; Wm. Newsome, 2; H. Brock, 3; C. Armitage, 4; J. Taylor, 5; Wm. White, 6; H. G. Wilson, 7; W. Howard, 8. Composed and conducted by H. Fevre. Tenor 30½ cwt. in Eb.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, (Herts).—On Tuesday, May 4th, eight members of the above society rang at St. Michael's church a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. and 7 mins. W. Rickett, 1; G. Brand, 2; C. Martin, 3; G. Martin, 3; A. Tucker, 5; W. H. Tucker, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; T. Newman, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

BURNSALL (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, May 8th, the local company assisted by Mr. S. Whitely, of Poole, rang for evening service a date touch consisting of 1887 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following methods: 87 of Plain Bob 360 of Violet, and 720 of Oxford and 720 of Kent Treble Bob (the 720's each with twelve bobs). J. W. Binns, 1; *J. P. Birch, 2; W. Whitaker, 3; S. Whiteley, 4; T. Thompson, 5; *C. Inman (conductor) 6. The above was composed by Mr. B. T. Copley, of Bradford. *Members of the Yorkshire Association. Tenor 13 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOMBOURN.—On Sunday morning, May 8th, a 720 of Bob Minor (with sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. G. Little, 1; G. Deans, 2; W. Devey, 3; R. Cartwright (conductor), 4; H. Deans, 5; A. Little, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, May 7th, for practice, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; S. Hammond, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Hucksion, 6. And a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Saunders (Stisted), 1; *W. Moore (Bocking), 2; S. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; E. Carter (Bermondsey), 6. *First 720 in the method at the first attempt.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 315 of Stedman Caters. G. Pymm, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Pearse, 3; W. Paddock, 4; H. Tucker, 5; J. York, 6; W. W. Porch, 7; J. Hinton, 8; H. Porch (conductor), 9; W. R. Clarke-Short, Esq., 10. This is the first touch of Stedman Caters in Bristol by a local company for twenty years. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 216 of Stedman Caters. W. Paddock, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Pearse, 3; G. Pymm, 4; H. Tucker, 5; W. W. Porch, 6; J. York, 7; J. Hinton, 8; H. Porch (conductor), 9; F. Jewell, 10.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Monday, May 8th, at the "Shakespeare Head," Wych-street, Strand, W.C., four members of the above society, rang on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; W. H. Fussell, 3-4; C. F. Winny (conductor), 5-6; G. W. Wild, 7-8. Mr. G. R. Banks was present.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, May 9th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; H. Buckingham, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. The above contains the Queen's and Tittums, and is the composition of M. A. Wood, of London. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Saturday evening, May 7th, a 360 of Grandsire Minor, at St. Mary's church, in 13 mins. G. Webb, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, three six scores of Plain Bob Doubles with J. Hatto as conductor. Also after evening service a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins. J. Hatto, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson (conductor), 5; T. Wigmore, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — MEREWORTH BRANCH.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Monday, May 2nd, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor. G. Boorman, 1; G. Hook, 2; G. Bell (conductor), 3; W. Eldrige, 4; W. Bell, 5; G. Newman, 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, May 8th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, for Divine Service in the evening, eight members of the above society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41 minutes. W. Baron, jun., 1; W. Broadbent, 2; W. Partington, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; H. L. Partington, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; C. Chaplin, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD.—On Tuesday evening, May 3rd, seven members of the Stroud branch of this association, assisted by H. Jordan, rang at the parish church, a touch of Grandsire Triples (1792 changes), being two parts and eight leads of Taylor's Bob and Single peal, in

1 hr. 20 mins. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale, 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham (conductor), 6; G. Smith, 7; H. Jordan, 8. Also on Sunday morning, May 8th, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. by eight members of the above association, A. Trigg, 1; W. Sloman, 2; E. King, 3; W. Hale, 4; G. Latham (conductor), 5; F. Stephens, 6; G. Smith, 7; E. Paul, 8. Messrs. Trigg, Hale and Smith are members of the Painswick society.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HUNTSHAM (Devon).—On Sunday last, May 8th, four members of the local company, with four of the St. Peter's Society, Tiverton, rang after service Miss E. Cruwys Sharland's Jubilee touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of fifty leads and beginning and ending with Queens. The touch was conducted by Mr. Munday, of Tiverton.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Sunday morning, the 8th inst, the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Mitchell, 1; J. Hodder, 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Hichens, 5; T. Hicks, 6; C. Boase, 7; M. Hicks, 8. This touch was the musical composition of John Carter, of Birmingham, and was conducted by John Symonds.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

HORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 8th, after Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. H. James, 1; H. Birch, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; F. Corbishley, 4; F. Clowes (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor (six bobs and 30 singles), in 26 mins. H. James, 1; E. Spooner, 2; J. Gilbert, 3; H. Birch, 4; D. Bradbury, 5; F. Clowes (conductor), 6. F. Corbishley and D. Bradbury belong to Horton, the others being Cheddleton ringers, who had visited this place for the purpose of having a ring on these beautiful bells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Monday, May 2nd, at St. Anne's Church, 120 Bob Doubles. R. Houlton, 1; E. Angel, 2; F. Francis, 3; H. Stapleton (first 120 with a bob bell), 4; E. Spooner (conductor), 5; W. Houlton, 6. Also 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. H. Stapleton, 1; R. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Spooner, 5; W. Houlton (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 5th, two plain courses of Plain Bob Minor. H. Stapleton, 1; E. Angel, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; W. Houlton, 5; E. Spooner, 6. Also three 120's of Grandsire Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; E. Spooner, 4; W. Houlton (conductor), 5; R. Weeks, 6. And on Saturday, May 7th, several 120's, and 360 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Angel, 1; H. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; F. Francis, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6.

BARWELL (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, April 30th, six of the Nuneaton band paid a visit to this place and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. E. E. Rowley, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; T. Lingard, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. Bates, 5; G. Winter, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 3rd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. F. Sanders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Saddler (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. Poppett, 1; F. Sanders, 2; R. Arnold, 3; E. Moses, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5; J. Robinson, 6. And on Wednesday, May 4th, being the wedding of Sir Benjamin Brodie, Bart., a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5; E. Moses, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 26 mins. M. Boxall, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Singles, in 26 mins. M. Boxall, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And four 120's of Grandsire Doubles. M. Boxall, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Sanders, 3; E. Moses, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5; G. Barnes, 6. M. Boxall hails from Dorking.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, May 1st, at the parish church, after Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. E. Chaplin, 1; J. Chatters, 2; H. Wiffen, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; E. Radley, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Saunders, 1; J. Chatters, 2; W. Ward, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; F. Warren, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt. The brothers Hawkins and Chatters hail from Belchamp Walter; Ward and Wiffen from Halstead; Chaplin and Radley from Stisted; the rest are local men.

BOROUGHBRIDGE.—On Sunday evening, May 8th, six members of the Amalgamated Society of Ripon and Sharow, drove to this place, and rang for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob

Minor, in 31 mins. A. Pratt (first 720), 1; Jno. Flower, 2; T. Clarke (conductor), 3; A. H. Clarke, 4; W. Pick, 5; H. Rumbold, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine service, the following rang a quarter-peal (1296) of Duffield Major, as a parting touch on the bells, which are about to be increased to ten:—G. Dawson, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; E. Moreton, 4; G. Hingley, 5; J. Howe, 6; B. Sugden, 7; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (conductor), 8.

EXETER.—On Sunday, May 8th, being the first Sunday on which the new Rector, the Rev. S. W. Bird attended and preached, the following members of the St. Sidwell's Society met and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; S. Binfield (first quarter-peal), 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 8th, after Divine Service in the evening a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. W. Fox, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; J. Waghorn, sen., 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; A. Jacob, 5; G. Griffin (conductor), 6. And a 120 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Griffin, 1; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 2; W. Dixon, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; W. Fox, 5; G. B. Lucas, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt. And a 120 of Stedman Doubles. A. Grove, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; J. Waghorn, sen., 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. Griffin, 5; E. King, 6.

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, May 3rd, 1887, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Woods, jun., 1; H. Eagling, 2; *W. J. Woods, jun., 3; *W. Ringer, 4; J. Woods, sen., 5; J. Mordey (conductor), 6. *First 720.

LAINDON HILLS (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, April 24th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary and All Saints, by kind permission of the Rev. A. Poole, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Hulcoop, 1; J. Wright, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; J. Hulcoop, 4; A. Keeling, 5; F. Stock, 6. Also some plain courses with the steeple-keeper. This beautiful church and vicarage was erected by the late vicar, the Rev. — Cleaver, who also was the donor of the beautiful ring of six bells by Mears and Stainbank. Tenor 16 cwt.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, May 4th, ten members of the Liverpool Youths started for a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's cathedral but a change-course occurred in the last course, after ringing three hours and twenty-six minutes. Richard Williams, 1; Robert Williams, 2; Edwin Booth, 3; Charles Williams, 4; John R. Pritchard, 5; Henry Coley, 6; William Booth (conductor), 7; William Davies, 8; Thomas Hammond, 9; William Brooks, 10.

LYTHAM.—On Sunday, May 8th, at St. John's Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. J. Fell (conductor), 1; B. Taylor, 2; C. H. Kerr, 3; J. Bowling (first 720 on tower bells), 4; J. Fisher (St. Cuthbert's), 5; G. Maries, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ORSETT (Essex).—On Sunday, April 24th, at the parish church of St. Giles and All Saints, it being the anniversary of the dedication and rehanging of the ring of six bells, the parochial ringers assisted by Mr. C. F. Winny, rang for the early celebration, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and several plain courses. Also for morning and evening services, several six-scores,

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, May 8th, the bells of St. Laurence's Church were rung half-muffled for morning and evening service, as a mark of respect to Miss Binfield, who was organist for forty-five years, and who died at the age of 77. For evening service a 575 of Grandsire Caters, in 23 mins. A. E. Reeves, 1; J. E. Willshire, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; G. Talbot, 6; T. Hibbert, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. R. Pocock, 10. And after service, the usual whole pull and stand was rung in 35 mins.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, May 7th, at St. Martin's church, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, and after ringing close to the end of the ninth part in capital style, the ringing was stopped by the rector of the church, on account of illness close by. H. Garrett (Bournemouth), 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. McCaffrey (Trowbridge), 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Judd, 8. And on Wednesday, May 4th, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Flower (Codford), 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Also on Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 518 in the same method. J. Judd, 1; W. McCaffrey, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; H. D. Adams, 8. And in the evening, for Divine Service, a 700 in the same method. J. Judd, 1; W. McCaffrey, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; H. D. Adams, 8.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, May 6th, a 518 in the same method, on handbells.

W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Tuesday, April 26th, at St. Hilda's Church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 4960 changes in 2 hrs. 42 mins. R. Hopper, 1; Jas. Moffit, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. Moffit, 4; R. Gibson, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6; S. Power, 7; J. Gillings, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. Messrs. Wallis, Power, and Gillings, hail from Newcastle, the rest are local men.

SOUTH WEALD (Essex).—On Friday evening, April 29th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, on the back five. T. Barker, 1; F. Rainbird, 2; A. Payne, 3; C. Sheldon, 4; C. Harriss, 5. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. T. Barker, 1; F. Rainbird, 2; R. Woodlands (conductor), 3; A. Payne, 4; C. Harriss, 5; C. Sheldon, 6. And 120 of Old Doubles, and 120 of Bob Doubles. G. Ellis, 1; F. Rainbird, 2; A. Payne, 3; C. Sheldon, 4; H. Cornish, 5; C. Harriss, 6. Also on Sunday evening, May 1st, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Surridge, 1; F. Rainbird, 2; C. Sheldon, 3; A. Payne, 4; C. Harris, 5. Tenor 7 cwt.

SUCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 1st, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Tyler, 1; R. Ballard, 2; W. Watkins, 3; J. Howells (conductor), 4; E. Watkins, 5; E. Wainwright, 6.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. Peter's Church, by the voluntary band, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Allen, 5; W. Wright, 6. On Friday, May 6th, a 720 in the same method. H. Merrishaw, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Allen, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. Merrishaw, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Allen, 5; W. Wright, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. These are the first 720s of Grandsire by the whole of the band.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, May 5th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung as a farewell to Mr. W. Campfield, who is leaving England for India. W. Campfield, 1; L. Green, 2; E. Barnett (conductor), 3; F. Bines, 4; A. H. Gardom, 5; J. Priest, 6.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 1st, at the parish church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Short, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; T. Andrews, 4; W. Sadler, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 6, 8, covering. W. Short, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; T. Fairs, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5; G. Woodman, 6; H. Cook, 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Hogsflesh, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Sadler, 5; T. Andrews, 6; H. Wood (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. Also another 504 in the same method. T. Hogsflesh, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Sadler, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6; T. Andrews, 7; J. Wood, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. The Messrs. Arnold and Sadler hail from Betchworth, Surrey. T. Fairs, from Rusper, Sussex. H. Burstow, from Horsham. The rest are local men.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, April 19th, for practice, at St. John's Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Bull, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; S. Cotton, 3; W. Page, 4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5; T. Gwyn, 6.

WORDSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday evening, May 7th, a mixed band visited the above place, and rang at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. C. Barrett, 1; J. Guest, 2; T. Lees (conductor), 3; E. Chapman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; W. A. Pugh, 6. Also eighteen score of Grandsire Minor. W. A. Pugh, 1; T. Lees, 2; J. Guest, 3; W. Jones, 4; E. Bourne, 5; E. Chapman (conductor), 6. Messrs. Lees, Barrett, and Pugh, are members of the St. Thomas's society, Stourbridge; Jones and Bourne, from St. Mary's, Kingswinford, and J. Guest from Brierley Hill. The visitors are very much pleased at the reception given by the local ringers.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at Alnwick, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Bells at the disposal of the ringers, ring of eight, tenor 18 cwt., at St. Paul's. Dinner at 1.30. at the "Star Hotel." G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

Stockton-on-Tees.

NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 28th. Two first-rate peals, one of eight, the other of six, will be at the disposal of the visitors who are cordially invited to attend.

FRED MACKIE, Hon. Sec.

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF HERTFORDSHIRE."

To the general reader, no doubt, the portions of this handsome volume which will appear most interesting are, first, that which gives a chronological account of the bells in the county and their founders, and, next, that which relates the various uses to which the bells are locally put. We propose in this notice to confine ourselves to the first of these, hoping in future issues to reproduce a part or the whole of the second. The subject of ringing in Hertfordshire, and a historical description of the bells in St. Albans Abbey, each occupies a short chapter; and these, with one containing a detailed account of the bell inscriptions in the parish churches, will be attractive in the main only to students or to those who make a pursuit of the music of the steeple. The chronological account of the bells and their founders is, we are told, the only part of the volume which is from the pen of Mr. Stahlschmidt, all the rest having been prepared and in part put into manuscript by Mr. North before his death. Mr. Stahlschmidt in his prefatory remarks mentions the name of upwards of thirty clergy of the county to whom the authors are indebted for rubbings and copies of inscriptions, many lay members of the Church having likewise rendered their assistance.

Of the 718 bells in the county (this number including the clock and market bells in the Clock Tower at St. Albans, the clock and two quarter bells in that at Hoddesdon, and the bell in the Clock Tower at Layston), 31 are attributed to pre-Reformation times, 21 are to the years 1560-1600, 188 to the years 1701-1800, and 228 to the interval between the last date and 1884, 29 being unscribed to any period. The number of 52—or seven per cent.—cast before 1600 is the smallest in any county except Surrey, Bedfordshire, for instance, having nine per cent. of its bells so dated. The only complete ring of certainly ancient bells is that of two at Clothall. The single bell at Letchworth, which has its inscription in Lombardic letters, is ascribed to the fourteenth century. The second bell here has disappeared, tradition being silent as to how and when; this being one of the several instances of the loss of bells from various churches in the county by robbery or neglect. At Hexton, where pits for five still exist, there are only three. In some cases, as at Stocking Pelham, bells have been sold to pay for repairs; but the most reprehensible transaction, say the authors, was that enacted by the Welwyn folk, who, having a ring of five bells, sold them in 1746 to raise money to erect a turret, "or some other convenience," for the hanging up of a single large bell and a priest's bell, these being all the bells they now possess. Of the 52 ancient bells, five have reference to the Virgin Mary. Two at Ardeley are inscribed "Voco Maria;" the second bell at Hexton has "Ave Maria;" the bell at Letchworth bears the words, "Ave Maria gracia plena." An unhung bell at Barkway has a similar inscription, in black letter, and correctly spelled; the second at Little Berkhamstead has the salutation in full, "Ave Maria gracia plena dominvs tecvm benedictatv in mvlioribvs." The sixth bell at Ardeley and the fifth at Kimpton are inscribed, "Sit nomen Domini benedictum." The only bell dedicated to a purely English Saint is the fourth at Kimpton, to St. Dunstan ("Sancte Dvnstane"). The largest bells are the tenors at St. Albans, Baldock, Hitchin, Sawbridgeworth, and Tring. The initial cross on the second bell at Little Berkhamstead, one of the nine in the county having Lombardic lettering, is different to any found elsewhere, and it is supposed to be the earliest in origin.

The treble bell at Clothall is, by reason of its puzzling inscription, singularly interesting. The mysterious legend is "Calit me Ioannes," the third letter in "Calit" being inverted. The most likely interpretation is that the word "calit" stands for "calefecit," in which event the bell would be the handiwork of some founder whose name was John; it is thought possible that the inverted letter may be intended as a mark of abbreviation. Two Lombardic bells at Wyddial bear likenesses of Edward III. and Queen Philippa. The sole remaining bell at Stocking Pelham has the curious inscription—indicative of its having been re-cast and of the mediæval belief in the power of bells to drive away evil spirits—"Vincencius Reboat Vt Cuncta Noxia Tollat." The second bell at Norton is interesting for the reason that it has on its crown the symbols of the four Evangelists. The fifth bell at Braughing, notable as being, with one exception, the earliest dated Elizabethan bell in existence, has upon it an inscription in black letter, without any capitals, meant for "Deus in auditorium meum intende;" its founder would seem to have been an Hertfordshire man. Among the Land Revenue papers preserved at the Revenue Office is a certificate, dated 1557, of the "weyght of the four bells of Grauley sum tyme belonging to the Priore of Wymundelay," made by Edward Brokett and Edward Pulter; "the weyght of the said four bells by estimation of a bell funder woos name is Clarke dwellyng at Theshewurth in the county of Hertford drowth wey xvij hundryth weyght and that is with the most." The document bears the names of the rector, Richard Bedell, and of John Wode and Herycus Wren, wardens; Theshewurth, the dwelling-place of the bell-founder, is readily identifiable with Datchworth, formerly spelled and still locally pronounced Thatchworth. It seems not unlikely, says Mr. Stahlschmidt, that this Braughing bell was by this man, especially as there is still at

Eastwick a bell dated 1601, by one John Clarke, proved by other productions in this quarter—notably in Cambridgeshire, Essex, and Bedfordshire—to have been a local bell-founder, and not at all improbably a son or grandson of the Clarke above-named. A thorough examination of the parish register of Datchworth, which begin only in 1570, has shown that in 1572 to 1585 there was a John Clarke living in the parish, the baptisms of seven of his children, and the deaths of two, being recorded—one son (the eldest) also a John, being baptised on May 8, 1575; Joane Clarke, the wife, was buried in May, 1584. The only later entry was the marriage of the daughters—this pointing to a general migration of the family. Without confirmatory evidence, however, it could not be taken that either the father or the son was the founder of the Braughing bell. Another local founder, John Dyer, or Dier, supplied eleven bells, still existing, ranging in date from 1580 to 1597. They are the fourth at Ardeley, the third at Graveley, the third and fourth at Much Hadham, the second at Little Hadham, the third at Offley, the fourth at Therfield and Wadesmill, the third at Great Wymondley, and the second at Little Wymondley. John Dier's place of abode has not yet been found out, and it is surmised from the fact that no less than five out of the eleven bells were dated in the same year, 1595, that he was an itinerant founder. A bell each at Clothall and Norton, and the single bell at Newnham, from the nearness of these places to Baldock, are supposed to have been the work of some one whose abode, permanent or temporary, was in that town. No sense is to be made of the inscriptions, so far as regards the lettering, on any of the three bells.

A founder of bells in the seventeenth century, Robert Oldfield, has some claim to be regarded as a Hertfordshire man. His place of abode is a matter of doubt, but that he was living at Hertford in 1638 is known from the churchwarden's account of Shillington, for which place in that year he cast the treble bell still hanging in the church; the Hertford parish registers show no trace of him. Forty-six of his bells are in Hertfordshire, nineteen of them bearing, in several varieties of spelling, his favourite inscription of "Praise the Lord," "God save the King," appears on eleven; and seven bears the pious ejaculation "Jesus be our spede." Forty bells of this period are by members of a family of Grays, several others being by London founders. Of eighteenth century bells, Thomas Russell, of Wootton, Beds., supplied two to the county, the tenor at Ickleford, dated 1726, and the fourth at Pirton, dated 1731. Many came from the St. Neots foundry of Thomas Eayre. His bells include seven out of the ring of eight at Hitchin parish church, the second at great Wymondley, and the only large bells which the parishioners of Welwyn allowed to remain in their church. These last two bells bear the following curious inscription, apparently recording Eayre's solemn protest against methodism and all the other forms of belief: "Prosperity to the Established Church of England—no encouragement to enthusiasm;" they are both dated 1760. John Briant, who may, says Mr. Stahlschmidt, be described as the Hertfordshire founder *par excellence*, began business by casting the ring of eight bells for St. Andrew's church, Hertford, in 1782. He has many fine bells both in and out of the county, but his chief merit was as a "splicer." Specimens of his skill in adding trebles to rings of bells are to be found at All Saints', Hertford, and St. Peter's, St. Albans. His last bell in the county, at Hinxworth, is dated 1825. Briant had an excellent tuner of bells, Henry Symondson, who, speaking of him to Mr. Leonard Proctor, Bennington, said that "no man took so much pains and trouble in turning out superior bells in perfect tune;" and that "oftentimes he would rather lose by a job than have the reflection that he had sent out a bad bell." Briant had as foreman bell-caster Henry Skerman, a native of Hertford. Briant's reputation as skilful founder is shown by the fact that the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln, being perplexed about their "Great Tom," which was then cracked, sought his advice in 1827, when he was eighty years of age and had retired from business. Briant, who was so honest, was far from prosperous, and falling into extreme pecuniary difficulties, was driven to seek a home in the Spencer Almshouses, St. Albans, where he died in February, 1829. It is related that he "would have one gross of iron screws put into his coffin; which was done." He was buried at Hertford, in All Saints' churchyard. For further interesting details of this local bell-founder we refer our readers to the book itself.—*Hertfordshire Express*.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Details in next week's issue. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE QUIVER Medal for heroism in the saving of life has been awarded to Thomas Whiting, of Stratford-on-Avon, who recently saved a woman from drowning at the risk of his own life. The medal was publicly presented by the Mayor, Sir Arthur Hodgson, K.C.M.G. Whiting has also received the medal of the Royal Humane Society, in recognition of the same brave deed.

Miscellaneous Touches.

(These touches arrived too late for insertion in their proper place.)

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Tuesday evening, May 10th, for practice, at the parish church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; G. Skeef, 7; G. Ladd, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, April 26th, six members of the above Association rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. (fifteen bobs and six singles, composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies). H. Barnes, 1; S. Romans, 2; D. Aston, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Sevier (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL.—On Monday, April 25th, at St. Matthew's Church, a few 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and one of Stedman Doubles. E. Pether, 1; E. Napper, 2; A. Thomas, 3; D. Napper, 4; W. Napper, 5; C. Allen, 6. Tenor 19 cwt. This is without doubt the first record of half-pull ringing on these bells, which date from 1597, 1611, 1613, and are supposed to have been founded by Joseph Carter and William Yare, who were founders in Reading at these times. The second has an embossed seal on its shoulder (similar in size to our florins) with an arm in the top right-hand division. Can any antiquarian state to whom this belonged?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—*Muffled peal*.—On Sunday, May 8th, at Milton parish church, with the bells deeply muffled, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. A. Cornford, 1; F. King, 2; F. Hayes (conductor), 3; B. Spinner, 4; H. Davies, 5; G. Hayes, 6. This peal was rung as a tribute of respect to the Rev. W. D. Johnston, M.A., Vicar of the above parish.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 24th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, 1440 changes, being a 170 of Plain Bob Minor and a 170 of Grandsire Minor, in 47 mins. L. Griffiths, 1; H. Lloyd, 2; D. Garbett, 3; W. F. Hartshorne, 4; A. Beddall (conductor), 5; H. Hartshorne, 6. *Muffled peal*.—On Friday, April 22, several touches of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Miss Stone, only surviving sister of the Rector of the parish church. H. Lloyd, 1; A. Whatmore, 2; D. Garbett, 3; A. Beddall, 4; T. Allden, 5; H. Hartshorne (conductor), 6.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 10th, at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Sanders, 1; E. Moses, 2; *F. Arnold, 3; *F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Thursday, April 28th, at the parish church, 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. Poplett, 1; Fredk. Sanders, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. On Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, four 120's of Bob Doubles. W. Bowyer, 1; Fredk. Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 1st, at St. Paulinus Church, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. R. Lee, 1; G. Conyard (conductor), 2; W. Cook, 3; E. Saxby, 4; J. Slooper, 5; G. Shepherd, 6; F. French, 7; W. Saxby, 8. G. Shepherd hails from Chislehurst.

LANCASTER.—On Tuesday, May 10th, at St. Mary's church, the local company rang for practice, a half-peal (2520 changes) of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's bob-and-single variation), in 1 hr. 35 mins. Robert S. Hirst (conductor), 1; William Clayton, 2; George Winn, 3; William Jackson, 4; Henry Wilcock (first half-peal), 5; Thomas J. Parker, 6; Robert Swart, 7; James Beatie, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Friday evening, April 29th, for practice, at St. Peter's church, 600 of Grandsire Minor. A. Meredith, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. Pitt, 3; T. Salter, 4; H. Adams, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. And a 360 with T. Salter, 3; W. Smith, 4; the rest as above. And on Tuesday evening, May 10th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Bennett, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. Pitt (first 720), 3; T. Salter, 4; H. Williams (conductor), 5; H. Adams, 6.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

ANSWER TO "BOB MAJOR."

SIR,—In your issue of last week appears a letter subscribed "Bob Major" in which exception is taken to some remarks made upon irregular calls, in No. IV. of my papers. All criticism of the method itself I propose to note, and deal with collectively, as thus a running fire of correspondence will be avoided, and the interest of your readers best consulted. In the present case, however, a side issue is touched which has no direct connection with the main object, and which I will therefore at once answer, although I fear I am already absorbing more than a fair share of your space. Your correspondent, unintentionally no doubt, misrepresents my meaning. He quotes the sentence "Lockwood's 9120 of Treble Bob is a peal in this method," but he omits the end of the sentence; "because although rounds at the finish are not got by the method, still the peal may be claimed to have started with rounds as the first change, and therefore 9120 changes have been rung by the method, although they have not been brought round by the method." The last three paragraphs of the paper shew that the subject under notice is the composition of exact lengths, such as date touches, and that the distinction drawn is between those that have an irregular change *within* them, and those in which such change comes as the *first* or *last*. I give my reasons for preferring the latter plan, on the principle that "of two evils choose the less." Mr. Snowdon held the same opinion, in evidence of which, while excluding from his book on Treble Bob all peals obtained by irregular internal calls (sixth place bobs), he admitted the 9120, which runs to the change before the final rounds by the strict method. He, however, like myself, would have been the last to place this peal on the same footing as Harrison's 8896, which remains the longest legitimate length. Unless there be a definite object to be obtained, I consider, as I have clearly stated in the concluding paragraph of the paper referred to, that any variation whatever from the method is undesirable. Any such mutilation disqualifies a touch or peal from comparison on terms of equality with those that are obtained by legitimate means. It is for this reason that Holt's ro-part peal, and all others in which calls not properly those of the method are used, cannot, to my mind, be ranked with such peals as the Original, in which the real Grandsire bob and single alone are employed. As to the term "single," your correspondent, like many others, appears to labour under a misconception. The *Clavis*, *Hubbard*, and *Shipway* all define it as a means by which to turn the course of the changes, and the latter authority explains that the expression owes its origin to the single change that takes place on five or six bells when the course is turned, all but two of necessity lying still. The word is in reality altogether misapplied, because the bells that make the single change are not those affected by the call, and those that are technically said to "make the single," invariably lie still. The same author, while accepting the term in its arbitrary sense, goes on to point out the absurdity of cumbering it with its original and misapplied meaning, in these words: "As the alteration (single) on seven and eight bells causes double changes, some have denoted it in this case by the term 'double.'" But, if this distinction were adopted, it would become necessary on nine or ten bells to use the term "triple." It is therefore thought better to adhere to the term "single" to mark the alteration on any number of bells, and as it is the method generally used, it will be followed throughout this work when two or three bells lay still to turn the course." "Two or three" is here evidently a misprint for "three or four." As the chief authorities are all in accord, a single in any method and on any number of bells may be defined to be an alteration which turns the course of the changes the opposite way to a bob. It may also be laid down that there is one, and only one, legitimate bob for each method; those methods that are not on the Treble Bob system possessing in addition one, and only one, legitimate single. Holt's single has therefore no right to the appellation, for it does not turn the course, and is thus nothing but another sort of bob. It is no more legitimate than the sixth place bob in Treble Bob, and is a departure from the method manufactured by its author to suit his own purposes. So that, while admiring the ability that has produced this and kindred compositions, I unhesitatingly assert that they cannot be considered legitimate peals of Grandsire Triples. If otherwise, where is the line to be drawn?

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

A REPLY TO "TINTINABULA."

SIR,—Might I be allowed to say a few words on the subject which the above correspondent has brought forward in "THE BELL NEWS." Now I think it a great pity that such trivial affairs are brought forward in "THE BELL NEWS," as in my opinion, and that of many others, it tends in a degree more or less to provoke a feeling of malignity among

ringers generally. It seems so trifling a matter to attempt to raise a controversy upon *argumentum ad ignorantiam*. "Tintinabula" no doubt had an excellent motive in view when he exposed the error—"Honour to whom honour is due"—but on the face of it, it is too weak a subject to broach in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." Would it not have been better for "Tintinabula" to have made an effort to find out the author of the paragraph that appeared in the *Brighton Herald* and apprised him of the mistake personally, a mistake all correspondents are liable to make, but which, I admit, should be avoided at all times. In conclusion, I hope "Tintinabula," whoever that lofty-minded personage might be, will take this in the same friendly rival spirit in which it is written.

St. Paul's Guild, Brighton, May 10th, 1887.

JAMES E. WORSSELL.

SIR,—The reply of your correspondent "Tintinabula," in answer to a previous letter of mine which appeared in the "BELL NEWS," amply bears out the statement which I then made, viz., "that he appears to be one who delights to make a mountain out of a molehill." That adage may be a worn out one, as your correspondent would wish to imply, but that argument does not prevent it from still applying to him. As regards the reproachfulness of my feelings in respect to that worn-out adage, "abuse was no argument," I hope that my previous letter was not too reproachful for your correspondent's feelings. "Tintinabula," I see, hails from Brighton. If he is a change-ringer, he is a member of the Sussex County Association, at whose expense he is evidently trying to raise this correspondence against. If he is not a member, he is certainly discussing a subject of which he can know very little. If he is a member, I am sorry I cannot return which he has paid to me, viz., by referring to me as a worthy member of the Association. Your correspondent states in regard to the previous insertion in the *Brighton Herald*, that "he had noticed it and thought it might have been an editorial error." If he imagines that the compositors of the *Herald* would make an error extending to several words by substituting words of an entirely different character in place of the original ones, I must say I am sorry for his opinion of Brighton journalists. The secretary of a society is the proper person, I believe, to write and answer all correspondence connected with the society of which he is secretary, therefore I wished to make it clear to "Tintinabula" that as the announcement never came from the hon. sec., it was not worth the trouble of noticing. I presume your correspondent may be classed with the ringers with insane ideas of whom he speaks, because if he knew it was not an official announcement, he would not (provided of course his ideas were sane) consider it worth a moment's consideration. The question which he asks in the latter part of his letter I must decline to answer, not because of want of information, but because I see in that question a desire to drag personalities into the discussion. Your correspondent started his letter with such lofty-minded ideas that I am greatly surprised at the end he should so far forget himself as to wish to discuss personal affairs. I must decline to correspond upon this subject any more, as I consider it has been fully discussed.

A MEMBER OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHERE SHOULD RINGERS RING?

SIR,—I do not at all agree with "Also an ex-Churchwarden" as to the places where church bell ringers should ring. I have taken much interest in church bells and ringing for more than thirty years, and my principle has always been "Church bells for church purposes, and Church bell ringers for Church bells and no other bells." And for the same reason that I should object to see church singers in the buildings of any other denomination. Church bells are meant for the service of God in the church, and those who are trained to ring them should consider themselves as bound to ring them and no others, just as members of a church choir are bound to sing in a church and no other place of worship. Every man is bound to be clear in his religious belief, and not to be that curious being called a Christian unattached. The folly of a bishop's son is no justification for like errors.

R. F. T.

A QUOTATION.

SIR,—I do not generally take any notice of letters, the authors of which disguise themselves with a *nom de plume* or only give initials, but under the present circumstances feel that a few lines from me may prevent any further waste of your valuable space upon a subject of no public interest and but little private importance. I have not the pleasure of knowing who "Tintinabula" is, or who replied to him in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 23rd of April, nor did I act as correspondent to the *Brighton Herald*, but I can vouch to the following facts which may have the effect of satisfying those concerned, viz.:—That Holt's ten-part peal was rung at Lower Beeding, and Holliss' five-part at Bolney on Easter Monday last; that all, excepting the ringer of the tenor (W. F. Vernon) in the first, took part in the second, with H. Cornwall on the tenor, and further that eight of the nine ringers were elected members of the Sussex County Association prior to May, 1885, and the ninth ringer was also elected on the 2nd of August, last year,

therefore both peals were strictly association peals and no unconnected ringer took part as suggested by your correspondent. I also (from enquiry made) believe that the statement "that two peals had not been rung in Sussex by one band on the same day since 1818," is quite correct. In conclusion, I would add that the St. Peter's (Brighton) Society has never claimed to have rung a peal exclusively with its own members (although ten or twelve members of the Society have taken part in different peals), and in my opinion the longer the existing friendly arrangement lasts, by which members of the three Societies in the town are always ready to unite in forming a band to attempt a peal, the better.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

REPLY TO MR. MUSKETT.

SIR,—Having seen a letter in your record of Saturday, May 7th, signed "George Musket," I was greatly surprised to see in your valuable paper respecting the long peal of Stedman Cinques, which was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on February 28th, 1881. I beg to reply a few remarks respecting it, as I am the person referred to as the one who rang the second bell. He (Mr. Cattle) says there was nothing but firing in the last course, which is utterly untrue. As regards the man who rang the second bell being first out of the tower, it is utterly a very great falsehood, as I am the party who has to stop and see that everything is all right, also to lock up and take the keys and hand over to the beadle of the Church, and not under any circumstances could I leave the tower first. In this peal referred to, there were 9238 changes rung, and I should think out of this great number there were only about twenty-four bad changes, caused by the treble and seventh man stopping and wanting to dodge too long, which created a little confusion, and I was so vexed at this occurring after ringing so well and so long, that as soon as the bells came round back way, I tried to set the second bell, and it did not happen to set, so I loosed the rope and it run down. I am greatly surprised that Joseph Cattle did not make his remarks before he left Birmingham, as I think it would have looked more business-like than to let it go over so many years. I cannot tell whether his memory is bad, or whether he is troubled with a weak intellect. But we rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques about seven or eight years back at St. Martin's when Joseph Cattle was present outside with Amos Cresser, when he said he never heard Stedman Cinques rung better!

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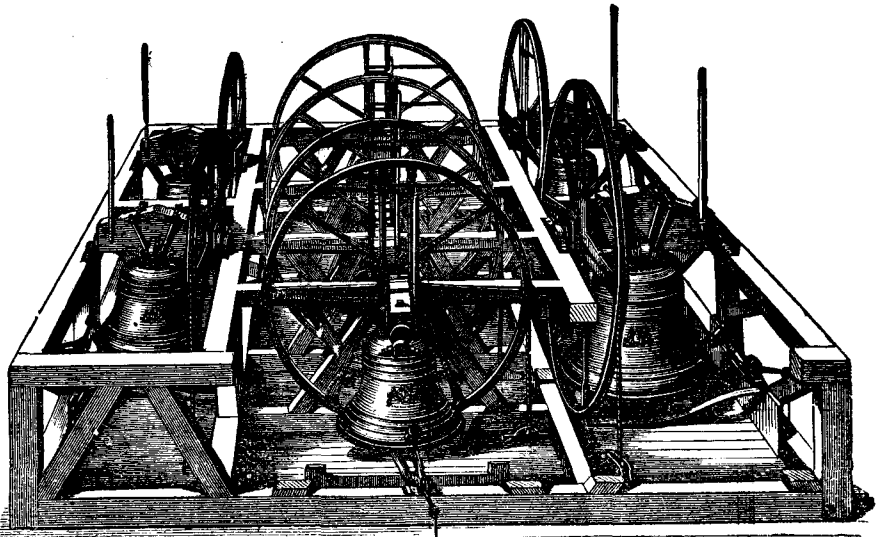


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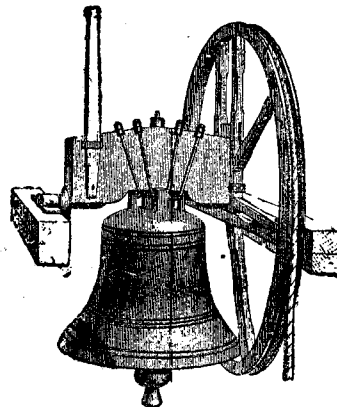
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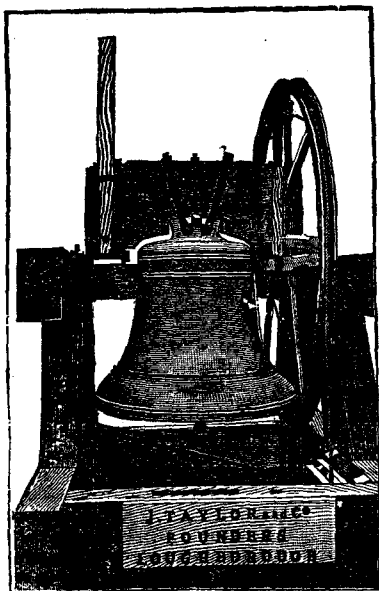
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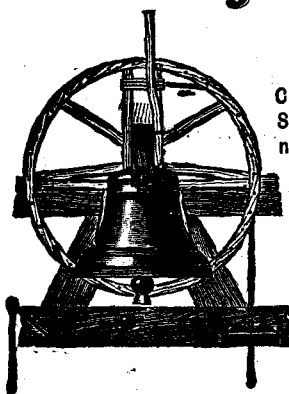
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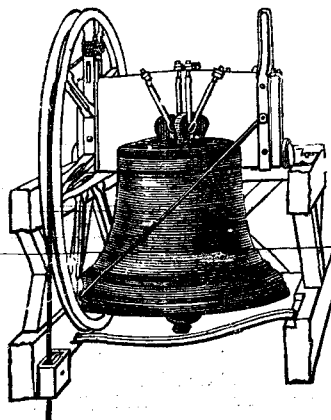
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VII.—PROVING THE METHOD (concluded).

The last point in the proving of Duffield Major requiring notice is the examination of courses containing bobs at M for false internal rows. A diagram containing the three sixes in which these may occur is annexed. The first is the seventh six of an ordinary course, at the end of which six the first of the M calls is made. The second is the M six proper, in which 7, 8 fall into a relative position different to any which they occupy in the plain course. Here the second of the M calls is made, in consequence of which, at the third six, the tenors come into the places they would naturally take in the third six of an ordinary course.

E ¹	- -	7 8 - 6	- -	E	7
	- -	8 6 7 -	- -	O	
	- -	6 - 8 7	- -	E	
F ²	- -	- 7 6 8	- -	O	M
E ²	- -	7 8 - 6	- -	E	
	- -	8 6 7 -	- -	O	
F ¹	- 6	- - 8 7	- -	E	3
	- 6	- 7 - 8	- -	O	
	- 6	7 8 - -	- -	E	

The rows E¹ and E² repeat in pairs, as also do the rows F¹ and F², the middle row of the M six being common to both E and F. No notice is to be taken now of the possible repetition of rows in the seventh six with those in the third six, because as the natural course-ends of these sixes have to be obtained and proved as ordinary course-ends, such proof, as has been already shewn, will also cover the sixes in question. All that is at present under consideration is the possible falseness of an M six with sixes 7 and 3, with which alone it can repeat.

In the diagram the 6th is given in the position it would take from a bob at the previous Fourths, which call keeps it coursing in front of the tenors. For the moment, however, this bell will be held as taking no part in the proof.

If, as directed in the proof of the first rows of the sixes, the course in which an M (2) is called is pricked to the natural m¹ course-end obtained as before by transposing m² by 436512, m¹ and m² will serve as a convenient basis from which to detect false rows that may come from the M six, without any fresh process. The following are the false course-ends against the natural ones, and are in each case given as against 123456:—

False against m¹ { 3 2 4 1 5 6 (comp. with m¹ only)
 { 4 2 1 3 5 6

False against m² { 1 5 3 4 6 2 (comp. with m² only)
 { 1 6 3 4 2 5

Of these false course-ends, transposition by the first of each pair is not necessary except in compositions that contain more than one M course, for the false rows which they produce come in an M six and cannot therefore occur in an ordinary course.

Having transposed m¹ and m² respectively by their several false course-ends, these latter must be compared with the fixed course-ends, and also with any other m¹ and m² course-ends, should there be such; in which latter case the false course-ends from m¹ have only to be compared with the natural m¹ course-ends, and those from m² with the natural m² course-ends. Otherwise, as m¹ represents the order at a seventh sixth, and m² that at a third six, it would amount to comparing E rows with F rows, whereas the above false course-ends only relate to comparison between rows lettered alike. Further, the false course-ends from m¹ cannot run false with a course-end brought up by a bob at H, nor that from m² with one followed by a bob at H, for the reasons given in paper No. V. in regard to the proof of M sixes.

So much for repetition between the M six, and sixes 7 and 3. The proof between the two latter, which was deferred, has also to be considered. It is covered by testing the natural m¹ and m² course-ends by the ordinary false course-end 126543, and now the converse of the last plan of treatment is necessary, namely that the false course-end from an m¹ be

compared with that from an m², and vice versa, because in this case the false rows repeat reciprocally between sixes 7 and 3 which are on different sides of the course-ends. For the same reasons this ordinary false course-end from an m¹ cannot run false with a course-end followed by a bob at H, nor that from an m² with one brought up by a bob at H.

It is, further, well to notice whether this proof can be modified when the 6th, as in the diagram, is kept coursing at the M in front of the tenors. A little attention will shew that the only possible false M rows in such a case will occur between E¹ and E², therefore the testing of the m² course-ends may be altogether omitted, the rest of the proof being required as before.

Calls at M do not disturb the course of the changes, and in proving M courses, it is only requisite to compare those of like nature. Under no circumstances can courses of opposite nature repeat with one another either at the M or adjoining sixes, for in these three sixes there are no rows of opposite nature in which 7, 8 fall into a duplicate position.

It will be understood that the B sixes in M courses require their usual proof, every such course having two sixes thus calling for attention.

I may, in concluding the proof of the method, draw attention to an exceptional course-end, namely, 125364. Being one of the odd course-ends false against 123456, it might on that account be deemed useless. This, however, will not prove to be the case, and as by it compositions can be brought round at the second backstroke of a six, its importance is considerable.

A (even.)	B (even.)	C (odd.)	D (odd.)
123456 E.	126543 E.	124635 O.	125364 O.
124635 O.	125364 O.	126543 E.	123456 E.
126543 E.	123456 E.	125364 O.	124635 O.

The above are the backstrokes of the four sixes of which 123456 and its three false course-ends respectively form the first rows. In every composition A must of necessity come the first six, therefore B can never be used as a course-end, for its first row comes in A. C can never be used, for its second backstroke comes in A. D, the course-end under notice, has only its last backstroke false against A, and if D be used this row will not come up, as the previous backstroke is rounds, therefore as much of D as is required will run true with A. Consequently, whenever the course-end 513426 comes up, a bob at H may be called and the bells brought round at the next six without any possibility of producing false rows thereby. If, however, D comes as a course-end in the usual way, the B sixes must be carefully examined, for at the B any one, but only one, of A, B, C, and D is admissible.

I have now set forth the whole proof of Duffield Major. The study of it will be passed over by all but those interested in composition, and even these latter will find it scarcely repay them to enquire into the use of bobs M. Still, in order not to have at any future time to return to the subject, I have thought it well to exhaust the proof of all possible combinations that did not part the tenors. Unless involved compositions are attempted, the necessary testing will be found extremely easy, far more so than, for instance, in Treble Bob. There are also much shorter ways of arriving at some of the results than those I have given. Since these, however, would not have answered as a basis for explanation, I prefer not to cumber my papers by entering on them, the more so, as few composers work on exactly the same lines, and those who are experienced are perfectly well able to make out their own proof scales without my assistance.

If I have failed to render plain the several processes treated of, and the reasons for them, I must take refuge in the excuse that of all sciences that of ringing is possessed of the most inadequate, most indefinite, and most ambiguous phraseology. I know of no greater trial of temper than to have to render intelligible, by means of the terms in common use among ringers, a problem of any degree of intricacy. In the manuscript book from which these papers are drawn, less than a dozen pages serve to cover the whole of the subject, simply because, by the use of the ordinary mathematical symbols, combined with abbreviated expressions for all lengthy and uncertain terms, the necessary matter can be compressed into very small compass, with the additional advantage of being far more readily grasped. Take the following by no means improbable sentence:—"When the course

is turned, an out of course course, throughout which the bells of course course in an out of course coursing order, may still repeat with an in course course." Is there not here enough to shew the need of reform? One is reminded of Dean Alford's puzzle, which, although no doubt excellent English, is scarcely creditable to our language, and runs somewhat thus:—"It is incomprehensible that that 'that' that that grammarian uses should be correct."

It is worth the serious consideration of the leading members of the Exercise whether, having in view the advance in the theory and practice of change-ringing during the last twenty years, some endeavours should not be made to bring the language of the art up to the same level. At present it remains pretty much as it was at the date of the *Clavis* a century ago. A remodelling of the old with the addition of new terms has been found a necessity in the sciences of music, astronomy, chemistry, mechanics, and others; why should the science of ringing alone be wedded to a vocabulary entirely of the past, and be backward to initiate a similar reform?

In the next paper the qualities and extent of compositions in the method will be dealt with, and some touches given.

THE CHANGE-RINGERS' MEMORIAL TO JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.—UNVEILING CEREMONY AT ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH.

The President of the Yorkshire Association writes with further information regarding the above, as follows:—

Will you kindly call the attention of all subscribers to the above, who are considering the question of being present, that arrangements are being made at Ilkley to give a hearty welcome to all who come. In order to ensure a good day's ringing the Yorkshire Association's June Meeting is to be held concurrently. The gathering therefore will certainly be large, and it is hoped influential and representative.

The eight bells, by kind permission of the Vicar of Ilkley, the Rev. Howard Kempson, M.A., will be at the disposal of the visitors from an early hour, immediately following the removal of the muffles, after an in memoriam touch by our officers.

Divine Service will be held at 4.30, at which a sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Wigram, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Rural Dean; member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James's Society, and the Hertford County Association, etc., etc. The window will be then unveiled.

As the subscriptions of a great number are massed together under the names of their churches and Associations it will probably prove to be impossible to communicate with each one direct. Those organizing the Ilkley arrangements will therefore be much obliged if every subscriber will take this letter as a direct invitation to be present.

In order that the final arrangements may be satisfactorily carried out each subscriber intending to be present must send in his name to Mr. Joe Beanlands, jun., the Amateur Society of Change-ringers, Ilkley, via Leeds, on or before the last day of this month.

The organizing committee are obliged to notify that it will be beyond their power to entertain as visitors any who have failed to comply with this request.

WM. SNOWDON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Whitstone Branch of the above Guild had their annual outing on Saturday, May 14th, and rang at Bishopsteignton and Kingsteignton, some six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. They intended ringing at Highwick, near Newton Abbott, but the rope of the third bell was removed, so they had their walk of several miles for nothing. The day was beautifully fine, the scenery of the south Devon coast, and the valley of the Teign was lovely. The evening parade of the 1st Devon Yeomanry, and sword exercise on the Den at Teignmouth, was a very interesting sight, especially as one of the troops was under the command of Colonel Troyte, President of the Guild. Some courses of Triples were rung on the handbells, and the party returned home after a thorough day's enjoyment. The following was the band; W. Chudley, H. Baxter, W. Sercombe, G. Baxter, W. Sampson, and W. Pester, from Whitstone, they were also accompanied by the three brothers Shepherd, from Exeter. This is the first annual outing of the branch.

A PLEASANT MEETING AT ST. GILES, CRIPPLE-GATE, LONDON.

On Tuesday, June 10th, the parochial ringers of St. Giles, Cripplegate, who are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (established 1637), with the master of the Society (Mr. McLaughlin), were kindly invited to supper by the vicar (the Rev. A. Barff, late master of St. Paul's School choir). The ringers met in the tower, and the following members—Messrs. Cooter, French, Cecil, Mash, Jameson, Haworth, Dorrington, Springall, Joyce, Horrocks, Hayes, and Railton—rang three courses of Stedman Cinques. After this they repaired to the vicarage, and were received by the reverend gentleman. The company's insignia having been placed on the table, and grace having been said by the vicar, the good things provided began to disappear. During the progress of the meal some interesting talk on matters concerning ringing and ringers took place, and the name of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe was mentioned, also the name of Mr. Ellicott (a pupil of the vicar's), who is now in America, he having rang peals with some of the ringers present. Mr. J. R. Haworth, who is the oldest member of the society living, gave the history of the silver bell (which was placed on the table), also of the two silver cups; while the senior steward (Mr. S. E. Joyce) was explaining the intricacies of change-ringing to the curate (the Rev. C. E. Carter). After supper the vicar returned thanks. Then followed a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by Messrs. Horrocks, Haworth, French, Hayes, and Pettit, as an illustration of the art of change-ringing. The Master of the society, in proposing "The Health of the Vicar," thanked him on behalf of his brother ringers for the pleasant time they had spent together that evening. The vicar thanked the Master for the kind words he had said, and thought the thanks of the clergy and laity were due to the ringers for the part they took in the joys and sorrows of the community, ringing merrily on all festive occasions, and in times of sorrow ringing muffled peals.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Divine Service at St. Mary's Church at 12.30 p.m., with an address by the Bishop of Colchester. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. in the Charity Schools, to be followed by the usual business meeting. The towers of Chelmsford (ten bells), Galleywood (eight bells), Broomfield (six bells), Springfield (six bells), Widford (six bells), will be open for the use of the members during the day. Members intending to be present, are requested to inform the Secretary on or before Wednesday, May 25th, whether they wish for dinner tickets (price 1s.), and if arriving by train, from what station they propose to start. Return tickets at 1½ fare will be issued to those who produce their receipt for the current year's subscription. Subscriptions for the ensuing year (1887-8), fall due on Whit-Monday. Any subscriptions still unpaid for the present year (1886-7), should be forwarded to me at once, that the accounts for the year may be closed. The West Ham band of handbell ringers, with a peal of 70 bells, have kindly offered to perform some selections of music at the Charity School. Arrangements are in progress for a peal of Royal at Chelmsford, and of Triples either at Galleywood or Writtle.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit Monday, May 30th. Details in next week's issue.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon Sec.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY BANQUET.—On one occasion a judge was proposing "Science" in a dull, technical oration, when his neighbour, a noble lord, famous in several walks of life, but lately gone hence for ever, sank peacefully, as was his wont under such provocation, into slumber. The toast was duly honoured, and "Literature" proposed, and just as the poet-inspector "Mr. Luke," as Mr. Mallock aptly called him in his "New Republic," was replying, the sleepy one awoke, more or less, to reality and "flowery nothings." He listened for a moment, then turned to the judge and curtly growled, "Who's that speaking now?" "Mr. Luke." "H'm," he grunted, "his drivel's as bald as the idiot's that sent me off." And re-adjusting his skull-cap, he composed himself once more, and was soon again unconscious in Morpheus' lap.—M. H. Spielmann, in "The Magazine of Art" for May.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual gathering of the members of the above Guild was held at Poole on Tuesday, May 10th. There was service in the church at half-past eleven o'clock, when there was a fair congregation. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Lawson. A special psalm was sung, and a proper lesson read by the Rev. H. T. Cavill from Zach. xiv. In place of the office hymn, the anthem, "I will extol thee," from Sir Michael Costa's *Eli*, was sung by Mrs. Hunkin with great expression, and after the concluding prayer of the service, the hymn "Hark, hark, my soul" was sung. The Rev. J. L. Williams, Rural Dean, was the preacher, and founded an appropriate sermon upon Exodus xxvii, 34, 35. In the course of his observations, he said that undoubtedly as far as they could make out, bells and the use they made of them to-day, were comparatively unknown in ancient times, and bells and churches, as far as they could discover, were eminently Christian, and there could not have been devised by the wit of man, anything more solemn, anything more sweet, for calling people to pray. Mr. Williams pointed out that although this was the primary use of the bells, yet they were only used to announce the death of Christians, and pealed joyfully at marriages. They in that society were living in the day of small things, but he trusted that the time would quickly come when the number of belfries connected with the society would increase from 30 to 300, and that among the churches of the diocese it would be the exception, instead of the rule, not to belong to a society like that. In welcoming them to the House of God, he did so with very great earnestness, for he was one of those who looked upon the existence of a society like that with the greatest anticipation for good. He dwelt at some length upon the importance of their avocation, reminding them that their's was a work for God, and concluded by asking them to remember this fact whenever they were engaged in ringing. The National Anthem having been sung, the Rector pronounced the benediction, and the congregation dispersed.

The business meeting was then held in the vestry of the church, when the Rev. M. Hankey, rector of Maiden Newton, presided. Earl Nelson was re-elected President; the Rev. A. D. Hill, Master; Mr. William Pinckney, Treasurer; Mr. J. R. Jerram, General Secretary, in place of the Rev. F. Wright Anderson, who had gone to reside in another diocese; the Rev. M. Hankey, secretary for Dorset; and the Rev. C. W. Hony, secretary for Wilts. The following were elected on the Committee; the Revs. E. G. Wyld, and C. N. Wyld, Messrs. W. W. Gifford, C. A. Clements, and H. A. Garrett. Votes of thanks to the Secretary, and of condolence to the Rev. J. L. Williams, who preached that day under most trying circumstances, having just lost his son, concluded the proceedings.

At quarter past one, nearly eighty of the ringers sat down to a capital dinner provided by Mr. J. C. Charlton, of the "Crown Hotel." Earl Nelson presided, and there were also present, the Revs. M. Hankey, J. A. Lawson, and A. C. Gibson (Salisbury), Mr. H. Mackintosh (Sheriff), Mr. H. W. Parker, etc. In giving the health of the Queen, the Chairman said he was sure they would not like to meet together without giving a cheer for the Queen. They all knew there would be very little jubilee without ringers, and not only did they ring, but they were loyal. Therefore he proposed that they should give three cheers for the Queen. This having been very heartily responded to, Earl Nelson said the next toast was "Prosperity to the Diocesan Guild." He owed them an apology, for when they kindly made him their president, he promised that he would always go to the meetings, but having been very unwell, he really did shirk going to one on a cold frosty day, but he had regretted it ever since, and his lady had "pitched" into him for not going. He was sorry they would not be able to get the bells of Kingston, and they could not ring also at Bournemouth in consequence of illness close to the church. He hoped they would do better next time, for when they came together they liked to give them the best ringing they possibly could. After expressing the pleasure it gave him to see so many of them present, he referred to the importance of their office, sending out beautiful sounds at a time of rejoicing as far as the wind would carry them, and tolling the bells solemnly for their departed friends. These were the responsibilities and duties which belonged to them, and they ought to be done to the honour of our Lord and

Saviour. He coupled with the toast the names of the Rev. M. Hankey and Mr. Jerram, of Salisbury.

Mr. JERRAM said he felt very much obliged for the kind way in which they had received his name. As far as regarded the Guild, they were prospering fairly well, both as concerned numbers and finances. He was glad that they had got more change ringers than formerly, and some of them were aware that eight members achieved the first 5040 Grandsire Triples ever rung in Dorset, at Bridport, on Thursday, May 5th.

The Rev. M. HANKEY also responded. He said they were met together for the purpose of raising the tone of the bell-ringers. He hoped the Guild would prosper; they talked about not being able to get helpers, but he looked forward to the day when nobody would dare to refuse the Guild the bells.

Earl NELSON suggested that they should drink the Rev. J. Lawson's health, and in doing so he wished to refer to the great kindness of the Rural Dean in sticking to his engagement, notwithstanding the deep sorrow in which he had been plunged. He knew they had passed to Mr. Lawson a formal vote of thanks for the use of the church, but he thought that they might drink his health also, and that of the Rural Dean.

The Rev. J. A. LAWSON briefly responded, and said he was glad to welcome them for three reasons; because it was the jubilee year of the Queen, because they had a good peal of bells, and thirdly because in the large centres of population, he thought that the Church should be seen in her corporate capacity. He hoped that the Guild would prosper in every sense of the word, and that that would not be the last time they would visit the old town of Poole. Three cheers having been given for Earl Nelson, a similar compliment to the Sheriff terminated the proceedings. Representatives from Bournemouth (St. Peter's), Salisbury (St. Edmund's), Fontmell Magna, Mere, Downton, Okeford Fitzpaine, Broadwindsor, Canford Magna, Ebbesborne, Wimborne, and Cattistock, attended the meetings. During the afternoon, the ringers visited the churches at Wareham, Poole, and rang touches on the bells.

A meeting of the above Guild was held at Trowbridge, on Thursday, May 12th. About 100 members and friends were present. There was service at St. James's Church at 10 o'clock, with a sermon by the Vicar of Westbury. After service, Mr. A. Mackay entertained the whole company to dinner in St. James's Hall. He presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. Trotter, rector of Trowbridge, the Rev. A. D. Hill, Rev. M. Hankey, Rev. R. Hill, and other clergy. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. The health of Mr. Mackay was most heartily drunk. This is the third time this gentleman has shown his bountiful liberality to the Guild by entertaining the whole company on the occasion of a general meeting. During the afternoon, the various companies present rang at Trowbridge, Westbury, and Bradley. At Trowbridge, 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Alley (conductor), 1: J. R. Jerram, 2; Rev. A. D. Hill, 3; J. Hayward, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. McCaffery, 7; G. Holton, 8. Also by the Longbridge Deverill company, several six-scores of Bob Doubles. A. Dufosse, 1; A. Smith, 2; G. Parham, 3; E. Payne, 4; F. Pearce, 5; H. Gibbs, 6.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM TURNER.

At the age of 65, the above-named, at one time a well-known Worcester ringer, has been called to that "bourne from which no traveller returns." Though he was never what may be termed a "clever" performer at the rope's-end, he had many characteristics which begat feelings of attachment towards him from those who were his superiors in ability and social status. The tenor was his forte, the position in which he shone, it may be said literally, for while so employed his healthy-looking face appeared radiant with delight. A very fair treble ringer too, and when occasion demanded, could make a shift inside. Poor Bill! Of late years he enjoyed very bad health, and his straitened circumstances in consequence compelled him to become an inmate of the Worcester Union, where he died from paralytic seizure. On Monday, May 2nd, the members of the Worcester Society met at All Saints' and rang 1080 of Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to their late brother. N. Wale, 1; S. Cotton, 2; H. Pheasant, 3; W. Jenkins, 4; W. Powell, 5; W. Blandford, 6; H. Wilks (conductor), 7; J. W. Reynolds, 8; G. Cleal, 9; J. Hale, 10.

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0 8 0

0 13 6

0 2 0

4 0 6

0 3 6

0 7 6

0 7 6

THE FUND IS NOW CLOSED.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 9th, the ringers of St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, visited Horsell for the purpose of having a pull on the fine ring of bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. On arriving at the church the bells were raised in peal, and a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the following:—E. Angell, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; R. Weeks, 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. H. Stapleton, 1; E. Spooner, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Houlton (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. And an attempt was made for a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 320 changes. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; W. Houlton, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. It being too late for another attempt the bells were lowered in peal, and the ringers retired to an inn, where they spent the remainder of the evening with the Horsell company, till "go" was called out by the landlord, and so ended a very pleasant evening. The Bagshot ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the ringers for having everything ready. On Tuesday, May 10th, at St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. E. Angell (first 720 of Minor), 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; E. Spooner, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Houlton (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, MONMOUTH.

On Sunday, May 15th, the members of the above Society visited the parish church of Llangattock, Monmouthshire, and after oiling and seeing that the bells were all right, a start was made for a few six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, which was brought home all right. W. Preece, 1; J. Ward, 2; G. Hearne, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. N. Jones (conductor), 5; H. Brown, 6. Afterwards "go" was called for a 720 of Bob Minor, which was brought round in 27 mins. W. Preece, 1; J. Ward, 2; W. Walters, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. M. Preece (conductor), 5; T. H. Jones, 6. And after a few more six-scores of Doubles the ringers (at the invitation of the Rev. A. Maclaverty, M.A. Vicar,) adjourned to the Vicarage, where a substantial tea was provided for them. A start was then made for home, which, after a little dodging and shifting about, was reached just in time for chiming for service at 6.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, their own parish church. The members wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the rev. gentleman for the use of the bells, and for their tea, and also to the ringers for the kind way in which they were received.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—(DERBY BRANCH).

A meeting of the members of the above branch of the Association was held in St. Werburgh's Belfry, Derby, on Monday evening, May 16th, for the election of district officers for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were unanimously chosen to fill the following positions:—Vice-president, Mr. Thomas Beresford (re-elected); committee, Messrs. Samuel Maskrey and William Shardlow (re-elected); district secretary, Mr. Austin Taberer, 41, Watson-street, Derby. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the officers for their past services, which was briefly acknowledged by the Vice-president.

ROYSTON, YORKS.

On Friday, May 13th, the remains of the late Sergeant George Wroe, a member of the Royston company, died at the ripe age of seventy-four years. He was a far-learned ringer on six bells, and a general favourite with the ringing fraternity. Sergeant Wroe was a pensioner, having served twenty-one years in the army. He took part with the 18th Lancers in the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny. He was borne to the grave by his late comrades, at Royston church, and after the service a muffled peal was rung, consisting of 720 Violet, and 240 Arnold's Victory, favourite methods of deceased. John Moorhouse, 1; Thos. L. Moorhouse, 2; Henry Cutt, 3; Jos. Haigh (conductor), 4; Geo. Cutts, 5; Geo. Moxon, 6. John Moorhouse and Geo. Moxon belong to the Sandal Magna Society; Thos. L. Moorhouse, Wakefield; the rest belong to the local company.

A JUBILEE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

2601.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield*.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7 9 0 odd change.

2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7 0 9

1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8 9 0

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9

2 4 1 6 3 8 5 0 7 9

M W H

5 4 3 2 6 2 2

2 5 4 6 3 2 2 2

6 3 5 4 2 1 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 1 1

2 3 4 5 6 1 2

This touch to be rung on June 20th, 1887, in honour of our Queen's Jubilee, as it contains as many changes as she has reigned weeks.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

5 2 3 6 4 - 2

2 4 3 6 5 2 - 1 2

5 6 3 4 2 2 - 2 1

2 5 4 6 3 - 2 2

5 3 4 6 2 2 - 1 2

3 6 2 4 5 2 -

4 3 6 5 2 - 2

3 2 6 5 4 1 - 2

6 2 5 3 4 1 - 1

2 3 6 4 5 -

5 2 4 3 6 - 2 2

5 4 3 2 6 1 - 2 2

6 4 2 3 5 2 - 1

2 5 3 4 6 2 - 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 1 - 2 2

This peal contains the 6th her extent in all positions.

Rung at St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire, March 26th, 1887. Conducted by James S. Wilde.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5031.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich*.

2 3 1 4 5 6 8-9 laying still going off.

6 1 3 4 2 5 1 2 3 8 12 19 21

6 1 5 3 2 4 19

5 1 6 4 2 3 6 19

5 1 3 6 2 4 -

5 1 4 3 2 6 -

4 1 5 6 2 3 -

4 1 3 5 2 6 -

3 1 4 6 2 5 -

3 1 5 4 2 6 -

3 1 6 5 2 4 -

2 1 6 4 3 5 5 6 19

2 1 5 6 3 4 -

2 1 4 5 3 6 -

4 1 2 6 3 5 -

4 1 5 2 3 6 -

5 1 4 6 3 2 -

5 1 2 4 3 6 -

These seven courses thrice repeated produce: 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9 11 10 rounds next change by a bob.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS.

5280.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 7

3 5 2 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

2 3 5 6 4 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

2 4 3 6 5 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

3 4 5 6 2 - -

4 5 3 6 2 - -

5 4 2 6 3 - -

2 6 5 4 3 - -

Repeated.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

11,200.

By J. J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 2 3 5 1 1 1

3 6 2 4 5 1

4 3 2 6 5 1

2 6 4 3 5 1 1

3 2 4 6 5 1

6 3 4 2 5 1

4 2 6 3 5 1 1

3 4 6 2 5 1

2 3 6 4 5 1

6 2 5 3 4 1 1

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

6384.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

5 3 6 2 4 - - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

6 2 3 4 5 - -

2 4 3 6 5 - -

4 6 3 2 5 - -

2 6 5 4 3 - - -

6 5 2 4 3 - -

4 2 5 6 3 - -

2 5 4 6 3 - -

5 4 2 6 3 - -

4 6 2 5 3 - -

5 6 3 4 2 - - -

6 3 5 4 2 - -

3 5 6 4 2 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

6 2 4 5 3 - -

3 2 6 5 4 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, and the 5th twelve times right.

If the last three bobs at six are omitted in one part, the peal is reduced to 6160.

If the last three bobs at four and six are omitted in each part, the peal will be 5040, with the 6th twelve times wrong and right.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN THORPE, *Ashton-under-Lyne*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

2 4 3 6 5 - -

6 2 3 4 5 - -

5 3 6 2 4 - - -

2 5 6 3 4 - -

6 3 2 5 4 - -

5 6 2 3 4 - -

These four courses twice repeated produce:

3 4 5 6 2

2 5 3 4 6 - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

3 5 4 2 6 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

2 3 4 5 6 - -

This peal has the 6th eleven courses at home.

Rung at Manchester Cathedral, on Monday, April 25th, 1887. Conducted by A. Ed. Wreaks.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN THORP, *Ashton-under-Lyne*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

3 6 4 5 2 1 2

6 3 2 5 4 2 2

5 2 3 6 4 2 2

3 4 6 2 5 1 2

4 3 5 2 6 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 2 2

6 2 4 5 3 2 1 2

3 4 2 5 6 1 1

5 2 4 3 6 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 2

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent right at five course-ends.

First rung at Manchester Cathedral, on May 16th, 1887. Conducted by A. Ed. Wreaks.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

2 4 5 3 6 1 2

3 2 4 6 5 2 2

2 5 4 6 3 1 2

5 3 4 6 2 1 2

3 5 2 6 4 2 2

3 2 6 5 4 1 2

6 4 5 2 3 1 2

4 3 5 2 6 1 2

2 5 3 4 6 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 1 2

This peal has the 6th twelve times right and wrong.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1887.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE has been honoured by royalty. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge has visited the city with the object of opening the Royal Industrial Exhibition at present being held there. The Duke's visit, we are told, was in every way most successful, his reception in the streets being very flattering, and the attendance at the Exhibition itself being somewhat beyond the accommodation available. It is to be regretted that in what is of most interest to the readers of this journal, namely, the ringing, the city was very far behind what was proper, and a long way short of what other places do on such auspicious occasions. One would have thought that all the bells in the town would have been commissioned to contribute to the general rejoicing. Instead of this, the Cathedral was the only place to which the Corporation saw fit to give an order to ring, although the Church of St. John's, with eight bells, is close by the central station where the Duke came in, and also on the route which the Duke twice took on going and returning to the Assembly Rooms. All Saints' Church also has a beautiful peal of eight, which are heard, if the wind be favourable, very sweetly in the neighbourhood of the Exhibition. Our readers may possibly think that no ringers could be found to ring at the churches named, and that only at the Cathedral good ringing could be obtained, but the pitiable facts are that at the Cathedral, the beautiful peal of bells (tenor 36 cwt.) is in such a deplorable condition that the tenor is never rung up and the 7th seldom or never, the bells being almost invariably "clocked" or "clogged," at the great risk of being cracked. On this occasion, for some reason or other, probably as a kind of variation, one of the bells, 5th or 6th, was left out, and the front four appeared to be rung in set changes, the three heavy bells being monstrously "clocked" throughout the whole day. Doubtless the ringers were handsomely paid for this brilliant performance. At St. John's there is a band of amateurs who are change-ringers, and who gladly ring if favoured with an order from the corporation, and in such case the payment has on previous occasions been devoted to the restoration, &c., of their tower and bells. All Saints also has a band who ring the bells of that church in place of the old chiming arrangement, thanks to the energetic vicar, the Rev. A. S. WARDROPER, who appears to have done what he could in the belfry, pending the settlement of the debt on the spire, by providing a new set of ropes and a new wheel, &c. From the newspapers it would appear that some mention has been made to the

corporation with regard to the present disgraceful state of affairs in the Cathedral tower, and it is to be hoped that something will shortly be done. The bells themselves as a peal, with perhaps the exception of the tenor, are a noble ring. All who love the old peal, require to see them rehung by a good firm, the recasting of the tenor, and the addition of two light trebles. This would be quite within the bounds of the corporation powers, and would not greatly trench on their munificence, as it could be done at a very moderate cost, and the public would very highly appreciate the change.

If such a restoration could be effected, future royal visits to Newcastle could, in the matter of ringing, be done justice to.

The Metropolis.

NEWINGTON, SURREY.—THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Friday, May 13, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL (REVERSED). Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM COPPAGE Treble.	*HARRY BOAST 5.
JOSEPH WAGHORN JUN. 2.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 6.
JOSEPH BARRY 3.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 7.
DAVID STACKWOOD 4.	GEORGE WILD Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The previous peal rung on these bells on April 30th, should be 2 hrs. 43 mins. instead of 2 hrs. 48 mins. *Late of Brighton.

LAMBETH, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

On Monday, May 16, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY LANGDON Treble.	ROBERT NEWTON 5.
JOHN C. MITCHELL* 2.	JOHN MURRAY HAYES 6.
GEORGE MASH 3.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

*First peal in the method. Mr. J. C. Mitchell hails from St. Alban's Herts.

The Provinces.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. ASPINWALL'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT Treble.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 5.
WILLIAM ELLIS 2.	JAMES SHOLICAR 6.
JOHN ASPINWALL* 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
WILLIAM B. LLOYD 4.	PETER H. HARVEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

*Hails from Liverpool.

CAPEL, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Birthday Peal.

On Friday, May 13, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS;

Being 720 each of the following:—

London Surprise, Chichester Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MARK JENKINS Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS 4.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	EDWIN JORDAN 5.
THOS. M. STEDMAN 3.	DAVID JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

The above was rung to commemorate the conductor's 41st birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, May 14, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM HAWKES .. .. .5.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. .2.	ALFRED JACOBS .. .. .6.
BENJAMIN KEEBLE .. .. .3.	ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. .. .7.
JOHN NUNN .. .. .4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

This is the first Jubilee peal in the county, and the first in the method by the Association. Messrs. Fussell, Jacobs, and Newson hail from London; Hawkes from Springfield; Nunn from Walthamstow. The peal was the first in the method by those residing in the county.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14th, 1887 (no time given),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF VIOLET TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HOLDEN, ESQ. .. .. .Treble.	JOSEPH L. BUCKLEY .. .. .5.
JOSEPH RADCLIFFE .. .. .2.	JAMES RADCLIFFE .. .. .6.
FRANKLIN BRIERLEY .. .. .3.	JAMES S. WILDE .. .. .7.
JAMES H. SHAW .. .. .4.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON of Mottram-in-Longdendale, and Conducted by FRANKLIN BRIERLEY.

J. S. Wilde hails from Hyde, the rest are of the local company.

WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (ROTHWELL BRANCH).

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, May 14, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS;

Being 720 each of the following:—

Violet, London Scholars, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

J. G. VERITY .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW .. .. .4.
J. C. ABBISHAW .. .. .2.	STEPHEN STACEY .. .. .5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN .. .. .3.	J. M. CHADWICK .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

The above is the first 5040 on the bells. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar for allowing them the use of the bells, and Mr. J. Haigh the steeple-keeper, for putting all in readiness.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Shuffled Peal.

On Monday, May 16, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS THORPE .. .. .Treble.	JAMES BARRETT .. .. .6.
GEORGE E. TURNER .. .. .2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. .7.
THOMAS G. DOWNS .. .. .3.	JAMES THORPE .. .. .8.
JOHN E. POLLITT .. .. .4.	*PETER BRICKELL .. .. .9.
EDWARD CASH .. .. .5.	JOHN EACHUS .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal of Treble Ten. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent right at five different course ends. The peal was rung half muffled as a token of respect to the late James Wood, sen., and his wife, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who died on the 3rd and 6th of this month respectively.

NOTICE OF A LONG PEAL.—Twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt to ring 10,000 changes of Stedman Cinques, at St. Michael's Cornhill, London, on Whit-Monday, May 3 th, 1887, meeting time 9.30 a.m.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JOHN MIDDLECOTE .. .. .Treble.	DANIEL J. ASTON .. .. .5.
WILLIAM SEVIER .. .. .2.	*SIDNEY ROMANS .. .. .6.
GARRIE MILES .. .. .3.	*WILLIAM HALE .. .. .7.
RICHARD J. WILKINS* .. .. .4.	*THOMAS TRIGG .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SEVIER.

*First peal. Messrs. Hale and T. Trigg hail from Painswick; the rest are of the local company (Upton and Barnwood combined).

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, CASTLE HALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM FAWCETT .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. .. .5.
HUGH SHAW .. .. .2.	JOHN THORP .. .. .6.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD .. .. .3.	JAMES BRADLEY* .. .. .7.
JAMES ADAMS .. .. .4.	MATTHEW PAILTHORPE .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late W. ROYLE, of Manchester, and Conducted by M. PAILTHORPE.

Messrs. Adams, Longden, and Thorp hail from Ashton-under-Lyne. *First peal in the method.

Date Touch.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, at St. Mary's parish church, a date touch (1887 changes), in the following methods:—447 of Plain Bob Minor, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 360 of College Single Minor, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 360 of Grandsire Minor, in 1 hr. and 8 mins. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. The tenor was the observation for the above throughout. All the above, with the exception of the conductor, hail from Bootle. Tenor 9 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, May 3rd, at St. Paul's church, a 168 of Grandsire Triples. C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. Hall, 4; W. Allan, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6; W. Biggs, 7; Rev. Basil R. Airey (St. John's, Torquay), 8. Also other touches, in which the Rev. Airey took a part. Also on Sunday, May 8th, for Divine service in the morning, a 720 Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 3; W. Allan, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. (Tenor covering.) Also for evensong a 447 of Grandsire Triples. S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allan, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Chapman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also on Sunday, May 15th, for Divine service in the morning, a 560 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Reeves's variation of Holt's ten part. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech (longest length in the method on a bob bell), 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. Allan, 5; H. Chapman, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also 125 Grandsire Triples. C. Pass, 1; C. W. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allan, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; J. Frossell, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also, for evensong, a 462 of Grandsire Triples. C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; S. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Frossell, 6; W. Biggs, 7; M. Warwick, 8. Also 308 of Grandsire Triples. H. Chapman, 1; J. Frossell, 2; M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also, on Thursday, May 5th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Hall, 1; M. Warwick, 2; S. Cullip, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Biggs (conductor), 5; C. Pass, 6.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday evening, May 10th, at St. John's Church, for practice, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. J. Little (first 720), 1; H. S. Taylor (first 720), 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; W. Patton, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JARROW.—On Sunday, April 24th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. W. Wilkinson (aged 15), 1; F. Pattison, 2; W. Holmes, 3; R. Heron, 4; A. Sharp, 5; R. Oliver (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. Tenor 17 cwt. And on Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, standing as above. First in the method for all.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On Tuesday, May 17th, at St. Cuthbert's church, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. T. H. Surtees, 1; F. Barron, 2; J. W. Forster, 3; R. S. Story (conductor), 4; W. Oliver, 5; J. Spraggon, 6. Also a course of Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method for the whole band, with the exception of Mr. Story, who hails from Whitley, and was rung at the first attempt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, May 1st, for afternoon service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Edwards (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; E. Scotcher, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. On Friday, May 6th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; W. Hawkes, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; W. Piper, 5; E. Scotcher, 6. On Friday, May 13th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Edwards, 1; W. Harvey, 2; E. Scotcher, 3; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Piper (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 15th, for afternoon service, a 720 of New London Pleasure, in 25 mins. A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. Messrs. W. Lincoln and A. Edwards are of Writtle; H. F. de Lisle and E. Scotcher of Galleywood; and W. Hawkes of Springfield; the rest are of the local company.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, May 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, five members of the Barnwood and Upton St. Leonard's societies, with Mr. W. Brunsden, of Maisemore, rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. W. Brunsden (first 720), 1; J. Yeates, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; G. Miles, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 1st, after evening service, five members of the above association assisted by Mr. W. Peglar (a local man), rung 1440 changes, being 720 Grandsire Minor, (thirty-four bobs and two singles) conducted by W. Sevier, and 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), conducted by H. Mitchell, in 50 mins. W. Peglar, 1; S. Romans, 2; G. Miles, 3; J. R. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Sevier, 6. Also five 6-scores of St. Dunstan's and one 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. R. Wilkins, 1; S. Romans, 2; G. Miles (conductor), 3; W. Peglar, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Sevier, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S.—On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service in the evening, 216 of Stedman Triples. H. Gardner, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; G. Miles, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; W. Sevier, 6; A. A. Waite (conductor), 7; J. R. Wilkins, 8. And 224 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. R. Wilkins, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; G. Miles, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; W. Sevier, 6; A. A. Waite, 7; H. Gardner (conductor), 8. And a 350 of Grandsire Triples. J. Middlecote, 1; G. Miles, 2; H. Mitchell (conductor), 3; J. R. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; W. Sevier, 6; A. A. Waite, 7; T. White, 8. On Sunday morning, May 8th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. S. Romans, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; J. R. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; W. Sevier, 6; A. A. Waite, 7; H. Gardener (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Gardener, 1; J. Yeates, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; G. Miles, 4; W. Sevier, 5; H. Mitchell, 6; A. A. Waite (conductor), 7; T. White, 8. Also 224 of Kent Treble Bob Major. D. J. Aston, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; J. R. Wilkins, 4; W. Sevier, 5; G. Miles, 6; A. A. Waite, 7; H. Gardener (conductor), 8. And 1008 of Bob Major. J. Middlecote, 1; D. J. Aston, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; J. R. Wilkins, 4; W. Sevier, 5; S. Romans, 6; W. Hale (Painswick), 7; H. Gardener (conductor), 8. Also 532 of Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg (Painswick), 1; G. Miles, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; J. R. Wilkins, 4; W. Sevier (conductor), 5; S. Romans, 6; W. Hale, 7; T. White, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GRAVESEND.—On Saturday evening, May 14th, at St. George's Church, some of the local members of the above met to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, but being one man short, a 720 of Oxford

Treble Bob Minor was rung, the tenor covering. C. Waterman, 1; H. D. Davis, 3; W. Harper, 4; G. Hayes, 5; F. Hayes, 6; G. Martin (conductor), 7; J. Allen, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—*Muffled peal*.—On Wednesday evening, May 11th, at the parish church, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late James Wood and his wife, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who were both interred at Ashton-under-Lyne, on Monday, May 9th. T. E. Downs, 1; J. Barratt, 2; J. Grimshaw, 3; E. Cash (conductor), 4; A. E. Wreaks, 5; J. Eachus, 6. The above company met to ring a peal of Bob Major, but through the unavoidable absence of one of the company the above was rung. Also on Tuesday, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. Walton, 1; T. Yates, 2; J. Grimshaw, 3; J. Barratt, 4; C. Cash, 5; E. Cash (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derby).—On Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service in the evening, the local society rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 26 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. Warren, 3; F. W. Cook, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunncliffe (conductor), 6. This was the last 720 on the bells before their augmentation to eight.

WINSHILL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, May 11th, at St. Mark's church, by the Burton branch, seven 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the occasion of the marriage of Francis Thompson, Esq., of Burton-on-Trent, to Ellen Tempest, daughter of the late Thomas Horsley, of King's Newton, by the following: J. Plummer, R. Logie, W. Wyld, C. Golder, J. Woodward and Sheppard. Also on Saturday, May 14th, several plain courses of Stedman Doubles and College Single. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. J. Smith, 1; *W. Wyld, 2; C. Golder, 3; J. Austin, 4; L. Bullock (conductor), 5; J. Jaggar, 6. And on Sunday, May 15th, for early service, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. *First 720.

WORSLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, May 14th, at St. Mark's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. H. Ridyard, 1; Joseph Derbyshire, 2; Joseph Ridyard, 3; Thomas Derbyshire, 4; John Baguley, 5; Richard Ridyard (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—THE BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.

BEENHAM.—On Saturday evening, May 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Webb, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, two 6-scores, and 60 of Grandsire Doubles, on the back five, J. Richardson (conductor). Also for evening service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, in 13 mins., the ringers standing as before, with J. Richardson as conductor. Also after evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Webb, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson (conductor), 5; J. Hatto, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service at the parish church, a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. G. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; G. Walker (conductor), 6.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE.—On Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, at the parish church, a 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 38 mins. William James, 1; George Hayward (conductor), 2; Elijah Crump, 3; Thomas Allbutt, 4; Harry Martin, 5; George ———— 6; Oliver James, 7; Walter Rea, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Martin hails from Belbroughton.

NETHERTON.—On Sunday evening, May 15th, before service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. T. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestige, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BARLOW MOOR (Lancashire).—On Saturday, May 14th, at Christ Church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw (conductor), 1; W. Holbrook, 2; G. Pearson, 3; P. Brickell, 4; J. Wilde, 5; T. Brickell, 6; J. Darbyshire, 7; J. Cole, 8.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Friday evening, May 13th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; E. Radley (conductor), 5; F. Saunders, 6. Tenor 19 cwt. Messrs. Radley and Saunders belong to Stisted, the rest are local men. This is the first 720 conducted by E. Radley.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, April 24th, at the house of Mr. J. Chapman, three plain courses of Bob Minor. C. Gaunt, 1; W. Richards, 2; C. Dunkley, 3; E. Chapman, 4; R. Dunkley, 5-6. And two plain courses of Bob Minor. E. Chapman, 1-2; F. Smith, 3; W. Richards, 4; R. Dunkley, 5-6. On Saturday, April 30th, at the house of Mr. T. Smith, a plain course of Bob Triples. F. Smith, 1; W. Richards, 2; J. Petit, 3; J. Martin, 4; E. Chapman, 5; R. Dunkley, 6-7; E. B. Howell, 8. And a plain course. E. B. Howell, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Richards, 3; J. Martin, 4; E. Chapman, 5; R. Dunkley, 6-7; C. Dunkley, 8. And 180 of Bob Minor. C. Dunkley, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. Chapman (conductor), 3; W. Richards, 4; R. Dunkley, 5-6. And two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. E. Chapman, 1-2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. And a plain course of Bob Triples. E. Chapman, 1-2; C. Dunkley, 3; J. Martin, 4; W. Richards, 5; R. Dunkley, 6-7; E. B. Howell, 8.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 16th, on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. Jacob Rice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. F. J. Thompson, 1; Joe S. Page, 2; P. O. Bixby, 3; A. E. Ives, 4; H. Thompson, 5; A. Hurst (conductor), 6. And some 6-scores of Bob Doubles, in which J. T. Deeks took part.

CRAYFORD.—On Sunday, May 15th, at St. Paulinus' Church, for Confirmation Service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins. R. Lee, 1; G. Conyard, 2; W. J. Cook, 3; E. Saxby (conductor), 6; J. Garard, 7; W. Saxby, 8.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, May 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, for confirmation service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. W. Cook, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; E. Saxby, 3; F. French (conductor), 4; G. May, 5; G. Hayes, 6; E. Everson, 7; H. Rose, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. W. J. Cook and E. Saxby hail from Crayford; F. French from Bexley; and F. Ring and G. Hayes from Swanscombe.

GODSTONE (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 14th, at the parish church by a mixed band, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Sadler, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob. R. Arnold, 1; J. Skinner, 2; J. Tidy, 3; T. Boniface, 4; W. Sadler, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Single Bob. F. Sanders, 1; J. Skinner, 2; F. Arnold, 3; W. Sadler, 4; W. Hawkins, 5; W. Webb (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hawkins, Skinner, Tidy, and Boniface hail from Nutfield; Arnold, Sadler, and Sanders from Betchworth; and W. Webb from Reigate.

LONDON.—Handbell Ringing.—Recently, a touch of 1036 of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, retained in hand, at the residence of Mr. Newton. E. Duff, 1; J. Willshire, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3-4; C. F. Winny (conductor), 5-6; H. R. Newton, 7-8. Also on Sunday, May 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), on handbells, retained in hand: H. R. Newton, 1-2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3-4; J. M. Hayes, 5-6; N. Oxborrow, 7-8.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday evening, May 10th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Taylor, 1; A. Folkes, 2; G. A. Hatton, 3; F. Davis, 4; J. Brooks (conductor), 5; H. Woodridge, 6. And on Sunday evening, May 15th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. W. Taylor, 1; F. Davis, 2; G. A. Hatton, 3; H. Woodridge, 4; A. Folkes, 5; E. Woodridge, 6. Conducted by F. Davis and A. Folkes.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Wednesday evening, May 4th, at the church of S.S. Peter and Paul, a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect to the late rector, the Rev. W. D. Johnston, M.A., aged 83, who for forty-seven years had been associated with the above parish. And on Sunday morning, May 8th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells muffled. A. Cornford, 1; F. Ring, 2; F. Hayes (conductor), 3; B. Spinner, 4; H. D. Davies, 5; G. Hayes, 6.

NORTHENDEN (Cheshire).—On Sunday, April 3rd, at St. Wilfred's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. P. Brickell (conductor), 1; J. Gratrix, 2; J. Leigh, 3; J. Wilde, 4; T. Price, 5; S. Brickell, 6. On Wednesday, May 4th, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). R. Baker, 1; T. Brickell, 2; J. Leigh, 3; W. A. Brickell, 4; J. Wilde, 5; S. Brickell, 6. On Sunday, May 15th, after service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and six singles), in 26 mins. W. A. Brickell, 1; T. Brickell, 2; J. Eachus, 3; J. Wilde, 4; P. Brickell (conductor), 5; S. Brickell, 6. Messrs. Eachus and Gratrix hail from Manchester Cathedral, and Baker from Didsbury, and is his first 720. Tenor 18 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, May 14th, upon completion of a peal, a course of Duffield Major, and 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major, on handbells. B. Keeble, 1-2; G. Newson, 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; W. H. Fussell, 7-8.

RUSPER (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, by a mixed band, 720 Violet. T. Worsfold, 1; *J. Newnham, 2; R. Jordan, 3; T. Stedman, 4; *F. Wickens, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

Also after service, 720 College Exercise. J. Worsfold, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; F. Wickens, 4; G. Holloway, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Each 720 being rung in 25 mins. Tenor 16 cwt. Messrs. Jordan and Stedman hail from Capel; Wickens from Charlwood; Newnham from Crawley; the rest are local men. *First 720 in the method.

STALYBRIDGE (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, May 10th, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

STANSTEAD, (Essex).—On Sunday, May 8th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, a 240 of Plain Bob Doubles. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; H. Prior (conductor), 5. Also a 240 of Grandsire Doubles. G. Gray, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; H. Prior (conductor), 5. Also, a 120 of Plain Bob Minor. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also, for afternoon service, a 120 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Isaac Hammond, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also a 240 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; Isaac Hammond, 6. And on Saturday, May 14th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (with fourteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (3rd the observation). W. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. Isaac Hammond, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also a 240 of Stedman Doubles. H. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; Isaac Hammond, 6. Also a 240 of the same method, with G. Gray at the 4th, and the rest as before. And on Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (with forty-two singles), in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; J. Luckey, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Composed by E. Francis, of Norwich, late of Diss. Also a 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. Luckey (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; H. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; G. Prior, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, May 7th, a start was made for Holt's Original, but after ringing 4000 changes in 2 hrs., it came to grief. G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. Also, on Thursday, May 12th, was rung a 720 of Bob Minor, in 21 mins. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; A. Sibley, 3; T. Grant, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also on Saturday, May 14th, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; W. H. Buckingham, 5; W. Battle, 6.

TWYNING (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 15th, at the parish church, for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. *H. Allen, 1; *P. Price, 2; R. H. Witherington, 3; S. Cleal, 4; J. Wathen (conductor), 5; *G. H. Pruen, 6. *First 720. This being, probably, the first 720 on the bells.

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—On Friday, Mar 13th, for practice, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Turley, 1; G. Salter, 2; F. Geens, 3; J. Walker, 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Shilton, 6. And on Tuesday, May 17th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Turley, 1; F. Geens, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Shilton, 6. W. Smith belongs to Cookley. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, May 12th, at St. Mary's parish church, 447 of Plain Bob Minor, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 360 of College Single Minor. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. And on Saturday afternoon, May 14th, 360 of London Single Bob Minor, 360 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, and 240 of Grandsire Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; T. R. Somerville, 2; W. J. Short, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. J. Rodgers, 5; C. E. Wilson, 6. And on Sunday morning, May 15th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. Rushton, 3; C. E. Wilson, 4; R. Stockley, 5. And in the evening, 180 of Plain Bob Minor, 120 of Grandsire Minor, 120 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, and 120 of College Single Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. E. Wilson, 5; R. Stockley, 6. All the above were conducted by Mr. C. E. Wilson. Messrs. Yates, Short, Barton, Bradshaw, and W. Ruston hail from Bootle, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 9 cwt.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 15th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Bide, 1; G. C. Scowen, 2; C. Bide, 3; J. Parker, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Mr. G. C. Scowen hails from Brentwood, Essex; and Mr. E. F. Cole from London; the rest are local men.

THE RECTOR OF ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD, AND THE BELLS.

The Duke of Bedford has at various times acted in a liberal manner towards the town from which he holds his ducal title, his last act of generosity being the presentation of a fire-engine, the arrival of which was, says *The Bedford Times and Independent*, "signalized by a public holiday and general rejoicings." It appears that the Vicar of St. Paul's did not see his way clear to allow the bells to be rung on this occasion, and his refusal has brought forth the following spirited leader from our contemporary:—

"WHY WERE NOT THE BELLS RUNG?—The only thing wanted to complete the welcome given on Tuesday by the people of Bedford to the Duke of Bedford's liberal present, was the ringing of St. Paul's bells. For the silence of these bells the Vicar alone was responsible, he having met the expostulations of the churchwardens by pleading that the bells were to be used only for 'the glorification of God.' Bedford was not absolutely without the sound of bells on Tuesday; and the thanks of the town are due to the authorities of St. Peter's for allowing the best possible use to be made of what is unfortunately a small and defective set of bells. But the interruption of the custom unbroken from time immemorial, of ringing St. Paul's bells on occasions of public rejoicing in the town, caused much disappointment and not a little indignation. No one wishes to contest the Vicar's legal right to control the use of the bells; but everyone is puzzled to know on what ground he can base a conscientious objection to permit the ringing of them on such an occasion as last Tuesday's rejoicings. Doubtless there has been in many places an indecorous license in the use of bells, which have been rung in honour of all kinds of events—political victories, local saturnalia, and horse races. But there are events and events. Has the Vicar come to the conclusion that nothing is to 'the glorification of God' but what takes place in the edifice or is technically connected with the officials of the parish church? Should St. Paul's suffer a misfortune similar to that which not long since befel St. John's, would it not be 'the glorification of God' that we possess a steam fire-engine that will make it a comparatively easy matter to extinguish fire? Moreover, it ought not to be forgotten that the Corporation still retains a kind of official interest in St. Paul's Church. The Corporation has, by special faculty, a pew in that church; and it gives yearly a handsome subsidy to the organ expenses—a payment, by-the-by, which is of every uncertain legality. Had the welcome to the engine included a service at church we should doubtless have had the bells rung throughout the day; but since the Vicar's participation in the ceremony was confined to his presence as Mayor's chaplain, the whole affair seems to have been regarded as too 'secular' to justify the recognition by the ringing of bells consecrated to 'the glorification of God.' We ask, however, why should not the commendable rejoicing of the people find an echo in the church? Is it a part of Mr. Woodard's creed that nothing but what is distinctively ecclesiastical or theological should receive the sanction of religion? Surely he does not hold that no secular ground for sorrow or rejoicing should ever be recognised by the Church? If not, why should not the bells, which are consecrated to God's service, be employed to give God's sanction to the rejoicing of the people when that rejoicing has an innocent and worthy cause? We contend that the Vicar, by refusing to allow the bells to be rung on Tuesday, withheld from a praiseworthy public ceremony the religious sanction which his office made it his duty to give. The bells could not possibly have been desecrated by being used in such a way as to show that the religion of the Church of England is not something quite apart from the everyday joys and sorrows of life. We always thought it was a leading principle of that religion that everything not sinful had a direct connexion with God; and we therefore ask again why the customary sanction of the 'National Church' was refused to a public rejoicing in which there could not possibly be any element of wrong. Let us not be misunderstood. We can appreciate and respect actions based on conscientious motives. We do not press the argument that the Vicar's conduct has been most impolite in the present attitude of the general public towards the Established Church. We give the Vicar credit for not allowing himself to be biassed by questions of policy when conscience is concerned. But may lay journalists be forgiven if they ask for the grounds on which this conscientious action is based? That a man is acting according to conscience is no proof that his conscience is not under the influence of prejudice or of culpably narrow views. What is there in the history of Christianity to justify the Vicar's very narrow interpretation of the right use of church bells? He cannot appeal to primitive Christianity, for that had no bells. He cannot appeal to continental Christianity, for, as he very well knows, change-ringing is a peculiarly English custom. Ours is, in a special and technical sense, the land of bells. We ask what is there in any part of English ecclesiastical history to justify the Vicar's decision?

Has there ever been a time, since peals of bells were first rung in England, when they were not rung on occasions of public rejoicing, even though those occasions were not Church festivals? If the Vicar's ruling is to be consistently carried out, we shall have no bell-ringing in future when we elect a mayor, or on any civic or local festival when the public has been accustomed to give expression to its rejoicing by the ringing of bells. Since the Vicar's settlement in Bedford, we have had a large extension of bell-ringing on Sundays, and at other times when services are being held, or when the ringers are pleased to practise. So much is this the case, that serious complaints of excessive bell ringing have been made. And yet when everybody wishes to hear the bells, when a generous donor has enriched the town with what is at the service of all to save life and property from destruction, when public gratitude for a noble present, and public satisfaction at possessing a means of protection against a common and a constant danger seek to find joyous and appropriate expression, we are told that the matter has not enough to do with 'the glorification of God' to make it consistent with a clergyman's scruples to ring the bells."

So much for our contemporary's strictures. Not altogether logical perhaps, and sometimes not strictly correct. The uncharitable letter which follows, and which we cull from the same print, would we imagine, entirely defeat the object sought by the writer.

"CHURCH BELLS.—TO THE EDITOR.—Sir,—Things the most offensive and the most atrocious have been done in the name of 'conscience.' In Church matters we find conscience covering the impudence of the 'superior person' and the arrogance of the 'priest of God.' At St. Paul's, Bedford, the new vicar, the Rev. Lambert Woodard, has been 'mingling the cup,' adding water to the wine, and he has burned lights in the day time. Last Sunday, like other law-breakers of his cloth, he asked sympathy for the law-breaking Bell Cox, who is now in gaol for using a church belonging to the Establishment for performances which the law of that Establishment forbids. On Tuesday afternoon last, our vicar, it was stated, forbade the public bells of his public church, to be rung, because the occasion was a secular one.

PAULINE."

Most of our readers will on reading the above, be under the impression that the worthy Vicar has "strained a point" in this matter. But how much better to bow to his dictum with regard to bell matters, than to be controlled by such a person as the writer of this letter. We can gauge his (the writer's) leanings and broad mind to a nicety, and wish him joy of them.

"THE TWELVE 6-7's."

A report of a touch, published lately in our columns, purporting to contain the above properties, called forth an assertion from a correspondent that it did not in fact possess these qualities. This assertion was in turn contradicted by the composer, who at once emphasized his original statements regarding it. Without entering into the question of this particular touch, we think that such a sentence as "the twelve 6-7's" may not be exactly understood by everyone. Perhaps a few observations by way of elucidation may not be out of place.

In the extent of Grandsire (or any other) Triples there are 120 changes with 6-7 at home the right way; that is with the 7th behind the 6th. But these 120 changes are not accepted, either of them, in the point under discussion. It is only when the treble is at lead, either at hand or back-stroke, with the two bells above-named behind, that a 6-7 can be claimed. The number of 6-7's in a 5040 is thereby reduced to twenty-four, one-half being produced at the handstroke, the other half at the backstroke lead of the treble; twelve in-course and twelve out. And when these twelve in-course lead-ends are produced, the touch is properly designated as having the features in question. But should twelve 6-7's be obtained by the use of singles, part of them thus being in-course, and part out, such a definition of quality should not be employed. We may say of such a touch that it has twelve 6-7's, certainly, but not "the" twelve.

When the whole of the 6-7's are produced, twelve at hand and twelve at backstroke, it may be said that the touch has "all" the 6-7's. But the best way is to have them all at backstroke, which can only be done by a judicious use of singles, agencies which are at the best of times treacherous, as many young composers can testify.

The same remarks apply to the extent of 7-4's or 4-6's, positions which are as much esteemed in ringing Triples.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—This company have made ample arrangements for the extra traffic, which will ensue, not only on account of the holiday season, but in consequence of great jubilee exhibitions being held at Manchester, Liverpool, and other places, on May 28th. Excursions leave London on that day for the Midland, Yorkshire, and English Lake Districts: To Lancaster, Morecambe, Carlisle, Windermere (Lake Side), Furness Abbey, Barrow, Coniston, Whitehaven, Scarborough, Sheffield, Barnsley, Leeds, Bradford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Matlock-Bath, Buxton, Stockport, Southport, Liverpool, Manchester (central), Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, York, Hull, and many other intervening stations. The Excursion tickets will be available for returning on Monday, May 30th, or Thursday, June 2nd. Excursion trains to London, at similar fares, will also run from Carlisle, York, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, and other stations, on Saturday, May 28th, and Monday, May 30th, returning on Wednesday, June 1st, or Saturday, June 4th. On Whit Monday, May 30th, a cheap excursion train from London to Birmingham, for one or four days, and from St. Albans, Luton, Bedford, Wellingboro', and Kettering, for one day, by this Company's route, leaving St. Pancras at 6.5 a.m., and arriving at Birmingham at 9.50 a.m. Cheap Excursion Trains will also run from Birmingham to London, on Saturday and Monday, May 28th and 30th. Excellent arrangements are made by this company for the conveyance of tourists and visitors' luggage from and to London, particulars of which can be had from handbills issued by the company, or of Mr. E. M. Needham, Superintendent of the Line, Midland Railway, Derby.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—On Saturday, May 28th, 1887, an excursion train will leave Paddington and Reading for Witney, Fairford, Chipping Norton, Bourton-on-the-Water, Andoversford, Evesham, Cheltenham, Worcester, and Malvern, returning on Thursday, June 2nd. On the same day another will leave Paddington for Leominster, Hereford, Crewe, Stockport, Manchester, Shrewsbury, Welshpool, Llangollen, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, and other intermediate stations, returning on Monday, May 30th, or Thursday, June 2nd. On the same day an excursion train will leave Paddington at 9.15 a.m., and Reading at 10.20 a.m., for Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, South Wales, and the South of Ireland. On Saturday, May 28th, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 12.10 p.m., Kensington (Addison Road), 11.59 a.m.; Uxbridge Road, 12.2 p.m.; Hammer-smith, 12.5; Shepherd's Bush, 12.8; Latimer Road, 12.11; Westbourne Park, 12.15; and Reading at 1.25 p.m.; for Clevedon, Weston-super-Mare, Bridgwater, Minehead, Taunton, Tiverton, and other places, returning on June 6th or 13th, thus giving ten or seventeen days in the West of England. On Whit Monday, May 30th, an excursion train will leave Paddington station at 6.20 a.m., Westbourne Park 6.25, and Reading at 7.20 a.m., for Oxford, Banbury, Leamington, Warwick, Birmingham, West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Bilston, and Wolverhampton, returning the same day, or on Thursday, June 2nd. On the same day another excursion train will leave Paddington at 6.50 p.m.; Victoria, 6.20; Battersea, 6.29; Chelsea, 6.32; West Brompton, 6.36; Kensington (Addison Road), 6.40; Uxbridge Road, 6.42; Hammersmith, 6.35; Shepherd's Bush, 6.38; Latimer Road, 6.41; Westbourne Park, 6.55; and Reading at 8.0 p.m., for the same places, returning on Monday, May 30th, or Thursday, June 2nd. These two latter are principally for the convenience of those attending the fire brigade demonstration at Oxford, and the grand attractions at Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham. On Whit Monday, May 30th, an excursion train will leave Paddington Station at 7.40 a.m., and Westbourne Park at 7.45 a.m., for Maidenhead, Twyford, Reading, Newbury, Hungerford, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, Didcot, and other stations, returning the same day. On Whit Sunday, May 29th, an excursion train will leave Paddington Station at 9.15 a.m., and Westbourne Park at 9.20 a.m., for Taplow, Maidenhead, Twyford, Reading, Tilehurst, Pangbourne, Goring, and Oxford, returning the same day. Cheap excursion trains will also run on Saturday, May 28th, from Paddington at 1.55 and 7.15 p.m., and Whit Monday, May 30th, from Paddington at 6.15 a.m., Hammersmith 6.5, Shepherd's Bush 6.8, Latimer Road 6.11, Westbourne Park 6.20, and Reading at 7.20 a.m., for Swindon, Chippenham, Bath, and Bristol. Tickets, bills, and all information relative to any of the above excursions and trains, may be obtained previously at Cook's Excursion Offices, Ludgate Circus, Fleet Street, and at Kingston's Booking Office, Fitzroy Square, London, W.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY.—Tourist tickets are now issued, by all trains, available for two months, to the Isle of Wight, Southampton, West of England, Ilfracombe, Launceston, Tavistock, Plymouth, Devonport, Bude, Exeter (for Dawlish, Torquay, &c.), Exmouth, Sidmouth, Seaton, and to Weymouth, Bournemouth, Swanage, Corfe Castle, Wareham, and Dorchester. Also to the Channel Islands, Jersey, Guernsey, and to France, Havre, Honfleur, Trouville, St. Malo, Granville, Caen, and Cherbourg, for two months, and to Paris for one month;

also for a tour through Brittany and Normandy. For full particulars, conditions, and tourist fares see South Western Railway time-table books and tourist programmes, or by post on application, to the Traffic Superintendent, Waterloo Station.

LONDON, BRIGHTON, AND SOUTH COAST RAILWAY.—PARIS AT WHITSUNTIDE.—SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSIONS.—Leaving London Bridge 9.35 a.m., and 8.0 p.m., and Victoria 9.30 a.m. and 7.50 p.m., Kensington (Addison-road) 9.10 a.m. and 7.15 p.m., Saturday, May 28th. Returning from Paris by either of the day or night services on any day up to June 10th, inclusive. Fares: First class, 38s.; second class, 29s. The shortest and cheapest route, via Newhaven, Dieppe, and Rouen. Express service weekdays and Sundays. From Victoria 7.50 p.m., and London Bridge 8.0 p.m. Fares—single, 34s., 25s., 18s.; return, 57s., 41s., 32s. Powerful paddle steamers with excellent cabins, &c. Trains run alongside steamers at Newhaven and Dieppe. Tourist tickets for the South of France, Italy, Switzerland, &c., are issued enabling the holder to visit all the principal places of interest. The additional special Day Tidal Service between London and Paris every weekday will commence running for the summer and autumn season on and from 1st June. For full particulars see time book and handbills to be obtained at Victoria, London Bridge, or any other station, and of the following Branch Offices, where tickets may also be obtained:—West-end General Offices, 28, Regent's-circus, Piccadilly, and 8, Grand Hotel-buildings, Trafalgar-square; Hays' Agency, Cornhill; and Cook's Ludgate-circus Office.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at Alnwick, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Bells at the disposal of the ringers, ring of eight, tenor 18 cwt., at St. Paul's. Dinner at 1.30. at the "Star Hotel."
G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.
Stockton-on-Tees.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Tonbridge, on Monday, June 13th. Committee Meeting at 11; service in the parish church at 12; dinner at 1; allowance to practising members, 1s. and dinner. Secretaries of bands that mean to attend, and other members, must communicate by the end of this month with the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Wrinsted Court, Lenham, and all are requested to be so good as to notice the change of address.
R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held on Monday, June 4th, in St. John-the-Baptist Schoolroom, Hagley, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector, will preside. Each company is respectfully requested to send one or more members, as the rules, report, balance-sheet, etc., will be ready for distribution at this meeting.
JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above will be held at Reigate, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The June Meeting will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, June 11th, concurrently with the meeting at which the change-ringers' Memorial window to Jasper Whitfield Snowden is to be unveiled. All members intending to be present at the service, and afterwards at the tea, should signify the same to Mr. Joe Beanlands, jun., the amateur society of change-ringers, Ilkley, on or before the last day of this month.
W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

THE ACCIDENT TO MR. ROBERT TUKE.

A few weeks ago we informed our readers, that Mr. Tuke, of Bradford, had experienced a severe accident through being thrown from his trap. It was hoped at the time that the injuries sustained were not of a serious nature, but we are sorry to say these anticipations have not been realised, and Mr. Tuke has been ordered a complete cessation from all business engagements. In accordance with medical advice, he has gone abroad for a short time, and we feel we are but expressing the earnest hope of the Exercise, that he may return with renewed health to continue his work in the Association, which can ill afford to lose his services. In the meantime, we are desired to say that all communications intended for him should be addressed to Mr. B. T. Copley, 3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

WHERE SHOULD RINGERS RING?

SIR,—How many more times shall I have to try to explain to some of your correspondents the difference between the offices of ringers and singers and others who actually take part in the church services? Here is someone again trying to assimilate these two. Again let me point out that clergy, choirmen, chorister boys and others who actually help in the performance of Divine Service, including the worshippers who attend the service, nominally at least, and it is to be hoped really and spiritually too, enter into and take part in such services. Therefore if any of the above attend or take part in worship at a Roman Catholic church or a dissenting chapel, they are acting a false part by outwardly countenancing doctrines and practices which they profess not to believe in. But, as I have often said before, with ringers the case is totally different. All they have to do is to ring at certain times. Although ringing for service or on a great festival of the church may be looked upon as a church work, it is no use to compare this with ringing long peals for pleasure. The latter is simply and solely for man's gratification and glorification and nothing else. It is no use to talk about doing it to the honour and glory of God in any higher sense than that all things, which are not positively wrong, should be done to God's honour and glory, even entirely secular work which has no connection with the church at all. This time I give my real signature.

J. R. JERRAM, ALSO AN EX-CHURCHWARDEN.

SIR,—We live in stirring times, and consequently should not be surprised at anything, but I certainly never expected to see the opinion of "R. F. T." as expressed in your columns of last week. That a man, because he rings the bells of his parish church, should on that account, not be allowed to ring the bells of any church not in communion with his own, appears to me so narrow-minded and bigoted as to carry its own condemnation. R. F. T. mentions choir-men as a contemporaneous case, but in that also he fails, for where will he find a church choir, the members of which are "bound to sing in a church, and no other place of worship." I have had many a pleasant ring in towers not belonging to the Church of England, and certainly do not consider, when doing so, that I am compromising my faith in my own church.

A.B.

THE TENOR AT ST. LAWRENCE, JEWRY.

SIR,—It is at all times interesting to a lover of bells to read something in connection with their founding, hanging, and the more or less use of them by ringers, and especially rang on what may be termed notable rings. Such interest, however is frequently qualified in the reports of peals appearing in print by mis-statements of the weights of the tenor bells. In making this latter remark I now more especially allude to the record appearing in "THE BELL NEWS" of the recent peal (the fourth on the bells) at St. Lawrence, Jewry, the weight of tenor being given as 36 cwt. I should like to ask the gentleman who makes the assertion, where he obtained his information enabling him to notify so decisively 36 cwt. as the correct weight. I have heard from one, who was a practical authority (I refer to the late Mr. Boswell), that the appropriate weight of the St. Lawrence tenor, in accordance with its diameter at rim, and thickness at sound bow, would give the figures at about 28 cwt., certainly not exceeding 29 cwt. And I have had further information from another authority, of several years experience, that a bell to weigh 36 cwt., note C, should measure at its diameter of rim 4 ft. 10, and the thickness at the sound bow at least three-seven-eighths. In my somewhat imperfect recollection is that Mr. Boswell's figures gave the dimensions of the bell of St. Lawrence as 4 ft. 7 inches in diameter, by 3½ inches thick at the sound-bow.

MATTHEW A. WOOD.

[Our opinion on this coincides with that of Mr. Wood. We have in fact maintained it recently in conversation with one who took part in the peal.—Ed.]

THE 7008 OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—In your ringing columns a few weeks ago there was an account of a 7008 of Double Oxford Bob Major, and in a foot-note it was stated that it beat the 6000 rung at Gravesend, in 1820. We have no record of any Double Oxford Bob being rung here. There was 6000 of Double London Court Bob rung here in 1817, and the same number of Double Norwich Court Bob in 1818. The manuscripts of peals rung by the late Mr. W. Eversfield do not mention it either, though he rang at that time.

H. D. DAVIES.

DEATH OF A CELEBRATED RINGER.

It is our painful duty to record the death, at the advanced age of 72 years, of a person whose name as a composer, conductor, and ringer, has been celebrated for more than half a century in the annals of change-ringing in Lancashire—namely, Mr. James Wood, sen., of Ashton-under-Lyne, whose death took place on Tuesday, May 3rd. Another painful fact connected with this matter, was that his death was followed by that of his wife, (who was a member of another ringing family in Ashton), on the 6th of the same month, and they were both interred on Monday, May 9th, at St. Peter's, Ashton, (of which he had been sexton for over a quarter of a century, and took a great interest in getting the bells put in the tower, which have been of great use to the ringers of Ashton), amidst a large concourse of spectators and ringers of Ashton and neighbouring towns. Ringers were present from the following places: Manchester, Hyde, Stockport, Stalybridge, Saddleworth, Southport, and Sheffield. Immediately after the funeral ceremony was concluded, the following rang a course of Grandsire Caters at the graveside: G. Longden, 1-2; T. Hattersley, 3-4; J. Thorp, 5-6; J. S. Wilde, 7-8; B. Broadbent, 9-10. Muffled touches were rung in the tower afterwards by various bands of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. One noted performance of this celebrated ringer, an account of which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 13th, 1886, of a peal which he composed (after the bells had been crossed), as it was being rung. Mr. Wood rang his first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Michael's Church, Ashton, on October 17th, 1836, since which time he has taken part in 114 peals of 5000 changes and upwards, and rang his last peal of Treble Bob Major, on December 1st, 1877, at St. Peter's, Ashton. His longest peal was 10,259 of Grandsire Caters, which he composed and conducted; he also composed and conducted 8240 of Treble Bob Royal, both were rung at St. Michael's, Ashton. The following is a list of peals he took part in: Grandsire Triples, 13; Grandsire Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 36; Grandsire Royal, 1; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Bob Major, 4; Bob Royal, 1; Treble Bob Major, 41; Treble Bob Royal, 13; Treble Bob Maximus, 1. Mr. Wood was the father of Samuel and James Wood, who took part in the long peal of Treble Bob at Mottram, which thus prove their descent from so celebrated a ringer and conductor.

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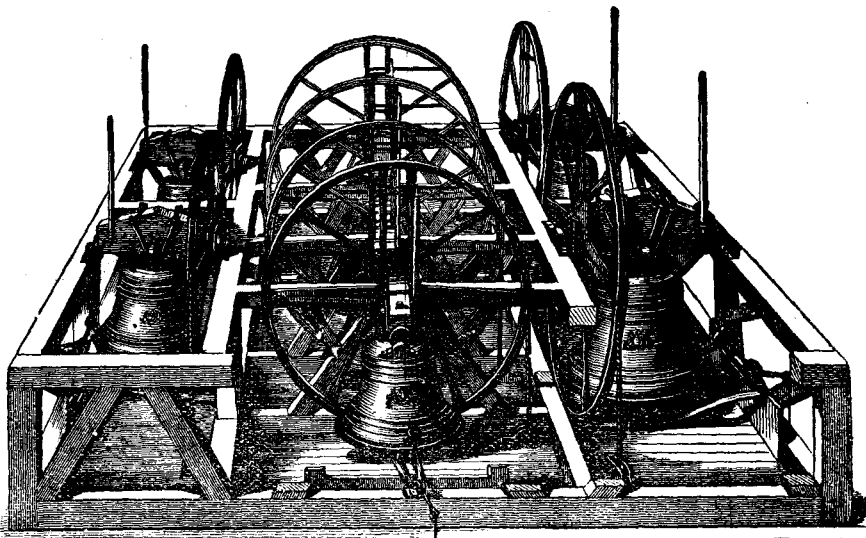


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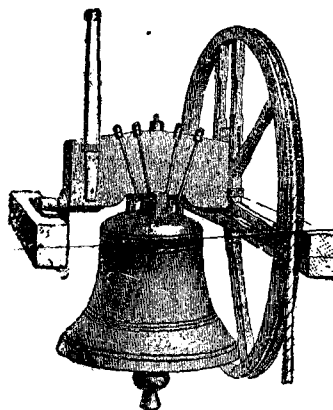
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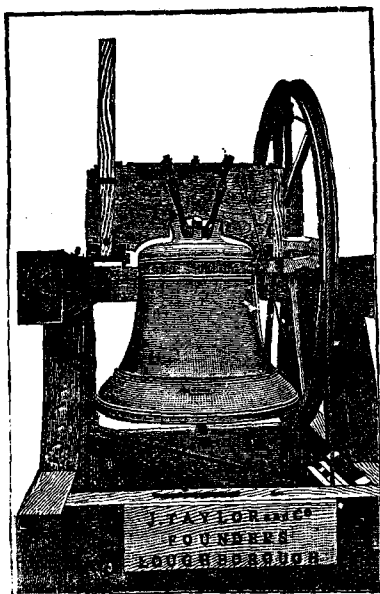
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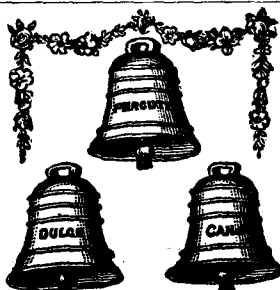
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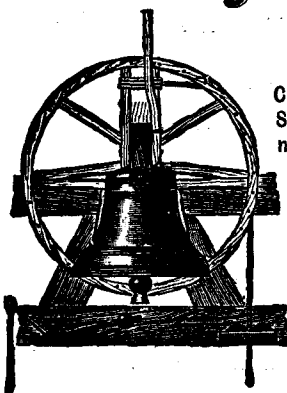
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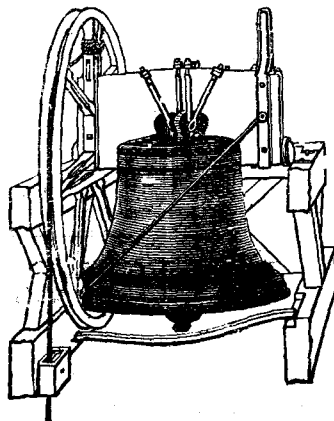
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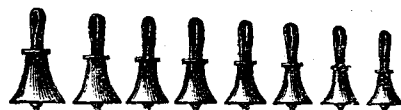
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VIII.—EXTENTS, QUALITIES, AND TOUCHES.

Before giving touches and peals, it will be well to glance at the extent and qualities of composition in Duffield Major. The full extent with the 6th at home will be the number of courses the remaining five bells can work, for the whole of these are available, as 6,7,8 never fall into a duplicate position in any one course. The extent is therefore 120 courses, half of which will be odd and half even, amounting to 5760 changes. I was in doubt whether it would be possible to obtain the whole, but the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer has promptly settled the question by forwarding to me a 5760 in which the 6th is never shifted. This peal is in eight equal parts, a most remarkable division, and one which I have never known before in any method. With the 6th moveable, the extent will be the number of courses that can be worked on six bells, less the false courses. The total number would be 720, of which half are even and half odd. Thus the even false course-end, 126543, and the two odd ones, 125364 and 124635, will all act against each of the 720 courses. Now it will be noticed that as 126543 is to 123456, so is 124635 to 125364, and these four course-ends form a block complete in themselves, affecting, and affected by, no other course-ends. In this way the whole 720 is divisible into 180 blocks of four courses each, any one of which four, and only one, is available. From this two points are clear: first, that the whole extent of Duffield Major is 180 courses, amounting to 8640 changes; second, that the number is obtainable with even courses only, providing it should be possible to compose such a peal. This however is in the highest degree improbable, and most likely singles will have to be used, causing part of the courses to be even and part odd. In no attempt for extents can bobs at either H or M be used, for both entail an irrecoverable loss of a portion of the course.

Having shewn the extent of the method, so far as concerns eight bells, I will indicate the lines of composition which will give the best musical results. The finest peals are those with the 6th at home throughout, for in these there is not a single discord from beginning to end. The most harmonious courses will be those having the 4th in either 4ths or 2nds place, in addition to the 6th at home, as 468s will come before all the course-ends. Courses with the 4th at home are, of the two, to be preferred, as thus 7, 4 will dodge together both in front and behind, producing a very pleasant effect. If the 6th is shifted, the 4th will naturally be selected as the best bell to fill the place, and peals with the 4th and 6th sharing the 6ths place work may most probably be obtained. With the 6th in either 3rds or 5ths place, 678s will come at the course-ends as well as when this bell is at home. Another plan is open, namely to fix the 6th in 4ths place during the time it is away from home. Such a composition would have the 6th right and wrong, for the 4ths place bell courses after the 7th, thus doing the work of the 5th in other methods. This treatment offers considerable facilities to the composer, but is open to the objection that the small bells will get into 6ths place and spoil the harmony when the tenor is dodging wrong.

In regard to the actual plan of composition in this method, it bears a close resemblance to that on which peals of Stedman Caters are worked, that is, it must be broadly speaking a five-part plan. A further point of likeness is found in the fact that there are six working bells, and, if one is fixed, all liability to internal falseness is avoided. More than two consecutive bobs should also, as is the practice in the above method, be as far as possible avoided, although this is not always feasible. With

these remarks I conclude my observations on "Duffield Major" and proceed to touches and peals.

In the following touches the most musical are marked for the convenience of inexperienced conductors. Several are only given as examples of peculiar calling, without reference to the quality of the music. It must not be forgotten that a course called H consists of only one six, and one in which M (2) occurs is what may be termed a double course, of 84 changes. Touches that finish with the course-end 125364 will come round two changes later. When this course-end comes up otherwise than by a bob at H it is immediately preceded by "Tittums," and if 123456 comes otherwise than by a bob at H it is immediately preceded by "Queens." "Whittington," 12753468, will under similar circumstances precede the course-end 142536. I have not thought it necessary to present many of the touches which it is possible to obtain from a direct use of the scale of course-ends, for these can be easily arranged as occasion requires. Any that have the 6th at home throughout may be doubled by calling a single instead of some one bob, and repeating the calling; all such will prove musical, indeed when the 6th is away half the music is lost. The touches I have marked are some which are specially harmonious from having the 4th in position in addition to the 6th. The letters H, I, B, O, F, and M (2), represent respectively the calls: Home, In, Before, Out, Fourths, and Middle with a double.

Erratum:—In the last number, page 97, first column, fourth paragraph, for "If, as directed in the proof of the first rows of the sixes, the course in which an M (2) is called is pricked to the natural m¹ course-end obtained as before by transposing m¹ by 436512," &c; read "If, as directed in the proof of the first rows of the sixes, the course in which an M (2) is called is pricked to the natural m¹ course end, and the natural m² course-end obtained as before by transposing m¹ by 436512," &c.

(56)
1 2 3 4 5 62 5 1 3 6 4 H
1 2 5 3 6 4 B(90)
1 2 3 4 5 62 5 1 3 6 4 H
1 2 5 3 6 4 } I. B. O. F.
M(2) B.(96)
1 2 3 4 5 6

5 3 2 4 1 6 B. O.

Repeated.

(96)
1 2 3 4 5 62 5 1 3 6 4 H
5 6 2 1 4 3 H
1 2 3 4 5 6 M(2)

(104)

1 2 3 4 5 6 H I

2 5 1 3 6 4 -
5 6 2 1 4 3 -
5 1 3 4 2 6 - M(2)
1 2 5 3 6 4 -(144)
1 2 3 4 5 6 H. I. B. O.2 5 1 3 6 4 -
5 6 2 1 4 3 -
2 3 1 4 5 6 -M(2)-
1 2 3 4 5 6 -(56)
1 2 3 4 5 65 1 3 4 2 6 O
1 2 5 3 6 4 H(96)
1 2 3 4 5 6

4 3 2 1 5 6 I. B.

Repeated.

(96)
1 2 3 4 5 6

5 6 3 4 1 2 O. F.

Repeated.

(96)
1 2 3 4 5 64 3 6 5 1 2 M(2)
3 1 4 6 2 5 H
1 2 3 4 5 6 H

(108)

1 2 3 4 5 6 H. I. B. O. F.

2 5 1 3 6 4 -
5 6 2 1 4 3 -
4 3 2 1 5 6 - - -
1 2 3 4 5 6 - - -(152)
1 2 3 4 5 6 H. I. B. O.2 5 1 3 6 4 -
5 6 2 1 4 3 -
2 3 1 4 5 6 -M(2)-
5 1 3 4 2 6 - - -
1 2 5 3 6 4 -

(152)	H. B. O.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
3 1 2 4 5 6	-
2 3 1 4 5 6	-
5 1 3 4 2 6	-
1 2 5 3 6 4	-

Musical.

(198)	H. I. B. F.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 5 1 3 6 4	-
1 4 3 2 5 6	-
3 2 4 1 5 6	s -
4 2 1 3 5 6	-
1 2 3 4 5 6	-

(152)	H. I. B.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 5 1 3 6 4	-
1 5 3 2 6 4	-
3 5 2 1 6 4	-
1 2 5 3 6 4	-

(103)	H. I. B. O.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
3 3 2 4 1 6	-
4 2 3 5 1 6	-
2 1 4 3 6 5	-

Round at one change by 7, 8 lying still.

This 103 is given as an example of coming round for exact lengths of odd numbers, and is not by the strict method.

(200)	H. B. O.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
5 3 2 4 1 6	-
2 5 3 4 1 6	-
1 3 5 4 2 6	-
5 1 3 4 2 6	-
1 2 5 3 6 4	-

Musical.

(288)	H. B. O.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
5 1 3 4 2 6	-
2 3 1 4 5 6	-
5 2 1 4 3 6	-
3 1 2 4 5 6	-
5 3 2 4 1 6	-
1 2 3 4 5 6	-

Musical.

(300)	H. I. B. O. F.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 5 1 3 6 4	-
5 6 2 1 4 3	-
4 3 2 1 5 6	-
2 4 3 1 5 6	-
1 3 4 2 5 6	-
4 1 3 2 5 6	-
2 3 1 4 5 6	-
1 2 3 4 5 6	-

Very musical, contains "Whittington" and "Queens."

(404)	H. I. B. O. F.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 5 1 3 6 4	-
5 6 2 1 4 3	-
4 3 2 1 5 6	-
5 2 3 1 4 6	-
4 5 3 1 2 6	-
2 1 5 4 3 6	-
5 2 1 4 3 6	-
3 1 2 4 5 6	-
2 3 1 4 5 6	-
5 1 3 4 2 6	-
1 2 5 3 6 4	-

Musical.

(336)	I. B. O. F.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
4 6 2 1 3 5	-
3 5 6 1 2 4	-
2 1 5 3 6 4	-
5 4 1 3 2 6	-
2 1 4 3 5 6	-
4 2 1 3 5 6	-
1 2 3 4 5 6	-

(392)	H. B. O.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
5 3 2 4 1 6	-
2 5 3 4 1 6	-
3 2 5 4 1 6	-
1 5 2 4 3 6	-
2 1 5 4 3 6	-
3 5 1 4 2 6	-
1 3 5 4 2 6	-
5 1 3 4 2 6	-
1 2 5 3 6 4	-

Musical.

(500)	H. I. B. O. F.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 5 1 3 6 4	-
2 4 1 3 5 6	-
4 5 2 1 6 3	-
4 3 2 1 5 6	-
5 2 1 4 3 6	-
1 5 2 4 3 6	-
2 1 5 4 3 6	-
3 5 1 4 2 6	-
1 3 5 4 2 6	-
5 3 4 1 2 6	-
4 3 1 5 2 6	-
5 1 3 4 2 6	-
1 2 5 3 6 4	-

Musical.

(864)	I. B. O.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
5 4 2 1 3 6	-
3 5 1 4 2 6	-
4 2 5 1 3 6	-
3 4 5 1 2 6	-
2 5 4 1 3 6	-
3 2 4 1 5 6	-

Twice repeated.
Musical.(1296) quarter peal.
1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

Twice repeated.
Musical.

(1887) date touch.	I. B. O.
1 2 3 4 5 6	
4 3 2 1 5 6	-
2 4 3 1 5 6	-
5 3 4 1 2 6	-
4 5 3 1 2 6	-
2 3 5 1 4 6	-
5 2 3 1 4 6	-
3 5 2 1 4 6	-
4 2 5 1 3 6	-
5 4 2 1 3 6	-
2 5 4 1 3 6	-
3 4 5 1 2 6	-

Twice repeated produces these part-ends:

5 1 2 3 4 6
2 3 4 5 1 6
from which call:

2 3 4 5 1 6	H. I. B. O. F.
5 4 3 2 1 6	-
3 5 4 2 1 6	-
1 4 5 2 3 6	-
5 1 4 2 3 6	-
4 5 1 2 3 6	-
5 3 4 1 6 2	-
3 6 5 4 2 1	-
2 1 6 4 5 3	-

Round at three changes by 7, 8 lying still at the third.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING MAY 16TH, 1887.

By the Brighton Branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, May 8th, a 560 of Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. King, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; J. Jay, 5; C. Golds, 6; G. Cheesman (Balcombe), 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. On Friday, May 13th, a 560 of Grand-sire Triples, in 20 mins. A. Piper, 1; H. Weston, 2; J. Reilly, 3; L. Huggett (Eastbourne, conductor), 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins (Arundel), 5; G. F. Attree, 6; G. King, 7; W. Palmer, 8. And a 560 of Grand-sire Triples, in 19 mins. A. Piper, 1; G. King, 2; H. Weston, 3; L. Huggett (conductor), 4; G. F. Attree, 5; W. Palmer, 6; J. Reilly, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. On Sunday, May 15th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. D. Ross, 1; J. Reilly, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; A. Piper, 4; G. King, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. Tyler, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. On Monday, May 16th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. F. Attree (conductor), 2; G. King, 3; J. Reilly, 4; A. Piper, 5; H. Weston, 6; H. Cornwall, 7; G. Thwaites, 8.

By the Crawley branch at Crawley.—On Tuesday, May 3rd, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; E. Pierce, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; W. Ward, 8. The above was rung with the 6th and 8th covering. On Tuesday, May 10th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor, with the 6th and 8th covering, in 26 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; E. Pierce, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; W. Ward, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. J. Dean, 1; J. Newnham, 2; A. F. Hillier, 3; J. Taylor, 4; F. Rice, 5; T. Whitmore, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; E. Pierce, 8. J. Taylor and T. Whitmore hall from Horley.

By the Cuckfield Branch at Cuckfield.—On Sunday evening, May 1st, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. H. Miles, 1; R. Nash, 2; W. Gibson, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Howell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. Also on Sunday, May 8th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. H. Miles, 1; R. Nash, 2; W. Gibson, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walter, 5; H. Howell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8.

By the Christ Church Eastbourne Branch at Eastbourne.—On Sunday, May 8th, a 720 of Single Court Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Howse, 1; H. Colbran, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Smith, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning Branch at Steyning.—On Tuesday, May 3rd, a 360 of Double Court Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 8th, a 720 of Double Court Bob. F. Morris, 1; J. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Double Court Bob. J. Woolgar, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 15th, a 720 of College Single. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart, 6.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE CASE OF MR. BELL COX.

With reference to this case, in which so many of our readers feel an interest, the Dean of Durham sends the following letter to *The Standard* :—

"SIR,—As one of your readers who has in times past often admired the ability and fairness of your ecclesiastical articles, you will allow me, I hope, respectfully to express my strong dissent from your statement that Mr. Cox's 'release from prison is the only point on which he will have with him the sympathies of upright and impartial men.' Such a sentence would bring thousands of us clergy, as well as of the laity, under a rather strong and sweeping anathema, for we believe that Mr. Cox's imprisonment has been cruel and unjustifiable, that many of those who have contributed to it are open to charges of illegality at least as grave as those which have been brought against Mr. Cox himself, and that the scandal of which you justly complain, as injurious in the highest degree to the interests of the Church, will continue to be so, unless the two great parties in the Church of England can be led by their rulers to tolerate each others' diversities, both of opinion and of Ritual.

"With regard to the legality of Mr. Cox's proceedings I will speak presently; but first let me say that nothing can be more mistaken, and indeed unjust, than to represent the points at issue, as is sometimes done, as being mere trivialities. The real state of the case has seldom been better put than it was in an article of your own—written a few years since, and which struck me so much at the time that I preserved it—in which, after a striking statistical account of the progress of what is called Ritualism, you say:—'Thus, Ritualism of one kind or another continues to flourish, as if no laws had been made to restrain it. It is no secret that a highly ornamental service is popular with a very numerous class; that the labouring classes, men as well as women, attend the early services and the late ones' (I saw myself notices of four Communion services, at six, seven, eight, and eleven o'clock, on Ascension-day, at a small church near Regent-street); 'and that the young are filled with a reverent and religious spirit productive of excellent results.' And you conclude your statement with these remarkable words: 'This development of Ritualism is only what was foreseen by Cardinal Newman as the necessary sequence of the High Church revival. If the Anglican Church were to compete with any success against the Roman it must have (he said) a Ceremonial, a Ritual, and a fulness of doctrine and devotion which it had not at present; and as we see the hold on the popular mind which the service evidently possesses, we should consider, perhaps, how best to regulate and chasten it, rather than entirely to extirpate it.'"

"Will you allow me, sir, to say that no better justification seems to me required than is contained in these words for such services as those of Mr. Bell Cox and of many other clergymen of our Church—services which, I am persuaded, must go on and flourish, and the attempt to crush which would only create a most formidable schism among us. Such services, right or wrong, are not trivial—they are realities, both as expressing doctrine and devotion. Their object is to give, according to Cardinal Newman's idea, a rich and beautiful Ritual to the English Church, and, above all, to restore the Holy Eucharist to its true position as the great service of the Church—a position which it would be a defiance of all history to assert that it has really held among us till within the last forty or fifty years. These are objects dear to the hearts of thousands, and tens of thousands, of our people; they are too closely entwined with the religious thoughts and convictions of the past and present generation of Churchmen to be put down without something very like the dismemberment of the Church itself.

"Of course, it is a ready answer to all this to say that the acts complained of have been pronounced to be illegal, and that clergymen must obey the law, especially when they are required to do so by their own Bishop. But such an answer really ignores the most important circumstances of the case. Every one knows that nothing is more uncertain than the law of Ritual; that contradictory decisions have been given on almost every important point; that no clergyman strictly obeys it, the Bishops least of all; and that, if it is to be enforced strictly, the Bishop of Liverpool is a far greater offender against it than Mr. Bell Cox. 'It is monstrous,' says the *Spectator*, with perfect truth, in an able article of only last Saturday, 'that while Bishop after Bishop, and especially Mr. Bell Cox's own Bishop, ignores the very same ecclesiastical law which Mr. Cox ignores, he should even be deprived of his living for disobeying, with the full approval of his congregation, just such a law as the bishops disobey without any evil consequences at all; and it proceeds to ask 'What would be said if a Bishop was sent to a felon's cell, and compelled to perform the ordinary duties of a prisoner, simply for refusing to wear a cope in administering the Communion?' And this fact, the non-compliance of the bench of bishops with only one or two exceptions with the laws of Ritual, which are distinctly laid down in Canon after Canon, and in judgments which they themselves have passed, constitutes no small part of the strength of the case both of Mr. Bell Cox and of the whole

Ritualist Party. If there is any point which recent judgments have brought prominently forward it is this, that for the due celebration of the Holy Eucharist the Bishop, or the chief minister in a Cathedral, is to be 'vested in a cope.' Their Lordships, including the Archbishop of York and the then Bishop of London, are of opinion, says the *Purchas* judgement in 1871, that the cope is to be worn in ministering the Holy Communion on high feast days in Cathedrals and collegiate churches. And yet, though the Bishop of London felt himself bound to obey this judgement, the chief Episcopal Judge has never done so. I do not venture to canvass the course adopted by the Bishops; they may say that the dress enjoined is obsolete, or that its revival would have been unpopular; some, I believe, even say that they use it already. But is there any possible answer to the statement that their general non-compliance with so distinct a law of the Church deprives them logically of the power of sanctioning charges of less manifest illegality in the others? I must, however, add that the very large majority of the Bishops are well known to be opposed to the line which the Bishop of Liverpool has taken. I am confident that nine out of ten of his brethren would have used the power which the Ecclesiastical Courts Commission deliberately retained in their hands of refusing to sanction the course by which Mr. Cox was committed to prison.

"I venture, then, to hope that, both on general grounds, and especially on that of a fair administration of the law, those who consider that Mr. Cox has been treated both unwisely and unjustly may still be 'upright,' and even to a reasonable extent 'impartial.' With regard to Mr. Cox himself, very few will deny that his tone and bearing, from first to last, during this unhappy case, which has now been a trial to him for years, has been such as even his strongest opponents have respected. And I have only to add that while I certainly think that the Bishop of Liverpool has acted both inconsistently and unwisely, I trust that I have said nothing which is not consistent with a high respect both for his character and his office. I have many kind remembrances of him derived from old Oxford days. I am sure that the course which he felt himself bound to pursue has caused him real pain, and equally so that no one (in his private capacity, at least) is more rejoiced that Mr. Cox should be released from a position of cruel and prolonged suffering.

W. C. LAKE, Dean of Durham,

"Deanery, Durham, May 23."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 30th, for which the following arrangements have been made.

9 a.m.—Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas opened for ringing till 11 o'clock.

11 a.m.—Special short service, with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon of Lewes, at St. Peter's, the parish church of Brighton. All members particularly requested to attend.

12 noon—Towers of St. Peter's and St. Paul's open for ringing till luncheon time.

1.15 p.m.—Luncheon at the Odd Fellows' Hall, 118 Queen's Road.

2.30 p.m.—General Meeting at the Odd Fellow's Hall, at which the Vicar of Brighton will preside.

3.30 p.m.—Towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas re-opened for ringing till 5.30.

5.45 p.m.—Tea at the Odd Fellows Hall.

6.30 p.m.—Towers of St. Peter's, St. Nicholas, and St. Paul's, re-opened for ringing till 9 o'clock. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

N.B.—Each local secretary has received sufficient copies of the Annual Report for his branch, and will deliver them on application.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.—On Whit-Monday, May 30th, a Cricket Match will be played between the members of the Bromsgrove branch and the members of the Chaddesley Corbett branch of the above Association at Chaddesley Corbett. Dinner will be provided at the "Fox Inn" for 1s. 6d. each. Any member of the above Association wishing to attend will receive a hearty welcome, and any member wishing to dine can do so by sending his name not later than Thursday, May 26th, to

WALTER REA.

Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at Alnwick, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Bells at the disposal of the ringers, ring of eight, tenor 18 cwt., at St. Paul's. Dinner at 1.30 at the "Star Hotel."

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

Stockton-on-Tees.

BRIDPORT BELLS, DORSET.

The following are the particulars of the new peal of eight at St. Mary's, Bridport, where the first peal in Dorsetshire was rung on May 5th last:—

Treble.—"Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887. To the glory of God. Two bells were added, and the peal completed in the Jubilee year of the reign of Queen Victoria, 1887. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, Rector; S. Whetham and J. W. Hartgill, churchwardens." Diam. 30½ in., weight 6c. 3q. olb.

Second.—"Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887. Jubilate Deo. From the women of Bridport. A.D. 1887." Diameter 31½ in.; 7c. 1q. olb.

Third.—"Thomas Mears, founder, London, 1843. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887. This bell was added A.D. 1843. Robt. Broadley, Rector; R. Tucker and E. S. Knight, C.W." Diameter 33 in., 8c. 0q. olb.

Fourth.—"Anno Domini 1681. R.D.: N.D.: C.W.T.P. Recast by John Warners & Sons, London, 1887." Diam. 35 in., 8c. 2q. olb.

Fifth.—"John Colfox, Elias Punfield, churchwardens. Cast by Thomas Bayley, Bridgwater, 1764. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887." Diam. 38 in., 10c. 3q. olb.

Sixth.—"Thomas Mears, founder, London, A.D. 1727. Recast 1843, and 1887; R. Tucker and E. S. Knight, C.W." Diameter 40 in. 12 c. 1q.

Seventh.—"A.D. 1630. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887." Diam. 44 in. 14c. 3q.

Tenor.—"Thomas Mears, founder, London. The gift of J. Grancell and Joan, his wife. Sing praises to God. A.D. 1734. Recast 1843. R. Tucker and E. S. Knight, C.W., and by Warner & Sons, London, 1887." Diam. 49 in., weight 19 cwt. 3 qrs. Note E.

The district church has two bells. The large one, weighing about 8 cwt., is inscribed "T. Mears, of London, Fecit 1827," and the small bell has on it "S.P. 1631 W."

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

Ascension Day was a day long looked forward to by the ringers of this town, as it was the day appointed for the first ringing of the bells of St. Peter's church after rehanging. The bells have been rehanging in a new English oak frame, the four large bells have been fitted up with new stocks, wheels, stays, clappers, etc., the 7th and tenor have had the large ugly cannons cut off, which have greatly improved them. The work was entrusted to Messrs Barton and Co., engineers of this town, who with the assistance of Mr. H. Howell, of Ipswich, have certainly made a splendid job of it, the go of the bells being perfect. We may mention that the bells were weighed with the stocks and wheels on, but the tenor was weighed with nothing at all on, and was found to weigh 23 cwt., and it has always been recorded as 22 cwt. The first touch on the bells was a 336 of Bob Major. G. L. Andrewes, Esq., 1; F. Tolliday, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Griggs, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; A. Scott, 8. The next touch was a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Tolliday, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; A. Scott, 3; W. Griggs, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; H. Howell (Ipswich), 7; J. Campin, 8. Various touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, were rung during the day, the longest being an attempted 1088 of Treble Bob, which was unfortunately lost in the last lead but one, through the treble man getting out of his place. All being well, a peal will be attempted on Whit-Monday. The formal opening of the bells will not take place till after the Jubilee Day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held on Whit Saturday, June 4th, at Standish, when punctual attendance is requested. A tea will be provided in the parish church schoolroom at 5 o'clock. After tea, the usual business meeting will be held, to pass accounts, to elect the officers for the year, to elect new members, and to transact any regular business of the Association. JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

57 Chorley Road, Blackrod, Near Chorley.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The June Meeting will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, June 11th, concurrently with the meeting at which the change-ringers' Memorial window to Jasper Whitfield Snowden is to be unveiled. All members intending to be present at the service, and afterwards at the tea, should signify the same to Mr. Joe Beanlands, jun., the amateur society of change-ringers, Ilkley, on or before the last day of this month. W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to Mch.	April.	Total.
Yorkshire Association	28	6	34
Ancient Society of College Youths	24	5	29
Sussex County Association	16	9	25
Oxford Diocesan Guild	17	3	20
Midland Counties' Association	13	7	20
St. James' Society, London	12	3	15
Lancashire Association	9	4	13
United Counties' Association	10	2	12
Norwich Diocesan Guild	9	2	11
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	8	2	10
Kent County Association	5	3	8
Hereford Association	5	1	6
Surrey Association	5	1	6
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	3	3	6
Essex Association	4	1	5
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	2	3	5
The Holt Society	4	0	4
Winchester Diocesan Guild	4	0	4
St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	4	0	4
Bedfordshire Association	2	1	3
Waterloo Society, London	1	1	2
Worcester and Adjoining Districts' Association	0	2	2
Birmingham and District Society	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Association	1	0	1
Devonshire Guild	1	0	1
North Lincoln Association	1	0	1
West Riding of Yorkshire Association	0	1	1
Independent Societies	22	9	31
	211	69	280
Less peals entered under two Associations	20	7	27
Totals	191	62	253

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Albion Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Double Oxford Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 6; Stedman Cinques, 2; Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Triples, 22; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 6; Treble Bob Major, 47; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Grandsire Caters, 12; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 87; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 21; Bob Triples, 8; Rose of England Major, 1; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; in 21 Minor methods on six bells, 1; in 14 ditto, 1; in 7 ditto, 13; in 21 methods on five bells, 1; total, 253; greatest number of changes in one peal, 10176; quickest peal on church bells, 2 hours and 31 minutes. The following Associations have not scored a peal this year:—Cambridge, Durham and Newcastle, Ely, Rochdale and District, Salisbury, South Lincoln and Stoke-upon-Trent. GEO. F. ATTREE.

PROPOSED RINGING DAY AT LINCOLN.

On Saturday last, the Rev. H. J. Cheales, M.A., Vicar of Friskney, invited the presidents and secretaries of the Lincolnshire societies to meet him in the vestry of the parish church, Boston. Representatives attended from the North Lincolnshire, Eastern Lincolnshire, and the Eastern Guild societies. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Cheales, President of the East Lincolnshire Association. The object of the meeting was to discuss the wishes of several members, that they should meet in Lincoln and ring together, and also to have a special service in the Cathedral in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and as a preliminary step of the meeting once a year. Letters were read from the Bishop of Lincoln, expressing his hearty approval of the scheme, and his willingness to give an address, and the Dean of Lincoln, who is President of the North Lincolnshire Association, also promised his support. It is much to be regretted that no representative from the South Lincolnshire Association could make it convenient to attend, it being the oldest society in Lincolnshire. It was proposed that meeting be held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 25th, and the Dean be asked to hold a special service in the Cathedral, and that a dinner be provided, at which the Bishop and Dean will be asked to attend and speak. Particulars can be obtained by members from their respective secretaries, who will in due time issue notices to their members, when it is hoped that a good meeting will be held.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. W. Tyack has been appointed Secretary to this Society. 18th May, 1887.

THE CHANGE-RINGERS' MEMORIAL TO JASPER
WHITFIELD SNOWDON.—UNVEILING CEREMONY
AT ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE,
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH.

The President of the Yorkshire Association writes with further information regarding the above, as follows:—

Will you kindly call the attention of all subscribers to the above, who are considering the question of being present, that arrangements are being made at Ilkley to give a hearty welcome to all who come. In order to ensure a good day's ringing the Yorkshire Association's June Meeting is to be held concurrently. The gathering therefore will certainly be large, and it is hoped influential and representative.

The eight bells, by kind permission of the Vicar of Ilkley, the Rev. Howard Kempson, M.A., will be at the disposal of the visitors from an early hour, immediately following the removal of the muffles, after an in memoriam touch by our officers.

Divine Service will be held at 4.30, at which a sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Wigram, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Rural Dean; member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James's Society, and the Hertford County Association, etc., etc. The window will be then unveiled.

As the subscriptions of a great number are massed together under the names of their churches and Associations it will probably prove to be impossible to communicate with each one direct. Those organizing the Ilkley arrangements will therefore be much obliged if every subscriber will take this letter as a direct invitation to be present.

In order that the final arrangements may be satisfactorily carried out each subscriber intending to be present must send in his name to Mr. Joe Beanlands, jun., the Amateur Society of Change-ringers, Ilkley, via Leeds, on or before the last day of this month.

The organizing committee are obliged to notify that it will be beyond their power to entertain as visitors any who have failed to comply with this request.

WM. SNOWDON.

REOPENING AT WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

Considerable interest was aroused in Woodbridge on Monday, by the re-opening of the Church bells at the old parish church (St. Mary's), by the Norwich Diocesan Association. A short history of the Woodbridge bells, (which are noted as being a very fine peal), may not be inappropriate. They in their original form, date, as far as can be ascertained, from the fifteenth century. In 1676 two bells were added to the peal, and in 1798 they were re-cast and re-hung by Thomas Osborne, of Downham. Nothing had been done to them since, and the consequence was they at length got into a very worn condition. Therefore it was that a few weeks ago, Messrs. Day, of Eye, were engaged to re-hang the bells, and thoroughly has the work been performed. The bells have all been taken up and re-hung on entirely modern principles. They have been turned on new stocks, so that the hammers of the bells now strike the unworn portions of the metal. The crown staples have been taken out, and new ones put direct through the crown of the bells. All the bells have been supplied with new clappers, and cast-iron bell carriages securely bolted at the top of the frame. They have also new gun-metal bearings, and cast-iron bed plates on the sides of the stocks, and the gudgeons fitted into the same. The wheels are all new, and there are also new improved bell boxes. The bells are now in first-class condition, and work with all the ease imaginable. The inscriptions on the bells, with their respective weights are as follows: 1.—"The Lord to praise my voice I'll raise,"—8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lbs.; 2.—"Hear me when I call,"—8 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lbs.; 3.—"Strike me, and I'll sound sweetly,"—9 cwt. 26 lbs.; 4.—"Peace and good neighbourhood," 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs.; 5.—"Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round,"—11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lbs.; 6.—"In wedlock's bands all ye who join with hands your hearts unite, so shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite,"—12 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.; 7.—"We to the Church the living call, and to the grave do summon all,"—17 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.; 8.—"John Hammond, Robert Allen, churchwardens,"—26 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. Each bell also bears the name of Thomas Osborne, Downham, founder. The bells were started ringing soon after six o'clock on Monday morning by some of the local contingent, but during the day a large number of members of the Norwich Diocesan Association arrived from Redenhall, Great Bentley, Norwich, Ipswich, Yarmouth, Beccles, Diss, Eye, Kelsale, Aldeburgh, Wenhamston, Badley, Otley, Rendham, and Southwold, and the con-

sequence was that the bells were kept ringing the whole of the day, with the exception of the time Divine Service was in progress.

What was termed the "Belfry" service was held at 10 o'clock in the morning, when the collects used were those especially suitable for the occasion. The clergy in attendance were the Rector (Rev. R. C. M. Rouse), the Rev. T. H. Marsh, and the Rev. N. Bolingbroke.

At one o'clock about 70 persons sat down to dinner at the Crown Hotel, the coach-house of which had been for the nonce converted into a dining room. The chair was occupied by Rev. R. C. M. Rouse (rector of St. Mary's, Woodbridge), who was supported by Rev. N. Bolingbroke (hon. sec. of the N.D.A.R.), Ven. Archdeacon Perowne (Redenhall), Mr. W. Arnott and Dr. H. Airy (Churchwardens of St. Mary's), Mr. J. B. Hart, Mr. W. W. Welton, Mr. G. Carter, Mr. T. Carthew, Mr. H. C. Edwards, Mr. A. S. Gross, Mr. J. H. Loveless (organist of St. Mary's), Mr. A. Barnes, Mr. W. Hawes, Mr. J. W. Andrews, Mr. J. Arnott, Mr. W. Bloxsome, Mr. J. Fosdike, Mr. G. Day (Eye), Mr. F. D. Blyth, Mr. H. Lloyd, Mr. Mr. W. M. Meadows, Mr. G. W. M. Meadows (Otley), Mr. Woods, Mr. J. Spratt (Norwich). At the conclusion of the repast the Chairman proposed "The Queen," remarking that Woodbridge was second to none in feelings of loyalty to the Crown, and it was by means of the bells they gave voice to their loyalty.—Mr. W. Arnott proposed "The bishop and clergy of all denominations." He said they had got a very excellent bishop, who attended very carefully to, and worked very hard for the interests of his diocese, and he could say the same of the clergy of the diocese, as a rule. They would all agree that lately the Church generally had been infused with new energy, and had been bestirring itself for the benefit of the people of this country.—Archdeacon Perowne responded. He said the proposer of the toast was kind enough to say he thought the clergy were doing their duty more heartily and earnestly than perhaps they had done at some periods of the Church; he was sure his clerical brethren present would agree with him that was due, in part at least, to the hearty co-operation and kindly feeling of their lay brethren. The clergy, important as their post was, were not the church, and they must all pull together, work together, and feel together if the church was to prosper. He was sure everybody present heartily concurred in what had been said about their good and venerable Bishop. He (the speaker) had from the first taken a very hearty interest in the Diocesan Association. Hitherto he had only known it in connection with Norfolk, but he accounted it a privilege and an honour to step across the border and to take part in one of its celebrations in Suffolk. In conclusion, he proposed "Prosperity to the Norwich Diocesan Ringers' Association."

The Rev. N. BOLINGBROKE responded. In the course of his remarks he explained that at their last meeting at Halesworth a proposition was made that the Diocese should be divided into districts, and that they should have four secretaries for those districts. He attributed the reason of their not having heard any more of that scheme to the want of time on his part, as he had a very big family in King Street, Norwich, of something like 1500 people to look after, and a big family in his own house. The speaker then, amidst shouts of "No, no," announced his intention of resigning the position of secretary of the Association. He proposed the election of Dr. Airy, and Messrs. W. A. Arnott, C. Cutting, and William Taylor, as members of the Association. In conclusion he proposed "Success to the Woodbridge Bells," and paid a tribute to the excellent work which had been performed by the bellhangers. He coupled with the toast the names of Dr. Airy and Mr. Fosdike (Master of the Ringers), both of whom briefly acknowledged the compliment.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The health of Messrs. G. Day and Son," both Mr. G. Day and Mr. F. Day responding.

Evensong took place in the church at three o'clock, when the anthem "Oh, taste and see" (Goss) was rendered by the choir. The sermon was preached by the Ven. T. T. Perowne, Archdeacon of Norwich, and rector of Redenhall, the preacher taking for his text the words, "What mean ye by this service?" Exodus xii., 26. In the course of his remarks the Ven. Archdeacon pointed out that whilst the church rejected the late superstitious practice, which was neither Catholic nor primitive, of consecrating, anointing, blessing, and naming the bells, they thought it right, when a new peal of bells was hung in the church tower, or when bells had been restored, that there should be a dedication service. He ventured to throw out some few suggestions of the way in which bells carried out the purposes claimed for them. Church bells were obviously a church's call to worship; they were the consecration of its joys; they solaced its sorrows, and they commended to them the churches use of the power of association. The speaker concluded with a special exhortation to those who take part in the ringing of the bells. Another service was also held in the evening.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above will be held at Reigate, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1887.

In our number of last Saturday we animadverted upon the condition of the bells in the Cathedral of Newcastle. The present number of "THE BELL NEWS" records a performance of no mean character, as having been rung in the same part of the country; we allude to the seven Surprise Minor methods rung at the town of Stockton-on-Tees, on Tuesday last. This performance, coming as it does immediately after our comment of last week, seems to partake of the character of an additional protest against the supineness of the authorities of the Cathedral just mentioned, and the fact of its being conducted by the Honorary Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association adds considerable force to such an hypothesis. It would almost appear that our friend Mr. CLARKSON and his confreres had intended to show that though the efforts of ringers in the northern diocese were not appreciated at their proper worth, and their continued representations on bell matters did not receive the consideration due to them, yet they were still able to publicly show in a marked manner that ringing was not that small, insignificant, trifling pursuit some people, in their bliss, had imagined it to be. We are afraid that the irony of the position is lost upon those for whom it seems created. The semi-private nature of ringing is certainly a drawback in many cases to its best interests, and the present is an apt illustration of it. It is performed away from the public gaze, and the plaudits of the crowd being thus withheld, its merits are practically unknown. How can public bodies be taught that such feats as that recently performed at Stockton requires a clear head, a retentive memory, and unclouded faculties, both mental and physical? People who would be ready, aye, in fact, anxious to vote a sum of money for the "corporation plate" at the next race meeting are those, as a rule, who can hardly sympathise with a movement for bell restoration. To hint to such persons that the ringing of a 5000 of Surprise Minor requires a greater nicety of calculation than that process which is known to sporting men as "standing upon velvet," would create a doubt in their minds as to the sanity of those who gave

utterance to such an insinuation. It is when a spirit of inquiry is prevalent that we can hope for reformation. We may point out, and condemn, and suggest, and in fact go down on our knees and supplicate, but to no purpose. But when we hear of a search for the truth, questions as to what is the meaning of this, or the purpose of that, then we may begin to hope. And such achievements as this one at Stockton are well calculated to promote inquiry.

The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) AND THE SAINT JAMES'S SOCIETIES.

On Saturday, May 21, 1887 in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED FOX*† Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
ARTHUR HUBBARD*† 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 6.
HENRY A. BARNETT 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 7.
JAMES LANGRAM* 4.	WILLIAM PYE-ENGLISH .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by

GEORGE B. LUCAS.

This peal is taken from "THE BELL NEWS" for 22nd August, 1885, and is the first in the method on the bells; it is also the first peal in the method by the All Hallows Society. †First peal of Major. *First peal in the method. First peal as conductor

WOOLWICH, KENT.—THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

Jubilee Peal.

On Monday, May 23, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL (Reversed). Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY BRIGHT Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
WILLIAM PEAD 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 7.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 4.	JOSEPH LAWS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This is believed to be the first Jubilee Peal rung in the county of Kent; it was also rung in honour of Mr. Henry Bright's 78th Birthday, which was on Saturday, May 21st (when an attempt was made, but unfortunately came to grief), his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.

The Provinces.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES BROWN* Treble.	H. D. BETTERIDGE 5.
ARTHUR HAINES* 2.	*HARRY COBB 6.
RICHARD DAVIS* 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
FREDERICK FIELD 4.	*FELIX DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM BENTHAM Treble.	WILLIAM B. LLOYD 5.
CHARLES SHARPLES 2.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 6.
JAMES SHOLICAR 3.	JOHN ASPINWALL 7.
WILLIAM ELLIS 4.	GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

D. DAVIS .. .. .Treble.	F. E. WARD, Esq. .. . 5.
G. H. PHILLOTT, Esq. .. . 2.	F. MUSTY 6.
H. ROBERTS.. .. . 3.	T. DAVIS 7.
H. KARN 4.	W. T. PATES .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. PATES.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 20, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDERICK FIELD.. ..Treble.	*JAMES HARRIS.. .. . 5.
ARTHUR HAWES 2.	HARRY COBB 6.
H. D. BETTERIDGE 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK.. . 7.
WILLIAM COUSINS* 4.	FELIX DAVIS .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JAS. WM. WASHBROOK.

*First peal.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES CASH .. ..Treble.	*RICHARD RIDYARD 5.
JAMES RIDYARD* 2.	*JOHN WELSBY 6.
THOMAS YATES 3.	PETER BRICKELL 7.
JAMES BARRATT 4.	EDWARD CASH .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and
Conducted by EDWARD CASH.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Welsby and Ridyard Brothers hail from Worsley; Brickell from Northenden; and the rest are of the local company.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, May 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 31 cwt.

ROBERT GOOCH* .. ..Treble.	BENJAMIN E. BATTRUM .. . 5.
GEORGE TARRANTS 2.	A. H. OSBORNE 6.
ROBERT WILDING 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 7.
GEORGE DEBENHAM* 4.	ROBERT MOORE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN EDMUND BATTRUM.

*First peal. The above peal was attempted on May 7th, but came to grief after ringing three hours. This is believed to be the first time the Original has been rung in West Suffolk. Mr. Battrum hails from London.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, May 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED TRIGGTreble.	JAMES NASH 5.
CHARLES KING 2.	GEORGE LATHAM 6.
WILLIAM SLOMAN 3.	FREDERICK STEPHENS .. . 7.
WILLIAM HALE 4.	*GEORGE SMITHTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LATHAM.

*First peal.

Messrs. Trigg, Hale and Smith hails from Painswick; the rest are of the local company.

DEWSBURY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, May 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR GOODALL .. ..Treble.	JAMES A. IDLE 5.
WALTER IDLE 2.	GEORGE H. HARDY 6.
W. AINLEY 3.	GARFORTH TAYLOR 7.
GODFREY MARSDEN 4.	D. STEVENSON .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

The above was rung to commemorate Mr. Ainley's 29th birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Marsden and Stevenson hail from Ossett; Goodall, Hardy, and Taylor from Earlsheaton; the rest from Dewsbury.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, May 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE TURNER.. ..Treble.	JONATHAN HALL* 5.
ALEXANDER SHAW* 2.	JOHN E. GUMMERSON* .. . 6.
WILLIAM BENTHAM 3.	ROBERT FISHER 7.
JOSEPH PRESCOTT 4.	EDWARD BENTHAM .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PRESCOTT.

*First peal. J. Prescott hails from Hindley; W. Bentham from Aughton (also member of the Ormskirk Society); the rest hail from Wigan.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, May 22, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

SIDNEY ROMANS .. ..Treble.	GARRIE MILES 5.
WILLIAM SEVIER 2.	HENRY MITCHELL 6.
THOMAS BROWN 3.	WILLIAM HALE 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 4.	ALFRED TRIGG .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SEVIER.

Mr. T. Brown hails from Quedgley; Messrs. W. Hale, and A. Trigg from Painswick, the others are of the Upton St. Leonards, viz., Barnwood Band.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Queen's Birthday.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN SURPRISE METHODS OF
MINOR,

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Cambridge, London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester, and Chichester.

Tenor 12 cwt.

G. J. CLARKSON .. ..Treble.	*T. W. WALLER 4.
T. BURDON 2.	T. STEPHENSON 5.
W. STEPHENSON 3.	W. NEWTON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by G. J. CLARKSON.

*First 5000. Each 720 was arranged on the three-part system, tenor observation throughout.

A 5040 in seven Surprise Methods of Minor was rung at Bingley, Yorkshire, in 1793, particulars of which were given in *Church Bells*, January 27th, 1877. It would be interesting to know how many times, and where, similar 5040's of Minor have been rung.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM COBB .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK FIELD 5.
ARTHUR HAWES.. .. . 2.	HARRY COBB 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. . 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. . 7.
H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq., . 4.	FREDERICK CLINCH .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
ON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:—

Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court, Single Court, Oxford
Single Bob, College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. MORRIS	Treble.	G. GATLAND	4.
E. BRACKLEY	2.	J. WOOLGAR	5.
C. TYLER	3.	G. SMART	Tenor.

Conducted by G. SMART.

The above was rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN JAMES	Treble.	WILLIAM S. CARTWRIGHT	7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS	2.	BERNARD WITCHELL	8.
WILLIAM KENT	3.	SAMUEL REEVES	9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL	4.	FRANCIS H. JAMES	10.
ALFRED THOMAS	5.	HENRY JOHNSON	11.
HENRY BASTABLE	6.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by
HENRY BASTABLE.

The above was rung to commemorate the sixty-eighth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.
This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and right, and is composed with bobs only.

HULL.—YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5440 CHANGES;

W. SOUTHWICK	Treble.	H. CUTTER	5.
T. STOCKDALE	2.	J. DIXEY	6.
J. POLLARD	3.	F. DRABBLE	7.
C. BENNETT	4.	C. JACKSON	Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by
C. JACKSON.

This peal, which has never been previously performed, was rung in honour of the Queen's birthday, and contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, and both bells six course-ends at home.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE	Treble.	T. B. REED	5.
LEON WILLSHIRE	2.	FRANK CARROWAY	6.
SAMUEL JARMAN	3.	JOHN J. BRISTOW	7.
T. B. REED, JUN.	4.	EDWARD GOLDER	Tenor.

Conducted by LEON WILLSHIRE.

By the request of H. H. Powell Cotton, Esq., the above peal was rung to celebrate the 68th birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. A good supper was provided for the band in tower recreation room by the kindness and liberality of Mr. Cotton, and served up well by Mr. Millgate of the "Powell Arms," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Date Touches.

ELY (Cambridgeshire).—On Tuesday evening, May 24th, Her Majesty's birthday, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch (1887 changes), of Plain Bob Minor, with the tenor covering, in 1 hr. and 18 mins., J.

Ellis, 1; J. Sutherill, 2; W. King, 3; A. L. Brine, 4; A. Pilgrim (composer and conductor), 5; J. Vail, 6; J. Hitchborne, 7. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, May 24th, at the Parish Church, 6 members of the local company, rang a date touch of 1887 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Ellis, 1; R. Ellis, 2; D. Browning, 3; A. Longney, 4; R. Gardner, 5; D. Pockett, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. Paul's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 53 mins. F. Keech, 1; W. Allan, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Hall, 4; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; I. Hills, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in D. This was the first quarter-peal in the method on these bells, and by any of the above, and it is the ringers' intention to attempt a 5000 in the same method on Whit-Monday, May 30th.

CARDINGTON (Beds).—On Saturday, May 21st, at St. Mary's Church, eight members of the above association attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, Snowdon's Variation of Hollis's five-part peal, but after ringing upwards of 1700 changes, a change-course occurred, which brought it to an end. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allan, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Biggs, 6; H. Chapman, 7; C. Pass, 8. Finding it too late to attempt a peal again a start was made for a date touch (1887 changes), which was round in 1 hr. 13 mins. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Allan, 4; T. Hills, 5; W. Biggs, 6; H. Chapman, 7; C. Pass, 8. This touch is the musical composition of Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, and it contains the twenty-four 6-7's, fifteen 4-6's, Queen's, Tittums, and Whittingtons. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GLoucester and BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 22nd, for afternoon service, 336 of Grandsire Triples. R. J. Wilkins, 1; H. G. Gardner, 2; H. Mitchell (conductor), 3; T. Brown, 4; W. Sevier, 5; S. Romans, 6; W. Hale, 7; A. Trigg, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F. After service, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs., which will be found in the usual place. After the peal the company and friends sat down to a substantial tea, which was provided by Mr. Ellis. After tea the members returned to the tower and rang 700 of Grandsire Triples. H. G. Gardner (conductor), 1; E. King, 2; S. Romans, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; T. Brown, 5; W. Sevier, 6; H. Mitchell, 7; R. Gardner, 8.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 22nd, eight members of the above association rang for morning service, 672 of Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg, 1; S. Romans, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; G. Miles (conductor), 4; W. Hale, 5; R. J. Wilkins, 6; D. J. Aston, 7; T. White, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 21st, eight members attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, Mr. F. King (of Windsor) and Messrs. A. Fussell, Perryman, and Wilder (of Slough) taking part; but after ringing about 500 changes, one of the band was compelled to stop, when the following rang a quarter-peal in 45 mins. W. Bawn, 1; G. Wild (first quarter inside), 2; W. Wilde, 3; C. E. Makin, 4; A. G. Thomas, 5; H. S. Thomas, 6; A. Fussell (conductor), 7; W. Perryman, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, May 15th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Harper, 1; F. Ring, 2; G. Hayes, 3; G. Martin, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Lindoff, R.E., (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 15th, a 720 of Bob Minor, for Divine Service, in 24 mins. W. Denner (conductor) 1; W. Aldred (Tyldesley), 2; Robert Aldred (Tyldesley), 3; J. Williamson, 4; C. Oakes (Tyldesley), 5; J. Brookes, 6. On Thursday evening, May 19th, being Ascension Day, a 720 Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. On Saturday, May 21st, the Walkden company paid a visit to Tyldesley, and rang a 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. The occasion being the re-opening of the church after having been closed a considerable length of time while undergoing restoration. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Williamson, 6. Also on Sunday morning, May 22nd, at St. Paul's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24½ minutes. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter (conductor), 5; A. Potter, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWOLD.—On Tuesday, May 17th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29½ mins. F. Haken, 1; T. King, 2; H. Thompson, 3; H. Hurr, 4; E. Upcraft, 5; G. Goddard (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, May 21st, Mr. J. F. Penning's 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and twenty-six singles), in 27 mins. T. King, 1; F. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; E. Upcraft, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, May 24th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 28 mins. G. Thompson, 1; F. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; E. Upcraft, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 rung by G. Thompson, who is a probationer of the Southwold company.

BATLEY CARR (Yorkshire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, May 14th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 23 mins. John W. Simon, 1-2; Walter Idle, 3-4; Geo. H. Simon (conductor), 5-6. First 720 by all.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday evening, May 24th, for practice, six 6-scores were rung, three of Grandsire and three of Bob Doubles. W. Treble, 1; J. Brooks, 2; C. Beasley (conductor), 3; G. Hatton, 4; C. Daniel, 5; W. Woodall, 6. Hatton and Brooks hail from Lye; the rest belong to Cradley.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Thursday evening, May 12th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (nineteen bobs and one single), in 26 mins. G. Rowland, 1; R. Theobald, 2; A. Keeble, 3; W. Leeks, 4; W. Bantock, 5; H. Diggins (conductor), 6. Also a 360 in the same method (four bobs and four singles). G. Rowland, 1; R. Theobald, 2; W. Bantock, 3; W. Leeks, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; H. Diggins, 6. A. Keeble hails from Monks Eleigh, the rest are local men.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, May 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, the last 742 of Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; G. Spicer, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; H. Buckingham, 5; W. Allen, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. *Handbell Ringing.*—Also on the handbells, retained in hand, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Spicer, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; J. Hare, 3-4; *A. Squires (conductor), 5-6. *First half peal double handed.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, May 24th, at the parish church, for morning service, 762 of Grandsire Triples. J. Parslow, 1; A. Challis, 2; H. Parslow, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8. Also for evening service, a 1554 of Grandsire Triples. G. Naish, 1; J. Parslow, 2; H. J. Parslow, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, May 18th, a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted at St. Peter's Cathedral, but after ringing 4862 changes in 3 hrs. 14 mins, stand was called through a change course. Richard Williams, 1; John R. Pritchard, 2; Thomas Hammond, 3; Charles Williams, 4; George Fisher, 5; Henry Coley, 6; William Booth (conductor), 7; William Davies, 8; Robert Williams, 9; William Brooks, 10. Tenor 25 cwt.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 24th, at Christ Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 23 mins. *H. Baker, 1; E. Burtenshaw, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; J. Fayers, 4; G. Welling, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 7½ cwt. in Eb.

MONKSELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 8th, after Divine Service, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (three bobs). And a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob (three bobs), in 29 mins. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Keeble, 3; T. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Double Court Bob Minor (nine bobs). F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; R. Keeble, 3; T. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. All are local men.

MONMOUTH.—On Saturday, May 21st, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, the local company rang touches of 168 and 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jones, 1; W. Preece, 2; J. Ward, 3; W. Honeyfield, Esq., 4; J. Brown, 5; T. M. Preece, 6; T. H. Jones (conductor), 7; H. Brown, 8. Also a 360 of Bob Minor on the middle six, with tenor as cover. W. Preece, 1; J. Ward, 2; J. Brown, 3; W. Honeyfield, Esq., 4; T. M. Preece, 5; T. H. Jones (conductor), 6; W. Jones, 7.

PINNER (Middlesex).—On Saturday, May 21st, at St. John the Baptist Church, the local company rang a 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. H. Manning, 1; S. G. Davies, 2; W. Broadbent, 3; W. Partington, 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

PRITTEWELL (Essex).—On Monday, May 23rd, at the parish church, the local company rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 30 mins. W. Hunt, 1; C. Collins, 2;

C. Anderson, 3; W. Dowsett, 4; J. Perry, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by a local company, and the first 720 by Messrs. Collins, Anderson, and Perry. Messrs. Bedwell and Dowsett are members of the Essex Association.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, May 22nd, for practice, on handbells, retained in hand, 360 of Plain Bob (four bobs and two singles). F. Clayton, 1; C. West, 2; *W. Lewis, 3; G. Burton, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5-6. *Longest touch with a bob bell. Also on Tuesday morning, being the Queen's birthday, several short touches of Plain Bob by the above. C. West hails from Biddenham.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Wednesday, May 18th, for a confirmation service, at 11 a.m. at the cathedral, the last 742 of Holt's original, in 27 mins. R. T. Kent, 1; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 2; T. Grant, 3; H. Lewis, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." *E. Mitchell, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; T. Grant, 3; H. Lewis, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And on Ascension Day, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. *First quarter-peal. And on Tuesday, May 24th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham. T. Grant, 1; A. Barnes, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8.

ST. BEES (Cumberland).—On Sunday, May 22nd, at the parish church, for afternoon service, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, each called differently, with 6, 7, and 8 behind. N. Breen, 1; E. Knowles (conductor), 2; H. Telford, 3; J. Gates, 4; R. F. Smith, 5; J. Stansfield, 6; A. J. A. Smith, 7; M. Sharp, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

STISTED (Essex).—On Thursday, May 12th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). E. Chaplin, 1; F. Sanders, 2; W. Bearman (Bocking), 3; A. Chaplin, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 15th, for service in the afternoon, a 720 (eight bobs and six singles). E. Chaplin, 1; W. Moore, 2; T. Sargent, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. Also 216, standing as before. Messrs. Moore and Sargent hail from Bocking, the rest are local men.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, May 16th, at St. Thomas' Church, by a mixed band, a 756 of Bob Triples. C. Barret, 1; W. Hartshorne, 2; T. Lees, 3; J. Brooks, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; W. A. Pugh, 8. Also on Saturday, May 21st, 588 of Bob Triples. C. Barret, 1; W. Hartshorne, 2; W. Jones, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. The members taking part belong to Brierly Hill, Lye, Kingswinford, Wordsley, and Stourbridge, and great credit is due to W. Lawrence for the way he is instructing and getting visitors to come and help forward in the progress of the art.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 21st, the local company met at St. Gregory's Church, and rang with Mr. J. Hume, of Bines, a 720 of Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; A. Scott, 2; W. Howell, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; J. Hume, 5; W. Griggs, 6; W. Cross, 7; H. Harper, 8. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob standing as before. And at All Saints' Church, the same evening, the company had arranged to meet Mr. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, and 504 of Stedman Triples was rung. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; J. Campin, 3; N. J. Pitstow, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, and G. Brown, 7; W. Howell, and H. Brackett, 8. Also on Sunday morning, May 22nd, for service at St. Gregory's Church, 576 Kent Treble Bob. J. Campin, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Brown, 3; M. Silvester, 4; N. J. Pitstow, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Harper, 8.

ST. PAUL'S, FISHERTON, SALISBURY.

The new tenor bell for this church has been hung in the tower after being on view in the church below for several days. Her weight is about 12½ cwt. and she is inscribed "Mears and Stainbank, founders, London; Rev. E. N. Thwaites, Rector; M. W. H. Devenish, W. Fawcett, Churchwardens; Jubilee V.R., 1887." The hanging was done by Mr. T. Blackburn, who is also carrying out further repairs and improvements in the belfry.

NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 28th. Two first-rate peals, one of eight, the other of six, will be at the disposal of the visitors who are cordially invited to attend.

FRED MACKIE, Hon. Sec.

RESTORATION OF THE BELLS AT ST. THOMAS', SALISBURY.

Many times in past years have we called attention to the disgraceful state in which this grand and heavy peal of eight have continued to remain for so long a time. Now we have the pleasure of recording their thorough restoration. Last February the work was taken in hand, and Mr. T. Blackburn received the order to rehang the sixth bell, which had become quite unringable. Before he had completed this work he was authorized to rehang the four heaviest bells with entirely new fittings, and sometime afterwards it was agreed to have the whole peal rehung and the frame repaired and strengthened by bracing together and bolting with long iron bolts.

The work has now been completed, and the eight were rung for the first time since their restoration on Ascension Day. The back six, five of which were then finished, were rung at Easter. The "go" of the bells is everything that can be desired. It being Ascension Day the town ringers were occupied at all the churches during the day, and consequently there were only enough to ring rounds and call-changes in the morning. But in the evening, when the ringing at the other churches was ended, a full company for Grandsire Triples mustered at St. Thomas' and rang two touches of 168 and two plain courses in that method. A longer length would have been attempted, but as many ringers were present and everyone was anxious to have a pull, short touches only were rung: and as these bells were ringing (as is usual on great festivals) for the Cathedral service, at 8 p.m. (the Cathedral not possessing more than one bell), they had to be falled by that hour. As far as they can judge all the change-ringers who handled the bells say that they should have no hesitation in starting for a peal on them. This would have to be done on some public holiday, as the church is situated in the very centre of the town, and great complaints are made if the bells are rung for long together during business hours. In fact those employed in the adjacent shops and offices say that "they can't hear themselves speak when St. Thomas' bells are on." In addition to rehangings the bells, the old chime barrel has been put in repair and was heard on the Sunday after Ascension Day for the first time after being silent for over three months.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A Ringing Meeting of the above took place at St. James's church, Waterfoot (six bells), when upwards of thirty ringers from Bacup, Waterfoot, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Whitefield, and Strawforth were present. Several 720's of Plain Bob Minor, College Single, and Oxford Treble Bob were rung. A excellent meat tea was provided in the schoolroom by the Waterfoot company, at which the Rev. W. Wilson joined the ringers and visitors. A meeting was afterwards held, presided over by Mr. H. Nutter, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Helmspace, on Saturday, July 9th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and school, to the chairman and to the Watertoot company for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the visiting ringers was passed.

The Vicar in reply said it gave him great pleasure to be amongst his own ringers and their friends on occasions like the present, and urged the members to persevere in the good work they had in hand. After giving them a short account of his early college life, as connected with bells and ringers, compared the present condition of ringers to the past. He concluded by stating that he should be very glad to become a member of the Association. A few touches on the handbells for the pleasure of the Vicar, Mrs. Wilson and family, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Ten members of this Association intend to attempt a long peal of 12,000 of Stedman Caters, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Time of starting about 10.30 a.m. The peal is the composition of Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham.

MEETING OF RINGERS AT RINGSTEAD, NORTANTS.

The Annual Meeting of the Raunds, Wellingboro', and District Society, took place at Ringstead, on Monday, May 16th, when there was a good muster of members from Raunds, Ringstead, Rushden, Kettering, and Wellingborough. Ringing commenced at 9 o'clock, when the Ringstead men raised the bells and rang a 720 of Plain Bob and a 720 of London Single. The Raunds company next handled the ropes, and rang some 360's of Plain Bob, and some in other methods. Rushden followed with a good band. Mixed bands were afterwards formed, and a series of touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, as well as a number of 360's in different Minor methods were rung. The ringing was kept up till 12.30, and service was held in the parish church of St. Mary, at 1 o'clock. The clergy present were the Rev. W. O. Leadbitter, the Vicar, who read the prayers, the Rev. J. P. Goodman (Keyston), who read the lessons, the Rev. Hugh Bryan (Raunds), and the Rev. G. Edmonds, rector of Stoke Doyle, who was the preacher on the occasion. The rev. gentleman in an admirable address, pointed out to the ringers and congregation generally, how the church bells spoke out from the church tower of God. Many who never went to hear the preacher, heard the call of the church bells, which must remind them of holy things and God. An offertory was then collected in aid of the funds of the Society.

At two o'clock the honorary and performing members assembled in the schoolroom for dinner, the catering being done by Mr. Wilson, of the "Swan Hotel," Thrapston, under the direction of the Hon. Sec. of the Society, Rev. H. Bryan. The Rev. J. P. Goodman, Rev. W. O. Leadbitter, Rev. H. Bryan, and Mr. W. J. Henry (Wellingboro') presided at the table. A business meeting followed immediately after the dinner. In the absence of the vicar of the parish (Rev. W. O. Leadbitter), who had to leave, the Rev. H. Bryan, the Hon. Sec., took the chair. Letters of apology for not being present were stated to have been received from Canon Baker, Canon Lindsay, Revs. G. H. Hopkins, G. W. Paul, F. B. Newman, and others. The accounts submitted showed the receipts, including balance last year, £20 17s., and the expenditure £3 9s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £17 7s. 7d. The Rev. J. P. Goodman, the treasurer, remarked that as this money was in the bank there was also a little interest to add to it as well. The Hon. Sec. (Rev. H. Bryan) then submitted a rough draft of some rules, which were read and discussed at some length. With regard to employing a professional instructor to teach the art of change-ringing, it was decided to employ local men in preference. On the motion of Mr. F. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Slade, it was resolved to give 10s. 6d. to the memorial to the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. Being the year of jubilee, it was unanimously resolved that the next meeting be held on August Bank-Holiday, and that the place of meeting be either Kettering or Wellingborough. Votes of thanks were then accorded to the Revs. H. Bryan, the Hon. Sec.; J. P. Goodman, the treasurer; Rev. W. O. Leadbitter for the use of the church, the bells, and the school; and to the Rev. G. Edmonds for his powerful and able address. Ringing was resumed about four o'clock, several touches were rung in good style, after which the bells were lowered. They were, however, subsequently raised again, and several other touches rung in different methods. After the ringing, the whole company adjourned to the "New Inn," where a pleasant evening was spent, closing at ten p.m. with the National Anthem, which was first played on the handbells and then sung by the company.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

JUBILEE FUND.

The Committee of the above have fixed Saturday, June 25th, 1887, for holding their Banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, and all members who have already placed their names on the subscription list are respectfully requested to send their respective donations to me, at the address given below, on or before Saturday, June 11th.

The Committee sincerely hope that as they have fixed the banquet to take place on a Saturday, they may be honoured by the presence of as many of their country brother strings as can make it convenient to attend, and the Secretary will be glad to communicate with any members who are desirous of receiving any further information.

The subscription tickets, which are 10s. 6d. each, will cover the cost of the Banquet (five shillings, refreshments two and six), leaving three shillings towards defraying the incidental expenses connected with the evening's entertainment and any balance that may remain will be dealt with by the Committee for the future benefit of the Society. The chair will be taken by the Master, Mr. H. S. Thomas, at 5 p.m.

A. G. THOMAS, Hon. Sec.

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WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—This company have made ample arrangements for the extra traffic, which will ensue, not only on account of the holiday season, but in consequence of great jubilee exhibitions being held at Manchester, Liverpool, and other places, on May 28th. Excursions leave London on that day for the Midland, Yorkshire, and English Lake Districts: To Lancaster, Morecambe, Carlisle, Windermere (Lake Side), Furness Abbey, Barrow, Coniston, Whitehaven, Scarboro', Sheffield, Barnsley, Leeds, Bradford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Matlock-Bath, Buxton, Stockport, Southport, Liverpool, Manchester (central), Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, York, Hull, and many other intervening stations. The Excursion tickets will be available for returning on Monday, May 30th, or Thursday, June 2nd. Excursion trains to London, at similar fares, will also run from Carlisle, York, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, Leicester, Birmingham, Walsall, Wolverhampton, and other stations, on Saturday, May 28th, and Monday, May 30th, returning on Wednesday, June 1st, or Saturday, June 4th. On Whit Monday, May 30th, a cheap excursion train from London to Birmingham, for one or four days, and from St. Albans, Luton, Bedford, Wellesboro', and Kettering, for one day, by this Company's route, leaving St. Pancras at 6.5 a.m., and arriving at Birmingham at 9.50 a.m. Cheap Excursion Trains will also run from Birmingham to London, on Saturday and Monday, May 28th and 30th. Excellent arrangements are made by this company for the conveyance of tourists and visitors' luggage from and to London, particulars of which can be had from handbills issued by the company, or of Mr. E. M. Needham, Superintendent of the Line, Midland Railway, Derby.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—On Saturday, May 28th, 1887, an excursion train will leave Paddington and Reading for Witney, Fairford, Chipping Norton, Bourton-on-the-Water, Andoversford, Evesham, Cheltenham, Worcester, and Malvern, returning on Thursday, June 2nd. On the same day another will leave Paddington for Leominster, Hereford, Crewe, Stockport, Manchester, Shrewsbury, Welshpool, Llangollen, Chester, Birkenhead, Liverpool, and other intermediate stations, returning on Monday, May 30th, or Thursday, June 2nd. On the same day an excursion train will leave Paddington at 9.15 a.m., and Reading at 10.20 a.m., for Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, South Wales, and the South of Ireland. On Saturday, May 28th, an excursion train will leave Paddington at 12.10 p.m., Kensington (Addison Road), 11.59 a.m.; Uxbridge Road, 12.2 p.m.; Hammersmith, 12.5; Shepherd's Bush, 12.8; Latimer Road, 12.11; Westbourne Park, 12.15; and Reading at 1.25 p.m.; for Clevedon, Weston-super-Mare, Bridgwater, Minehead, Taunton, Tiverton, and other places, returning on June 6th or 13th, thus giving ten or seventeen days in the West of England. On Whit Monday, May 30th, an excursion train will leave Paddington station at 6.20 a.m., Westbourne Park 6.25, and Reading at 7.20 a.m., for Oxford, Banbury, Leamington, Warwick, Birmingham, West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Bilston, and Wolverhampton, returning the same day, or on Thursday, June 2nd. On the same day another excursion train will leave Paddington at 6.50 p.m.; Victoria, 6.20; Battersea, 6.29; Chelsea, 6.32; West Brompton, 6.36; Kensington (Addison Road), 6.40; Uxbridge Road, 6.42; Hammersmith, 6.35; Shepherd's Bush, 6.38; Latimer Road, 6.41; Westbourne Park, 6.55; and Reading at 8.0 p.m., for the same places, returning on Monday, May 30th, or Thursday, June 2nd. These two latter are principally for the convenience of those attending the fire brigade demonstration at Oxford, and the grand attractions at Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham. On Whit Monday, May 30th, an excursion train will leave Paddington Station at 7.40 a.m., and Westbourne Park at 7.45 a.m., for Maidenhead, Twyford, Reading, Newbury, Hungerford, Pangbourne, Goring, Wallingford, Didcot, and other stations, returning the same day. On Whit Sunday, May 29th, an excursion train will leave Paddington Station at 9.15 a.m., and Westbourne Park at 9.20 a.m., for Taplow, Maidenhead, Twyford, Reading, Tilehurst, Pangbourne, Goring, and Oxford, returning the same day. Cheap excursion trains will also run on Saturday, May 28th, from Paddington at 1.55 and 7.15 p.m., and Whit Monday, May 30th, from Paddington at 6.15 a.m., Hammersmith 6.5, Shepherd's Bush 6.8, Latimer Road 6.11, Westbourne Park 6.20, and Reading at 7.20 a.m., for Swindon, Chippenham, Bath, and Bristol. Tickets, bills, and all information relative to any of the above excursions and trains, may be obtained previously at Cook's Excursion Offices, Ludgate Circus, Fleet Street, and at Kingston's Booking Office, Fitzroy Square, London, W.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY.—Tourist tickets are now issued, by all trains, available for two months, to the Isle of Wight, Southampton, West of England, Ilfracombe, Launceston, Tavistock, Plymouth, Devonport, Bude, Exeter (for Dawlish, Torquay, &c.), Exmouth, Sidmouth, Seaton, and to Weymouth, Bournemouth, Swanage, Corfe Castle, Wareham, and Dorchester. Also to the Channel Islands, Jersey, Guernsey, and to France, Havre, Honfleur, Trouville, St. Malo, Granville, Caen, and Cherbourg, for two months, and to Paris for one month;

also for a tour through Brittany and Normandy. For full particulars, conditions, and tourist fares see South Western Railway time-table books and tourist programmes, or by post on application, to the Traffic Superintendent, Waterloo Station.

LONDON, BRIGHTON, AND SOUTH COAST RAILWAY.—**PARIS AT WHITSUNTIDE.**—**SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSIONS.**—Leaving London Bridge 9.35 a.m., and 8.0 p.m., and Victoria 9.30 a.m. and 7.50 p.m., Kensington (Addison-road) 9.10 a.m. and 7.15 p.m., Saturday, May 28th. Returning from Paris by either of the day or night services on any day up to June 10th, inclusive. Fares: First class, 38s.; second class, 29s. The shortest and cheapest route, via Newhaven, Dieppe, and Rouen. Express service weekdays and Sundays. From Victoria 7.50 p.m., and London Bridge 8.0 p.m. Fares—single, 34s., 25s., 18s.; return, 57s., 41s., 32s. Powerful paddle steamers with excellent cabins, &c. Trains run alongside steamers at Newhaven and Dieppe. Tourist tickets for the South of France, Italy, Switzerland, &c., are issued enabling the holder to visit all the principal places of interest. The additional special Day Tidal Service between London and Paris every weekday will commence running for the summer and autumn season on and from 1st June. For full particulars see time book and handbills to be obtained at Victoria, London Bridge, or any other station, and of the following Branch Offices, where tickets may also be obtained:—West-end General Offices, 28, Regent's-circus, Piccadilly, and 8, Grand Hotel-buildings, Trafalgar-square; Hays' Agency, Cornhill; and Cook's Ludgate-circus Office.

GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY.—Cheap Excursions to Colchester, Clacton-on-Sea, Walton-on-the-Naze, Harwich, Ipswich, Felixstowe, Bury St. Edmund's, Woodbridge, Saxmundham, Aldeburgh, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, &c., on Saturday, May 28th, will leave Liverpool-street station. On the same day cheap trips will run to Cambridge, Wisbech, Lynn, Fakenham, Hunstanton, Norwich, Cromer, &c., from London (Liverpool-street). On the same day a cheap three or six days' excursion from London to Hull, Sheffield, Barnsley, Huddersfield, Manchester, &c., starts from London (Liverpool-street), at 8.45 a.m., returning on Whit-Monday, May 30th, on Thursday, June 2nd. On Whit-Sunday, May 29th, excursion tickets will be issued to Colchester, Clacton-on-Sea, Walton-on-the-Naze, Dovercourt, and Harwich, from Liverpool-street, at 9.10 a.m. On Whit-Monday, May 30th, to the same places, from Liverpool-street at 8.20 a.m. On the same day special excursion trains to Broxbourne and Rye House, will leave the Liverpool-street station at frequent intervals, between 9.0 a.m. and 1.45 p.m. Excursion tickets will also be issued from St. Pancras, Kentish Town, Tottenham and Park by any train. On the same day a special fast excursion train will leave St. Pancras station at 6.55 a.m. for Yarmouth (Vauxhall), returning from Yarmouth (Vauxhall) at 6.30 p.m. the same day. Excursion tickets are now issued daily by this company to Woodford, Buckhurst Hill, Loughton, and Theydon Bois, for Epping Forest, by all trains, available for return by any train. Full particulars may be obtained from handbills which are published by the company, and can be had at the company's receiving offices in London.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Divine Service at St. Mary's Church at 12.30 p.m., with an address by the Bishop of Colchester. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. in the Charity Schools, to be followed by the usual business meeting. The towers of Chelmsford (ten bells), Galleywood (eight bells), Broomfield (six bells), Springfield (six bells), Widford (six bells), will be open for the use of the members during the day. Members intending to be present, are requested to inform the Secretary on or before Wednesday, May 25th, whether they wish for dinner tickets (price 1s.), and if arriving by train, from what station they propose to start. Return tickets at 1/2 fare will be issued to those who produce their receipt for the current year's subscription. Subscriptions for the ensuing year (1887-8), fall due on Whit-Monday. Any subscriptions still unpaid for the present year (1886-7), should be forwarded to me at once, that the accounts for the year may be closed. The West Ham band of handbell ringers, with a peal of 70 bells, have kindly offered to perform some selections of music at the Charity School. Arrangements are in progress for a peal of Royal at Chelmsford, and of Triples either at Galleywood or Writtle.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Tonbridge, on Monday, June 13th. Committee Meeting at 11; service in the parish church at 12; dinner at 1; allowance to practising members, 1s. and dinner. Secretaries of bands that mean to attend, and other members, must communicate by the end of this month with the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Wrinston Court, Lenham, and all are requested to be so good as to notice the change of address.

R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

CHIMING.

SIR,—We get all kinds of information concerning ringing in the columns of your useful little paper, but I never remember seeing much with reference to chiming. To ringers in country towns and villages, chiming is of considerable importance, as it is part of their regular work. A few articles on the subject with an account of its origin, and the various customs connected therewith in different parts of the country, would I think be interesting to many of your readers, and might possibly result in a little reform in places where the bells are simply jangled or chimed in a careless way by one or two men instead of the full complement of ringers. In my own county (Northants), ringing for service is almost unknown, except on Festival Sundays. Much pride is however in the chiming, which is generally varied by "ringing in" the tenor, or by ringing the tenor and another bell "up." This custom is objected to by many, owing to the noise and clatter made in raising the one or two bells, and the extra loud sound they make when "up." From a musical point of view, this method is certainly a mistake, though it has a very pretty effect at a distance. The genuine "quiet chime" seems to me in better taste for "Sabbath bells."

GRANDSIRE BOB.

DOUBTFUL AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to inform Mr. C. Price, that the peal of 5056 Treble Bob published in last week's "BELL NEWS," with his name attached, was rung at Chesterfield on July 15th, 1882, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" for August 5th, 1882, as a 5088, the only difference being the 3rd course-end in the second part. The second part of both peals are appended.

5088						5056					
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Of course Mr. Price was not aware that it had been rung, or he would not have claimed it as his composition. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Chesterfield.

JUBILEE TOUCHES.

SIR,—Mr. Sykes, of Huddersfield, contributes another (what he calls a) Jubilee touch, and which he states contains as many changes as the Queen has reigned weeks, if rung on the 20th of June next. In the face of the very conclusive letter from Mr. Scott the other week, I cannot conceive how Mr. Sykes reconciles 2601 as the number of week's Her Majesty will have reigned at that time. I am afraid his education in the matter of arithmetic must have been sadly neglected, for if you ask any schoolboy to cast up the sum, he will quickly give you the result as 2608 weeks and six days, so that if you include both 20ths of June, you have exactly 2609 weeks, as Mr. Scott in his letter showed very plainly. It seems to me, therefore, absurd on the part of Mr. Sykes persisting in the number 2601. He surely must have a low estimate of the intelligence of his ringing brethren, if he imagines that they will ring these touches which he sends you under the impression that they are what he states truly representative of the number of the weeks of Her Majesty's reign. If he is ambitious to pose as a composer of Jubilee touches, why does not at least take care to have them correct in their number. To ring a 2601 as a touch corresponding with the number of the weeks Her Majesty has reigned, would just be as ridiculous a proceeding as ringing a touch of 1881 changes and calling it a date touch for the present year.

H. R.

THE TENOR AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

SIR,—As I am responsible for sending the account of the peal and weight of the tenor at St. Lawrence Jewry, appearing in "THE BELL NEWS" a fortnight ago, I hasten to quiet the doubts of Mr. Wood, and you Sir, as to the question of weight. I was assured at the time of the time of ringing the peal, that the tenor weighed 36 cwt, and since the appearance of Mr. Wood's letter, I have had dimensions of the bell taken by a practical bellhanger, viz., Mr. G. R. Banks, assisted by Messrs. Weatherstone, and Albone, and find them to be as follows: Diameter, 4 feet 8½ inches; thickness at sound-bow, four inches, which will show that Mr. Wood's recollection of Mr. Boswell's figures is indeed imperfect. Perhaps he would also question the weight of the tenor at Westminster Abbey, which measures—diameter, 4 feet 7½ inches; thickness at sound-bow, 3½ inches, being less than St. Lawrence, and yet always has been recognized as 36 cwt.

JOSEPH BARRY.

THE 7008 OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent Mr. H. D. Davies, my authority for referring to a peal of 6000 of Double Oxford as rung at Gravesend in 1820 is a letter, which I still have in my possession, from Mr. J. W. Snowdon. He wrote as follows: "I think Double Oxford will be a very good method to take up. There has been a 6000 (exact) rung in it at Gravesend in 1820, but otherwise there has hardly been anything done in it. The Norwich Scholars, when the band was in its prime, rang a peal of it." I have no further information on the subject, and it is possible Mr. Snowdon may have been in error. Your correspondent would appear to intimate that the records to which he has access include all the performances of, or near, that date, in which case it is difficult to understand how a somewhat important peal could be omitted. I will however ask Mr. William Snowdon whether he has any papers that may throw light on the matter. I should be obliged to Mr. H. D. Davies if he would write me privately whether he finds any mention of Double Oxford having been rung in his neighbourhood, and if so, the details of what was done. I have hitherto neglected to send you for publication the calling of the 7008, of which, as of any peal claiming to beat record, the Exercise has a right to examine the composition. I therefore append it, with apologies for the delay.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

7008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

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

The last part four times repeated, with a single for the bob in the last course of the 4th part of the peal.

This composition is in six parts with the first one shortened, in it the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place. Rung at Duffield, April 23rd, 1887.

A FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—The peal of Oxford Surprise, published in your paper of last week, by me, is false. I did not get my paper in time to let you know before; I must apologise for publishing it without proving it.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT ST. MARTIN'S BIRMINGHAM.

SIR,—As secretary for St. Martin's company, Birmingham, I am directed to inform you that W. Cattle's statements (referred to in Mr. Muskett's letter of the 7th inst.), are absolutely false. We have considered this peal worthy of record in our peal-book, and upon a tablet erected in St. Martin's belfry. We trust this explanation will be received by the ringing community. ALFRED THOMAS, Hon. Sec.
83 Wheelley's Road.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, June 4th, in St. John-the-Baptist Schoolroom, Hagley, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector, will preside. Each company is respectfully requested to send one or more members, as the rules, report, balance-sheet, etc., will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

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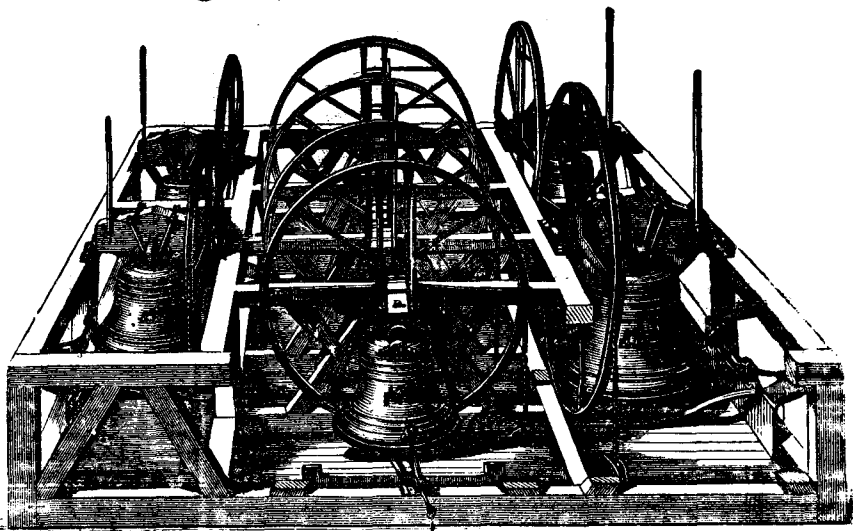
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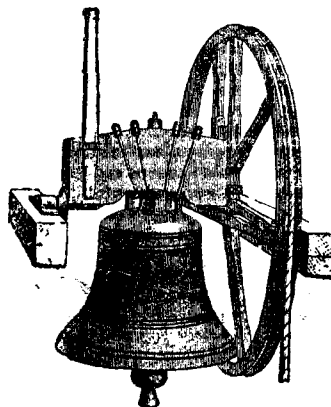
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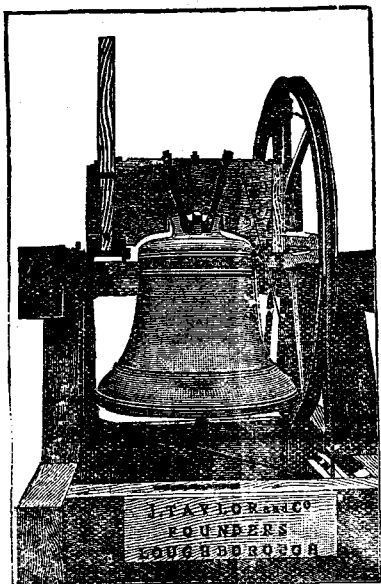
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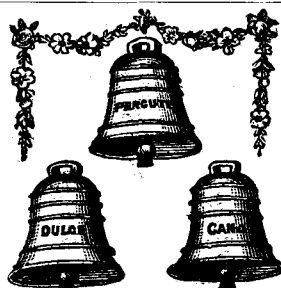
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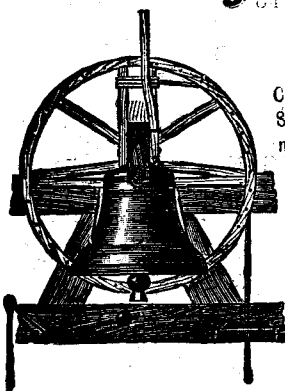
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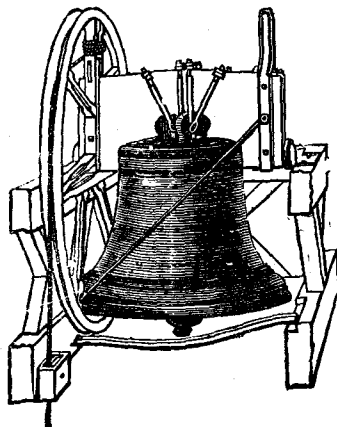
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IX.—PEALS OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

In the following selection of peals it is not pretended that composition in the method is in any way fully represented. I myself have had but little time of late to give to the subject, while more eminent composers have hardly as yet studied its various and novel peculiarities sufficiently to make, with some exceptions, the peals now published a fair basis for estimating the capabilities of which "Duffield" is possessed. No Major system hitherto constructed allows of peals of exactly 5000. Such compositions, or others but a few changes longer, will be found comparatively easy of attainment in the present method. The peals here given, with one exception, have the 6th practically at home throughout. It is difficult to imagine that conductors would care to select, for ringing, one without this quality, as it would be equivalent to choosing a peal of Stedman Caters with the 7th shifted. The probability is, therefore, that if composers produce peals of "Duffield" in which the 6th is moved, it will only be because of the inherent difficulties, or greater possible length, of such compositions, and it is thus merely as a curiosity that I present a specimen in which the course of the bells is never turned (except in the last six, to obtain an exact 5000), this being of course an impossibility without disturbing the 6th.

The following peal is the first composed in the method. It is in reality a ten-part peal in exactly similar divisions of calling, but it is brought round by a bob at Home after the fifth course-end of the last part. If this part is called in full like the previous ones, the number will be 5280. In either case the 6th is at home throughout, with the exception of the last three changes in the 5000. There are never more than two consecutive calls.

No. 1. (5000)
1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

These 11 courses
eight times repeated,
substituting bobs for
the single except in
the sixth part, pro-
duce:

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

Round at two changes. A. P. H., Sep., 1886.

The following peal by Mr. Dains is another example of one with the 6th at home throughout. It has also been independently composed by Mr. John Carter.

No. 2. (5088.)
1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

Repeat this calling nine times with a single instead of a bob at the last B in the fifth and tenth parts, and omit the three Bs braced in any two of the parts except the fifth and tenth, thus cutting out four courses. If the peal be called in full it will run to 5280.

H. DAINS, Feb. 1887.

The next composition, although called in the main like No. 1, is on a somewhat peculiar plan, being in two exactly similar parts of 2496 changes each, the remaining eight changes being supplied by the final bob at H. The singles must be called where shewn.

No. 3. (5000.)
1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

These 11 courses
three times repeated,
substituting bobs
for the single—

produce: 3 5 1 2 4 6

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

Repeat the whole, which produces:

5 1 3 4 2 6

At this point call a bob at H, which brings up:

1 2 5 3 6 4

Round at two changes. A. P. H., April, 1887.

The following peal is on a plan suggested by Mr. Dains, in which bobs at H are made to answer the purpose of singles. It is in two exactly similar parts, and has the 6th at home at all but two course-ends. There are never more than two consecutive calls.

No. 4. (5004)
1 2 3 4 5 6 H. I. B. O. F.

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

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

These 11 courses
twice repeated,
produce:

4 5 3 2 1 6

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

The whole repeated.

A. P. H., April, 1887.

The following is a 5-part composition by Mr. Carter in which the 6th is at home throughout, and each of the other five bells is in turn fixed in 5ths place for a whole part.

No. 5. (5040)

1 2 3 4 5 6	I.	B.	O.
5 4 2 1 3	-	-	-
2 5 4 1 3	-	-	-
4 2 5 1 3	-	-	-
1 5 2 4 3	-	-	-
2 1 5 4 3	-	-	-
4 5 1 2 3	-	-	-
1 4 5 2 3	-	-	-
5 1 4 2 3	-	-	-
2 4 1 5 3	-	-	-
1 2 4 5 3	-	-	-
1 4 2 5 3	s	-	-
5 2 4 1 3	-	-	-
4 5 2 1 3	-	-	-
2 4 5 1 3	-	-	-
1 5 4 2 3	-	-	-
4 1 5 2 3	-	-	-
2 5 1 4 3	-	-	-
1 2 5 4 3	-	-	-
5 1 2 4 3	-	-	-
4 2 1 5 3	-	-	-
4 1 2 5 3 6	s	-	-

Four times repeated.

J. CARTER.
May, 1887.

The next two peals are by the same composer as the last, and are on a different plan to those as yet presented, which have all been on the five-part principle. These are on the three-part plan, doubled by singles. At the end of each division the 5th comes home, while at the part-ends both 4th and 5th are brought back. The 6th is at home throughout, and both peals contain the 24 5678s.

No. 6. (5184.)

1 2 3 4 5 6	I.	B.	O.
5 4 2 1 3	-	-	-
3 1 4 5 2	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 1	-	-	-
1 5 3 2 4	-	-	-
4 3 2 1 5	-	-	-
5 1 3 4 2	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 1	-	-	-
1 3 4 2 5	-	-	-
5 2 3 1 4	-	-	-
4 1 2 5 3	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 1	-	-	-
1 5 4 3 2	-	-	-
2 4 3 1 5	-	-	-
5 1 4 2 3	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 1	-	-	-
1 2 5 3 4	-	-	-
4 5 3 1 2	-	-	-
2 3 1 4 5 6	-	-	-

Five times repeated, with a single instead of a bob at the In of the last course in the third and sixth parts.

J. CARTER, May, 1887.

No. 7. (5184.)

1 2 3 4 5 6	I.	B.	O.	Continued—	I.	B.	O.
5 4 2 1 3	-	-	-	5 1 2 3 4	-	-	-
1 2 4 5 3	-	-	-	4 2 3 5 1	-	-	-
3 4 5 1 2	-	-	-	1 3 5 4 2	-	-	-
2 5 1 3 4	-	-	-	2 5 4 1 3	-	-	-
4 1 3 2 5	-	-	-	3 4 1 2 5	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 1	-	-	-	5 1 4 2 3	-	-	-
1 5 2 4 3	-	-	-	3 4 2 5 1	-	-	-
3 2 4 1 5	-	-	-	1 2 5 3 4	-	-	-
				4 5 3 1 2	-	-	-
				2 3 1 4 5	-	-	-

Same as the last.

J. CARTER, May, 1887.

f. The next peal is the one by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, already referred to, which contains the complete extent with the 6th

at home. This composition is in eight equal parts; each is subdivided into three sections at the end of every one of which the treble is at home; the ends of the twenty-four sections are thus the twenty-four changes of which 2345 are capable. The remarkable point is the way in which these are brought up true by varying the calling of the last course only of each part. The singles, of which there are only two, cannot be called at any other six than where shewn. If the 55th course is called in with a single, Before, and Out, the 65th course-end will come up, reducing the peal to 5280.

No. 8. (5760)

1 2 3 4 5 6	I.	B.	O.
5 3 4 1 2	-	-	-
2 4 1 5 3	-	-	-
3 1 5 2 4	-	-	-
4 5 2 3 1	-	-	-
1 2 5 3 4	-	-	-
4 5 3 1 2	-	-	-
2 3 1 4 5	-	-	-
5 1 4 2 3	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 1	-	-	-
1 2 4 5 3	-	-	-
3 4 5 1 2	-	-	-
2 5 1 3 4	-	-	-
4 1 3 2 5	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 1	-	-	-
1 5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-

Repeat these 15 courses three times, but call the 15th course differently, as follows:

2nd part:	1 4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-
3rd "	1 3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
4th "	1 3 2 4 5 6	-	s	-

The whole repeated.

H. EARLE BULWER.
April, 1886.

The three following peals by Mr. Carter have also each the extent with the 6th at home. They all contain a considerable number of singles, and are worked on a reverse plan to No. 8, in which there are eight parts each consisting of three divisions, while the compositions under notice are divided into six parts each consisting of four divisions, the 5th being at home at the end of each division, and both 4th and 5th at the part-ends. No. 9 is remarkable for having calls only at In and Out, and consequently, also, never more than two consecutively.

No. 9. (5760)

1 2 3 4 5 6	I.	O.
5 4 3 1 2	s	-
3 4 1 5 2	-	-
1 4 5 3 2	-	-
2 5 3 1 4	-	-
4 3 1 2 5	-	-
5 2 1 4 3	s	-
1 2 4 5 3	-	-
4 2 5 1 3	-	-
3 5 1 4 2	-	-
2 1 4 3 5	-	-
5 3 4 2 1	s	-
4 3 2 5 1	-	-
1 2 5 4 3	-	-
3 5 4 1 2	-	-
2 4 1 3 5	-	-
* 5 3 1 2 4	s	-
1 3 2 5 4	-	-
2 3 5 1 4	-	-
4 5 1 2 3	-	-
3 1 2 4 5 6	-	-

Five times repeated, with a bob instead of a single in the course marked * in the third and sixth parts.

J. CARTER.
May, 1887.

No. 10.	(5760)	I. B. O.		
	1 2 3 4 5 6			
	5 4 2 1 3	-	-	-
	1 2 4 5 3	-	-	-
	3 5 2 1 4	-	-	-
	1 2 5 3 4	-	-	-
	4 3 2 1 5	-	-	-
	5 1 3 4 2	-	-	-
	3 4 1 5 2	-	s	-
	2 5 4 3 1	-	-	-
	3 4 5 2 1	-	-	-
	1 2 4 3 5	-	-	-
	5 3 2 1 4	-	-	-
	1 2 3 5 4	-	-	-
	4 5 2 1 3	-	-	-
	3 1 5 4 2	-	-	-
	2 4 1 3 5	-	-	-
	5 3 4 2 1	-	-	-
	4 2 3 5 1	-	s	-
	1 5 2 4 3	-	-	-
	4 2 5 1 3	-	-	-
	3 1 2 4 5 6	-	-	-

Five times repeated, with a single instead of the bob Before in the course marked * in the third and sixth parts.

J. CARTER, May, 1887.

No. 11	(5760)	I. B. O.		
	1 2 3 4 5 6			
	5 3 2 1 4	s	-	-
	4 2 1 5 3	-	-	-
	3 1 5 4 2	-	-	-
	2 5 4 3 1	-	-	-
	1 4 3 2 5	-	-	-
	5 2 4 1 3	-	-	-
	3 1 2 5 4	-	-	-
	4 2 5 3 1	-	-	-
	1 5 3 4 2	-	-	-
	2 3 4 1 5	-	-	-
	5 4 3 2 1	s	-	-
	1 2 4 5 3	-	-	-
	3 4 5 1 2	-	-	-
	2 5 1 3 4	-	-	-
	4 1 3 2 5	-	-	-
	5 2 1 4 3	-	-	-
	3 4 2 5 1	-	-	-
	1 2 5 3 4	-	-	-
	4 5 3 1 2	-	-	-
	2 3 1 4 5	-	-	-

Five times repeated, with a single instead of the bob IN in the last course of the third and sixth parts.

J. CARTER, May, 1887.

The next peal is one in which the course of the bells is not turned till the last six, and only there in order to bring the bells round at an exact 5000. The 6th is first fixed in 4ths place, and then brought home. This composition has the 6th 50 times wrong and 49 times right. The two courses omitted near the end of the third division of the last half cannot be introduced, or the peal would be false.

No. 12.	(5000).	I. B. O. F.		
	1 2 3 4 5 6			
	5 6 2 4 3 1	-	-	-
	4 2 6 5 3 1	-	-	-
	6 1 5 4 2 3	-	-	-
	4 5 1 6 2 3	-	-	-
	1 4 5 6 2 3	-	-	-
	2 5 4 6 1 3	-	-	-
	4 2 5 6 1 3	-	-	-
	1 5 2 6 4 3	-	-	-
	2 1 5 6 4 3	-	-	-
	5 2 1 6 4 3	-	-	-
	4 1 2 6 5 3	-	-	-
	2 4 1 6 5 3	-	-	-
	1 2 4 6 5 3	-	-	-

Continued—I. B. O. F.

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

These ten courses three times repeated, omitting the last course in the last part, produce:

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

These 11 courses once repeated, produce:

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

Round at two changes. A. P. H. May, 1887.

It will be noticed that all these peals partake of the five-part principle, such as are not actually on the five-part plan being in divisions of five courses.

The next paper will treat of the application of the method to 10 and 12 bells.

SOUVENIRS OF HER MAJESTY.—In the Drawing-room of Lady Seton hangs a pen-and-ink drawing by Her Majesty the Queen, done in the year 1840, and signed with the initials "V.R." and the date. This little drawing, which represents two Dutch peasant-girls, was given to Sir Henry Seton by the Queen. If you are an amateur of Royal souvenirs, Lady Seton will show you also what is probably the earliest autograph letter of the Queen's extant. Her Majesty must have been still in socks when she indited this little note, for it is in large printed, not written, characters, and consists of the following artless lines:—"How do you do, my dear Sir Henry?—Your little friend, Victoria." From "London Drawing Rooms and Their Châtelaines" in "The Lady's World" for June.

ALL HALLOW'S SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

The following is the Ringing done by the above Society during the month of May.—At Allhallows' Tottenham, on May 1st, 272 of Bob Major. Joseph Davidson, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; J. W. Barrs, 3; J. Langran, 4; T. C. Grove, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; J. Waghorn, jun., 7; W. Pye-English, 8. At St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, on Monday, May 2nd, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and a 360 of Grandsire Minor. J. Davidson, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; J. Waghorn, 3; A. Fox, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 6. At St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Friday, May 6th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins. A. Fox, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; Wm. Pye-English, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 22 mins. J. Davidson, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; W. Pye-English, 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 20 mins. H. Barnett (conductor), 1; A. Fox, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; G. B. Lucas, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Pye-English, 6. On Saturday, May 7th, a company met at All Hallows, Tottenham, for a peal, but owing to a funeral could not ring, so they paid a visit to St. Andrew's, Enfield, and rang a short touch of Plain Bob Major. J. Davidson, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; J. W. Barrs, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; W. Pye-English, 8. At All Hallows, Tottenham, on Sunday, May 8th, a 360 of Bob Minor. T. C. Grove, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; J. Langran, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 12th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Grove, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; G. B. Lucas, 6. And on Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Langran, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; H. Grove, 3; Joseph Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, 5; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 240 in the same method. On Saturday, May 21st, a peal of 5088 changes Bob Major, at All Hallows church, which has been duly recorded in "THE BELL NEWS." At All Hallows, on Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, a 256 of Grandsire Triples. J. Waghorn, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; W. Pye-English, 5; J. Langran, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; T. Hughes, 8. And for evening service, a 527 of Grandsire Major. G. B. Lucas, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Langran, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Pye-English, 8. On Thursday, May 26th, at the parish church, for practice, 920 of Grandsire Major, in 34 mins. J. Davidson, 1; A. Fox, 2; F. G. Newman, 3; H. Nunn, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; J. Waghorn, jun., 8. And a short touch of Stedman Triples, and a Plain Course of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

TROWBRIDGE SOCIETY, WILTS.

On Whit-Monday the Trowbridge company of ringers visited Salisbury. Arriving about 9 a.m., they proceeded to St. Thomas' Church and rang one or two touches. There some of the Salisbury city ringers met them, and before service they rang together 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Alley (conductor), 1; W. E. Tydemah, 2; A. Prescott, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; A. Palmer, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. The company were well satisfied with the "go" of the bells. After this they visited the Cathedral, and then proceeded to St. Martin's, where 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung by—W. Alley, 1; J. Hayward, 2; A. Prescott, 3; W. E. Tydemah, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. Time, 44 minutes. At 1.15 p.m. the whole company lunched together at the "Goat" Inn. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. A. Clements, and the vice-chair by Mr. J. R. Jerram. After lunch the health of the Queen was drunk, then that of Mr. Jerram, as Secretary to the Diocesan Guild, and then that of Mr. Blackburn, the instructor to the Guild. Mr. J. Short then proposed the health of the Trowbridge company, coupled with the name of Mr. Alley. Each toast was suitably responded to. During the afternoon several of the Trowbridge ringers entertained the company with tunes on the handbells and part songs, which were well rendered by Messrs. W. McCaffrey, A. Palmer, J. Hayward, and another gentleman. The visitors returned home by the 6.15 p.m. train, having evidently enjoyed their outing.

ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Whit-Monday the St. Thomas' Society, Stourbridge, visited the above place, and by the kind permission of the Rev. W. Sandwith, rang a 720 of Bob Minor, with 6-8 behind. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; W. A. Pugh, 7; J. Rogers and J. Crump covering. Also some creditable touches of Bob Triples. The ringing being over an adjournment was made to the meeting house, where some ringing and tunes on handbells brought a very pleasant day to a close. The above company wish to thank the Rector through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," or the use of the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, when there was still a further larger gathering of members of the Exercise. Ringing commenced on the previous Saturday evening, when an attempt was made for Holt's Original at Chelmsford, under the conductorship of Mr. W. L. Buckingham. The attempt, however, had to be numbered with the unsuccessful, owing to the breaking of a rope at the end of about 950 changes. A start was afterwards made for a double-handed handbell peal, which unfortunately also came to grief. On Sunday bands visited Galleywood, Widford, and Writtle, and were successful with various touches, and in the evening a touch of Grandsire Caters and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Chelmsford. On Monday morning a band started at 8.28 for a peal of Treble Bob Royal. After about a quarter of an hour's ringing everyone appeared to have settled down and the ringing continued to run smoothly for nearly two hours, but a sudden turn of the scale brought up a scramble, which ended in a stand. An attempt for a peal of Triples at Galleywood met with a similar fate after two and a quarter hours ringing; but fortune awaited an attempt for another at Writtle in the evening, particulars of which will be found elsewhere. Bands visited Great Baddow (8 bells), and Bloomfield, Widford, and Springfield (6 bells) during the day, and various methods were rung. The annual service was held in St. Mary's, Chelmsford, the Bishop of Colchester giving the address. The business meeting followed, afterwards the dinner at which there were 115 members present. The Hon. Secretary's report was considered highly satisfactory. A sum of £1 1s. was voted to the Jasper Snowden Memorial Fund. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the authorities for the use of the bells. A detailed report will appear in our next issue.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday last, May 28th, Mr. W. W. Gifford, of Salisbury, paid a visit to Exeter for a little ringing. The St. Sidwell's band met him at 7 p.m., and some touches of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower and handbells, of which one was a 504. E. Shepherd, 1-2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8. And a 280, with W. Mundy, 7-8, the rest as before. On Sunday morning, May 29th, at 7 a.m., the grand peal at the Cathedral was in motion, and at 9 St. Sidwell's was set going to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Davey, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; W. Mundy, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; J. Moss, 7; C. Carter, 8. And in the evening another 1260. W. Chudley (Whitstone), 1; F. Davey, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; B. Mundy, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. Davey and Chudley. On Monday, May 30th, a party was made up for a peal at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, and meeting Mr. Batchelor, of Plymouth, at Newton Abbott, he was pressed to take part in it. A start was made at one o'clock, and the bells came into rounds at four, after three hour's good ringing. An hour was spent with the local ringers, who are a very jolly set, and the walk back to Torquay by way of Babbicombe, was much enjoyed, especially by Mr. Gifford, it being his first visit to Devon. The ringers desire through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to tender their best thanks to the Vicar for placing the bells at their disposal, and also to Mr. Potter, the steeple-keeper, for seeing that affairs were in proper order before starting for the peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24th six members of the above Association attended a 5040 in seven different methods upon six bells at St. Owen's church, Bromham, but after ringing 720 each of Double Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs), and upwards of 700 of Oxford Treble Bob, the treble man missed his sally, and unable to recover it in time the peal, much to the ringers' regret, came to grief. F. Keech, 1; M. E. R. Warwick, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. The above was attempted on the occasion of the conductor's 22nd birthday, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns of the day. After descending the tower a move was made to Bromham, Mills, the residence of Mr. Biggs, where he had in readiness a capital spread, to which ample justice was done.

After the cloth had been removed Mr. I. Hills, of the Bedford company, presented Mr. Biggs with a valuable album, on behalf of the members present. The rest of the evening was spent in change-ringing, tune playing, and songs, Mr. A. Andrews very ably presiding at the piano. The party broke up shortly after 11 o'clock on their return to Bedford, having had a most pleasant and enjoyable afternoon's outing.

THE CHANGE-RINGERS' MEMORIAL TO JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.—UNVEILING CEREMONY AT ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH.

We again call the attention of all subscribers to the above, who are considering the question of being present, that arrangements are being made at Ilkley to give a hearty welcome to all who come. In order to ensure a good day's ringing the Yorkshire Association's June Meeting is to be held concurrently. The gathering therefore will certainly be large, and it is hoped influential and representative.

The eight bells, by kind permission of the Vicar of Ilkley, the Rev. Howard Kempson, M.A., will be at the disposal of the visitors from an early hour, immediately following the removal of the muffles, after an in memoriam touch by our officers.

Divine Service will be held at 4.30, at which a sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Wigram, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Rural Dean; member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James's Society, and the Hertford County Association, etc., etc. The window will be then unveiled.

As the subscriptions of a great number are massed together under the names of their churches and Associations it will probably prove to be impossible to communicate with each one direct. Those organizing the Ilkley arrangements will therefore be much obliged if every subscriber will take this letter as a direct invitation to be present.

In order that the final arrangements may be satisfactorily carried out each subscriber intending to be present must send in his name to Mr. Joe Beanlands, jun., the Amateur Society of Change-ringers, Ilkley, via Leeds, on or before the last day of this month.

The organizing committee are obliged to notify that it will be beyond their power to entertain as visitors any who have failed to comply with this request.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Whit-Monday, May 30th, 1887, twelve members attempted to ring at St. Michael's Cornhill, Mr. H. W. Haley's peal of 10,030 Stedman Cinques, but unfortunately got out in the last course, after ringing upwards of 9900 changes, in seven hours and thirty-five minutes. J. Pettitt (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; E. F. Winny, 4; E. Gibbs, 5; G. T. MacLaughlin, 6; F. E. Dawe, 7; E. E. Clark, 8; W. Greenleaf, 9; F. G. Newman, 10; E. Horrex, 11; J. M. Hayes, 12. Tenor 41 cwt. When the band came out of the tower they were met by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield Bank, Derbyshire, who had journeyed to London on purpose to hear the ringing, after expressing his sorrow for their hard luck he very kindly invited them to the Bell Tavern to partake of a substantial meat tea which he had most liberally ordered for them, for which they tender their best thanks.

THE ATTEMPTED LONG PEAL AT CHELTENHAM.

As announced in our last issue, the long peal of Stedman Caters consisting of 12,345 changes, was duly started for at the parish church, on Whit-Monday, May 30th, and all went well for upwards of seventy-eight courses, when an unfortunate "trip in the slow" brought it to an untimely end in 5 hrs. 12 mins., some 8500 changes having been rung. F. Musty, 1; G. H. Philpot, Esq., 2; T. Reynolds (Birmingham), 3; H. Roberts, 4; F. E. Ward, Esq., 5; H. Karn, 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 7; W. T. Pates (conductor), 8; J. Buffery (Birmingham), 9; A. W. Humphris, 10. Tenor 23 cwt. Composed by H. Johnson, sen. Mr. A. Thomas, of Birmingham, and Mr. J. Rowbotham, of London, were referees, and checked off the course-ends as they came up.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Tonbridge, on Monday, June 13th. Committee Meeting at 11; service in the parish church at 12; dinner at 1; allowance to practising members, 1s. and dinner. Secretaries of bands that mean to attend, and other members, must communicate by the end of this month with the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Wrinsted Court, Lenham, and all are requested to be so good as to notice the change of address.

R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday afternoon last, the Rev. H. J. Cheales, President of the above Association, in company with E. Mason, of Boston, visited West Keal, and with the assistance of the home company, rung several touches of Bob Minor. W. Vickers, 1; Rev. H. J. Cheales, 2; J. A. Hand, 3; J. Green, 4; H. Daulton, 5; E. Mason, 6. The Rev. H. J. Cheales having another engagement to attend, could only stay for a short time, after which Mr. Daulton who is staying in the neighbourhood of Stickney, and a member of the Yorkshire Association, arrived, and a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and six singles), was rung in 27 mins. E. Mason, 1; J. A. Hand, 2; W. Vickers, 3; J. Green, 4; H. Daulton, 5; H. Dodds, 6. Col. Grantham kindly entertained the company to tea at the Hall.

A DISGRACEFUL WILTSHIRE BELFRY.

In the tower of Woodford Church, Wilts, hang three bells, tenor about 14 cwt. The two largest bells have been cracked, and useless beyond the memory of anyone now living. The tenor has no clapper, and the second is scotched up at an angle of about 45 degrees, to allow of the insertion of the hammer of a new clock recently put up, which strikes on the treble, the only sound bell of the peal. Even this bell is only tolled, as the fittings are so out of order that she cannot be raised. This bell is inscribed "Honor the EWE BRB king, I.W., 1613." The second is inscribed "Feare the Lord, I.W., 1608," and the tenor, "AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA," in lombardic capitals.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held on Whit Saturday, June 4th, at Standish, when punctual attendance is requested. A tea will be provided in the parish church schoolroom at 5 o'clock. After tea, the usual business meeting will be held, to pass accounts, to elect the officers for the year, to elect new members, and to transact any regular business of the Association.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

57 Chorley Road, Blackrod, Near Chorley.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The June Meeting will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, June 11th, concurrently with the meeting at which the change-ringers' Memorial window to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon is to be unveiled. All members intending to be present at the service, and afterwards at the tea, should signify the same to Mr. Joe Beanlands, jun., the amateur society of change-ringers, Ilkley, on or before the last day of this month.

W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, June 4th, in St. John-the-Baptist Schoolroom, Hagley, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector, will preside. Each company is respectfully requested to send one or more members, as the rules, report, balance-sheet, etc., will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

LONG PEALS.—The "bell-scare" is again on the move. The Standard of Thursday had the following letter from "Medical Practitioner": "A patient of mine, living in the City, within less than a stone's throw of a City church, has been on a bed of suffering for more than twelve months, racked with the most excruciating pains, almost day and night. I was grieved to find, on visiting her on Monday last, that she had been subject to the annoyance of one ceaseless clang of bells from half-past ten a.m. until six p.m. The poor lady was simply distracted. She almost wished that to her present affliction deafness had been added. The rector has been appealed to, but in vain. He pleads that he is powerless in the matter. Then, who is responsible? This is not the only case I could quote in which the sick-room has its horrors intensified by the perpetual monotonous ding-dong and clang-clang of our church bells."

NOTICE.—Any ringers or friends going to Ilkley through or from Leeds and other surrounding districts, to attend the Yorkshire Association meeting on June 11th, are kindly invited to join the Leeds St. Peter's society at Wellington station. Meet under the clock 2.30 p.m., travel fast train 2.40 p.m. The above society are making arrangements with the Midland Railway Company to go by pass at reduced fares. All are welcome; handbells will be provided for this party's travelling convenience.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1887.

THE uncertainty—not by any means glorious—of peal-ringing has been exemplified during the past week in a most marked degree. On Whit-Monday twelve members of the College Youths attempted a 10,000 peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and lost it, to use a metaphor, by the skin of their teeth. This was certainly a great disappointment, as the body of the peal had all been got through very well, the misfortune happening in the coming-home course, where to get round it is necessary to invert the positions of the large bells, which have hitherto all along remained in the tittum position. The change wrought by this process demands at such a critical period the most steady attention and care, for the danger of a mistake which ruins the whole is great, especially when such lengths as the one we are alluding to are near completion. There is no help for such untoward accidents except the practice of the most uncommon care; such a truism is of course no emollient for the disaster. All our readers must sympathise with their twelve brethren who made such a show on the occasion, and wish them greater success when they next make the attempt.

A report of this failure does not unfortunately fill the "agony column" of "THE BELL NEWS" this week. The attempt for a 12,000 peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, "came to grief" after five hours' ringing, more than 8000 changes having been rung. Here the coming-round course was not reached; a trip in the slow-work after more than two thirds had been rung, causing the mischief. We must congratulate this band upon having such a good "look in," though success did not attend their efforts. The ringers of the beautiful Gloucestershire town have of late become somewhat conspicuous, and it cannot be doubted that they, alone, will eventually accomplish whatever they determine upon. The thought arises upon hearing of this attempt that we may see in their progress a quickening of that renown once enjoyed by the ringers of the neighbouring town of Painswick, thus rendering their own county again famous. The members of the Cheltenham Society possess every

requisite for becoming celebrated. And no one will be more pleased than ourselves to hear that when this peal of the first five figures is accomplished, some other undertaking, equally as colossal, is about to be taken in hand by them.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 28, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

W. H. FUSSELL* Treble.	W. H. DORAN 5.
F. PITSTOW* 2.	*THOMAS TITCHENER 6.
E. F. COLE 3.	*ARTHUR JACOB 7.
GEORGE NEWSON* 4.	*GEORGE TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*Members of the Norwich Association. All the above, except T. Titchener, are members of the Essex Association. The composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th the extent at "home" ten course-ends and the 5th at six. This is Mr. Taylor's first visit to London for a peal, he hails from Cambridge, and F. Pitstow from Saffron Walden.

The Provinces.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Stuffed Peal.

On Saturday, May 28, 1887,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS,

Being 720 each of the following:—

Tullip, Primrose, College Trebles, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLAWAY .. Treble.	WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.
SAMUEL ODDY 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 5.
HENRY ODDY 3.	JOHN HALEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

The above peal was rung as a last token of respect to the late Edward Webster, for 48 years a ringer there.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

H. HUMFREY* Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	TOM HIBBERT 7.
THOMAS SHORT* 3.	*H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. 8.
CHARLES TRINDER* 4.	*WILLIAM NAPPER 9.
FREDERICK FIELD* 5.	*JOHN BROWN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. The above peal has the 5th and 6th each 24 courses behind the 9th.

HEYWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, May 28, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

JAMES KAY Treble.	GEORGE HOYLE 5.
JAMES GRATRICK 2.	FRANK BIRTWISTLE 6.
ALBERT SCHOFIELD* .. 3.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
JOHN MILLETT 4.	JAMES MILLETT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MILLETT.

*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Birtwistle and Hoyle hail from Rochdale; Gratrix from Manchester; the rest belong to Heywood. The above was rung on the 24th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Whit Monday, May 30, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS Treble.	GEORGE NEWSON 5.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 2.	*REV. T. L. PAPILLON .. 6.
RICHARD WOOD* 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
WILLIAM H. NEVARD† .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. The Rev. T. L. Papillon and R. Wood were elected members of the Society of Royal-Cumberland Youths previous to starting for the peal.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Whit-Monday, May 30, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES HARES Treble.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2.	SAMUEL REEVES 6.
JOHN FRISBY 3.	CHARLES PRICE 7.
REUBEN HALL 4.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This is Mr. W. F. Hartshorne's, of Brierley Hill, first peal, and he was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal. The rest of the band belong to Christ Church, West Bromwich. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Four-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

TOM HIBBERT Treble.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	FREDERICK FIELD 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	THOMAS SHORT 7.
CHARLES TRINDER 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is Mr. Short's first attempt at Double Norwich, and he rang with great accuracy. This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th each sixteen courses in 6th's place.

HERNEHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 30, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALFRED FOREMAN Treble.	ALFRED A. ANDREWS .. 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	HARRY FRUIN 6.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS† .. 3.	JOHN H. SMALL 7.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER* .. 4.	WILLIAM W. BOULDEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY G. FAIRBRASS.

Fruin hails from Abingdon; Boulden from Broughton; Rev. E. W. Carpenter from Bobbing, Sittingbourne; the rest from Canterbury. This is the first peal on the bells.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First peal as conductor. ‡First peal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. Eb.

ALFRED TRIGG Treble.	SIDNEY ROMANS 5.
CHARLES KING 2.	WILLIAM HALE 6.
WILLIAM SLOEMAN 3.	WILLIAM SEVIER 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	FREDERICK STEPHENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SEVIER.

Messrs. W. Hale and A. Trigg hail from Painswick; R. Wilkins, S. Romans, and W. Sevier from Gloucester; the rest are of the local company.

WORCESTER.—THE WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. PUDGE* Treble.	*W. JENKINS 5.
L. LONGNEY 2.	G. CLEAL 6.
G. HOBBS 3.	T. GWYN 7.
W. POWELL* 4.	T. MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by G. CLEAL.

*First peal. This peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" for February 2nd, 1884, page 521, No. 1 peal.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Monday, May 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SNOWDON'S VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	ISAAC HILLS 5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP 2.	MAURICE E. R. WARWICK 6.
WILLIAM ALLAN* 3.	WILLIAM J. G. BIGGS .. 7.
HARRY CHAPMAN 4.	*CHARLES LINE Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

*First peal.

C. Lines hails from Sherington, Bucks. The above peal was rung in the place of a peal of Treble Bob, which had to be abandoned on account of one of the intended band being too unwell to attend. First jubilee peal rang in the county.

WORCESTER.—THE WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

F. OWEN Treble.	W. BLANDFORD 6.
N. WALE 2.	H. WILKS 7.
H. PHEASANT 3.	W. PAGE* 8.
G. HOBBS 4.	T. GWYN 9.
G. CLEAL 5.	T. MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by H. WILKS.

*First peal.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM, AND THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 30, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM COOPER .. Treble.	ROBERT JOHNSON 5.
HENRY BROWN* 2.	WILLIAM LONG 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 3.	JOHN SAUNDERS 7.
GEORGE SMITH 4.	CHARLES FLUCK Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

*First peal. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. D. Davis (the steeple-keeper) for his hearty welcome.

DEWSBURY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GARFORTH TAYLOR .. Treble.	JAMES A. IDLE 5.
WALTER IDLE 2.	GEORGE H. HARDY 6.
W. AINLEY 3.	WALTER BRYAN 7.
J. IDLE 4.	D. STEVENSON Tenor.

Composed and conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

TORQUAY, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT
SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 30, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES MOSS	Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD	5.
EDWIN SHEPHERD	2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD	6.
ALFRED SHEPHERD	3.	*FREDERICK W. BATCHELOR	7.
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY	4.	THOMAS J. LAKE	Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The above is the first peal on the bells. Mr. Batchelor hails from Plymouth; and Mr. Gifford from Salisbury, who was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting.

CAMPSALL, NEAR DONCASTER.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Monday, May 30, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDELENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

TOM STOCKDALE	Treble.	WILLIAM SOUTHWICK	5.
ARTHUR B. PEARSON*	2.	*JOHN CARTER	6.
WILLIAM PEARSON*	3.	CHARLES BENNETT	7.
JOHN POLLARD	4.	CHARLES JACKSON	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This is the first peal on the bells, and is now rung for the first time. On the completion of the peal a salute of 21 was "fired" in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The Hull ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Pontefract ringers who met them for the peal, for their kind hospitality.

W. Pearson and J. Carter hail from Pontefract; A. B. Pearson belongs to the local company; the rest hail from Hull.

*First peal.

Date Touches.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—BURTON-
ON-TRENT BRANCH.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Tuesday evening, May 24th, being Her Majesty's birthday, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), was rung at the parish church, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Orme, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; L. Bullock (composer), 3; G. Robinson, 4; J. Hicklin, 5; J. Walker, 6; J. Jaggar (conductor), 7; J. Leach, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

GLADWICK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, May 24th, 1887, at St. Mark's church, a date touch (1887 changes), of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins. R. Guest, 1; C. Dronsfield, 2; J. Riley, 3; F. Crossland, 4; J. Greenwood, 5; A. Clegg, 6; S. Stott (conductor), 7; G. H. Beever, 8. This touch was rung in honour of Her Majesty the Queen attaining her sixth-eighth birthday. F. Crossland hails from Lees.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Whit Monday, eight members of the local company, met at St. Peter's church, and rang a date touch of Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 14 mins. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Griggs, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. This touch was composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. It was arranged to start for a 5040, but owing to an unforeseen occurrence it had to be abandoned, and this was rung instead. Tenor 23 cwt.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Friday evening, May 27th, at the parish church, a date touch (1887 changes), of Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 behind, in 1 hr. 23 mins. J. Chivers, 1; C. Mitchell, 2; H. Barefield, 3; C. Corke, jun., 4; C. E. Warner, 5; F. Wells, 6; F. Buckingham, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. The above are all members of the local band, with the exception of H. Barefield. Tenor 21 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, May 17th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. A. Spurge, 1; W. W. Scott (sexton of St. Peter's, Colchester), 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Friday evening, May

27th, a 720 of Double Court Bob, in 28 mins. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On Whit Sunday morning, a 720 of Bob Minor, and for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Court Single. And for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob and a course of Plain Bob Minor. And after service, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE (Bedfordshire).—On Sunday evening, May 15th, for Divine Service, a 720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 22 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Lewin, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 22nd, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. G. Usher, 1; *W. Smith, 2; E. Norman, 3; W. Mynard, 4; E. Lewin, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6. *First 720 with an inside bell. On Monday evening, May 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Lewin, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all. On May 29th, being Whit Sunday, and also the fourth anniversary of the opening of the bells, touches were rung during the day. And in the evening for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 22 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Lewin, 4; J. Carwell Cooke, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, May 31st, for practice, a 720 of College Single, in 24½ mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Lewin, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, May 19th, at St. Paul's Church, for Divine Service, a 588 of Grandsire Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; S. Cullip, 4; W. Allan, 5; H. Chapman, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also on Tuesday, May 24th, it being the 68th birthday of the Queen, a 555 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; W. Allan, 2; S. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; M. Warwick, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. Also on Sunday, May 29th, for evensong, a 224 of Grandsire Triples. C. Howard, 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; S. Cullip, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6; I. Hills, 7; H. Wood, 8. Also a 266 of Grandsire Triples. C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick, 2; H. Chapman, 3; F. Keech, 4; J. Crossell, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Line, 8. Messrs. Howard and Wood hail from Biddenham (Beds), and C. Line from Sherrington (Bucks). Also on Monday, May 30th, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. M. Warwick (conductor), 1; W. Allan, 2; C. Clarke, 3; C. Line, 4; H. Chapman, 5; J. Chapman, sen. (Bythorn, Hunts), 6. Also in the evening, a plain course of Grandsire Triples. C. Line, 1; J. Spencer, 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Biggs, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; J. Chapman, 8. Muffled Peal.—On Thursday, May 26th, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Isaac Lancaster, who had held the position of sexton of the above church for upwards of 40 years, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Hall, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. Also the usual whole pull and stand. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. Cullip, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Allan, 5; C. Pass, 6. Also for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick (conductor), 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; W. Allan, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick (conductor), 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, May 29th, for Divine Service at St. Lawrence Jewry, 518 of Grandsire Triples. W. Alford, jun., 1; J. R. Haworth (conductor), 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; H. Langdon, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; R. Hopkins, 6; J. Waghorn, 7; G. R. Banks, 8. And after service, a 336 in the same method. J. Waghorn, jun., 1; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 2; J. Waghorn, 3; R. French, 4; G. R. Banks, 5; R. Hopkins, 6; J. Barry, 7; E. Albone, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER (Devonshire).—On Tuesday, May 17th, a 168 of Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. P. Jackson, 1; W. Mundy, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; S. Binfield, 4; C. Carter, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. And some Grandsire Doubles, the Rev. H. P. Jackson ringing the treble. The Rev. H. P. Jackson hails from Beaminster. On Sunday, May 22nd, a 420 of Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; F. Davey, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. On Tuesday, May

24th, a 168 of Grandsire Triples. W. Sampson, 1; F. Davey, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; C. Carter, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Lake, 8. This is W. Sampson's first touch of Triples, and hails from Whitstone. And 168 of Grandsire Triples. W. Mundy, 1; F. Davey, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; C. Carter, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; R. Sleeman, 8. On Saturday, May 28th, a plain course of Grandsire Caters. J. Moss, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd, 5-6; E. Shepherd, 7-8; W. Mundy, 9-10. And a 518 of Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; E. Shepherd (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. W. W. Gifford hails from Salisbury. *Handbell Ringing.*—At the meeting house, a 280 of Grandsire Triples. E. Shepherd, 1-2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; W. Mundy, 7-8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Shepherd, 1-2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8. And two plain courses of Grandsire Caters. W. W. Gifford, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd, 5-6; E. Shepherd, 7-8; W. Mundy, 9-10. On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Davey (first quarter-peal), 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; W. Mundy, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; J. Moss, 7; Carter, 8. And a few plain courses of Grandsire Triples. J. L. Steer, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Steer hails from Clyst St. George, and this is his first touch of Triples. And for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Chudley, 1; F. Davey, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; B. Mundy, 8. This is W. Chudley's first attempt at Triples, and he hails from Whitstone; and F. Davey's first quarter-peal with a bob bell. Any visiting brother ringers to this county will be welcome at St. Sidwell's belfry. On Monday, May 30th, at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, a 168 of Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; F. Davey, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; F. W. Batchelor (conductor), 5; E. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. Halls (Brickley), 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday, May 24th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 29 mins. A. Meyers, 1; T. Walker, 2; W. Henderson, 3; J. Anderson, 4; F. Harrison, 5; J. Swinburn (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. First 720 by Messrs. Meyers and Swinburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloeman, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; G. Smith, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; E. Paul, 8. Also for service, on Monday, 339 of Grandsire Triples. — Gregory, 1; W. Sloeman, 2; S. Romans, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; W. Hale, 5; C. Ring (conductor), 6; W. Sevier, 7; A. Trigg, 8.

BISLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, May 30th, at the parish church, eight members of the above association attempted the Rev. C. D. P. Davies's peal of Grandsire Triples, but not having time before the evening service commenced, a touch of 1008 of Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Sloeman, 1; R. J. Wilkins, 2; S. Romans, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; W. Sevier, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; A. Trigg, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in E. And a 1008 in the same method, conducted by Wm. Sevier. The above company wish to tender their thanks to the Rev. —. Keble, for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, May 26th, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Gobbett, 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6. And a course of Caters, with G. Roughton, 1-2.

SANDON.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, May 26, upon handbells, retained in hand, a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Goodall (Sandon), 1; G. Young (Danbury), 2; Jas. Young (Danbury), 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon (Writtle), 4; W. Thornton (Danbury), 5; W. Lincoln (Writtle, conductor), 6. *First 720. Four of the Sandon ringers, with W. Lincoln on the treble, had previously rung 120 Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells, to qualify for membership of the Essex Association, and their progress in about two months, with only local assistance, is creditable to them. The Danbury men now sadly require a sixth bell in their tower, as they can ring 720 upon handbells.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Monday, May 30th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob in 26 mins. E. J. Chaplin, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Bearman, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; A. Porter (conductor), 5; E. Radley, 6. Messrs. Chaplin and Radley hail from Stisted, Howard from Braintree, Porter from Little Heath, and Bearman from Bocking.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Monday, May 30th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob in 25 mins. E. J. Chaplin, 1; W. Bearman, 2; E.

Chaplin, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; E. Radley (conductor), 5; A. Chaplin, 6. The Messrs. E. J. and A. Chaplin and E. Radley hail from Stisted, E. Chaplin from Witham, Bearman from Bocking, and C. H. Howard from Braintree. The above was rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the above Association held at Chelmsford.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, May 24th, at the parish church, in honour of the Queen's Birthday, the first half of Holt's six-part peal of Union Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 41 mins. R. Jarvis, 1; G. Skeef, 2; J. W. Jarvis, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Peck, 8. And on Whit Sunday, for morning service, 518 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. Skeef. Also for evening service, 546 of Union Triples. After service 672 of Grandsire Triples. J. R. Mackman, 1; R. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; J. W. Jarvis, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; G. Skeef, 7; G. L. Richardson, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Monday, May, 30th, the Christ-church Society attempted to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3300 changes in 1 hr. and 45 mins., the conductor observed that two bells had changed course, so he called the bells round. H. Baldwin, 1; R. Hill, 2; W. M. Varley, 3; J. Lea, 4; A. S. Porter, 5; A. Rimmer, 6; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 7; W. Baldwin, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Saturday last, eight members of the above Association rang at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; R. Bosworth, 4; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 6; G. A. Fish, 7; J. R. Wood, 8. Messrs. Hollingworth, Cook, Tunnicliffe, Fish and Wood are from Melbourne, and this is their first quarter-peal.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Tuesday, May 24th, at St. Peter's Church, at noon, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 23 mins. Alfred Grist, 1; Harry Vivash, 2; Chas. Staden, 3; Tom Green (conductor), 4; *James G. Bennett, 5; Saml. Merritt, 6; *Henry A. Garrett, 7; Tom Belbin, 8. The bells were also "fired" fifty times in celebration of the fifty years of her Majesty's reign *College Yopths.

THE WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Tuesday, May 30th, at the Cathedral, touches of 575 and 882 of Grandsire Caters, were rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. We are pleased to hear that these bells are open for practice the first Monday in each month, they having been closed for that purpose for a considerable time.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Monday, May 16th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins. G. Gregory, 1; A. Gregory, 2; F. Money, 3; A. Bunce, 4; H. Smith, 5; F. May, 6. The above was rung to welcome the return of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gardner, who was married at Cheltenham on the same day, he being a member of the society. Also on Tuesday, May 24th, 360 of Kent Treble Bob, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Charles Gregory, who was buried on that day, and who was formerly a ringer for upwards of thirty years; standing as before. And on Sunday, May 29th, for Morning Service, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. E. Gregory (aged 12), 1; O. Gregory, 2; A. Bunce, 3; G. Gregory, 4; F. May (conductor), 5; T. Gregory, 6.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Whit Monday, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 30 mins., with 7,8 behind. *H. Canner, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; J. Austin, 3; L. Bullock, 4; *W. Canner, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6; T. Jacques, 7; W. Owen, 8. Also a 224 of Grandsire Triples. J. Dunmore, 1; H. Canner, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; J. Austin, 4; L. Bullock, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; W. Canner, 7; T. Jacques, 8. Several other touches were also rung. *First 720.

BATLEY CARR.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Whit Monday, for practice, a 6-score of each of the following methods:—New London Pleasure, London Scholars, Kent City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Darton New Pleasure. J. W. Simon, 1-2; Walter Idle, 3-4; Geo. H. Simon, 5-6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, May 21st, at St. Chad's Cathedral, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted but came to grief through a change-course, after ringing 2000 changes. M. Saniger, 1; M.

Murphy, 2; W. Stringer, 3; J. Murphy, 4; J. Plant, 5; P. Callagan, 6; T. Miller (conductor), 7; T. Hulls, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Brown, 1; F. Smith, 2; L. Killick, 3; J. Bashford (conductor), 4; *W. Mayne, 5; G. Potter, 6; T. Boniface, 7; J. Balcombe, 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, May 26th, at Christ Church, 1632 changes, being 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 360 of College Single Minor, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 192 of Grandsire Minor, and a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. The above was conducted by Messrs. Bradshaw and Wilson, and is the longest length rung on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 7th, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Manser, 2; G. Manser, 3; J. Jackson, 4; E. Coleman, 5; J. Hinsley, 6. On Sunday, May 8th, after Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Smith (first 720), 1; R. Kemp, 2; R. Hutton, 3; J. Cullum, 4; R. Atkins, 5; J. Hinsley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 15th, a 720 of Bob Minor. R. Hutton, 1; J. Coleman, 2; G. Manser, jun., 3; E. Coleman, 4; R. Seager, 5; J. Hinsley (conductor), 6.

CHILHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, May 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), 1260 changes, in 47 mins. A. Foreman, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 2; H. Fruin, 3; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 4; J. H. Small, 5; R. Goodbourn, 6; H. G. Fairbrass (conductor), 7; A. Allen, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. Rev. E. W. Carpenter hails from Bobbing; Fruin from Abingdon; the rest from Canterbury.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Tuesday evening, May 24th, at the parish church, on the occasion of her Majesty's birthday, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). J. Haspray (conductor), 1; J. Hughes, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Woodward, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, May 28th, at St. Thomas and Edmunds' Church, 377 of Grandsire Triples. D. Ivers, 1; M. Murphy, 2; W. Stringer, 3; J. Murphy, 4; P. Callagan, 5; T. Miller (conductor), 6; M. Sannigar, 7; F. Hulls, 8. Also 60r in the same method, with C. Fellows on the tenor. *Handbell Ringing*.—At the "Acorn" Hotel, 395 of Grandsire Caters, and 504 of Stedman Triples, also a course of Bob Major, by the following:—B. Mitchell, J. Plant, T. Miller, M. Murphy, and J. Murphy. The whole of the above are Roman Catholics.

GISLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service, in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. W. E. Garrard, 1; J. Davey, 2; C. Nunn, 3; G. Bird, 4; J. Selsby, 5; C. Elmer (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. W. E. Garrard hails from London; C. Nunn and T. Davey from Wickham Skeith; the rest belongs to the local company.

GRIMLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Freeman, 1; S. Cotton, 2; W. Jenkins, 3; T. Bullock, 4; H. Wilkes (conductor), 5; G. Cleal, 6. W. Freeman and T. Bullock are of the Grimley company, this being their first 720; the rest belong to Worcester.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Whit-Sunday, the local company, assisted by two brother-strings from Stavely, rang for early celebration 720 of Kent Treble Bob. *H. Worthington, 1; W. Price, 2; *W. Worthington, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Also for morning service, a 720 of Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Shaw, 4; G. Norman (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Also for evening service, a 720 of Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. *Members of the Stavely company. The above is N. Worthington's first 720 at Eckington.

HALSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, May 15th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. D. Claydon, 1; W. Rodgers, 2; J. Taylor, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 360 of Bob Minor. W. Gladin, 1; W. Spurgeon, 2; D. Claydon, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; W. Ward (conductor), 5; N. Hawkins, 6. Also on the same day at Grenstead Green Church, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. D. Claydon, 1; J. Taylor, 2; W. Ward, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. The brothers Hawkins hail from Belchamp Walter; Claydon and Rodgers from Earls Colne; Taylor from Great Bromley; Nevard from Great Bentley; the rest are local men.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, May 24th, in honour of her Majesty's birthday, four 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. H. Willis, 1; W. Tarling, 2; L. Longney, 3; A. A. Pitt, 4; R. G.

Knowles (conductor), 5; W. Turner, 6. And six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Hill, 1; H. Willis, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; A. A. Pitt, 4; W. Tarling, 5; R. G. Knowles, 6. L. Longney hails from Croome; the rest are local men.

HARBORNE (Staffs.).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Friday, May 27th, at the parish church, by the Amateur Society, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. C. Edwards, 1; J. Day, 2; A. Thomas (conductor), 3; T. Gibbs, 4; T. Lewis, 5; H. Bradley, 6; T. Bryant, 7; Rev. F. Roberts, 8. Also a 336 of the same method, with the addition of W. Nicholls on the 2nd. The above touches were rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. S. Humphreys, late chaplain at the general hospital, Birmingham.

HARWICH. —On Sunday, May 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. Goddard (conductor), 1; Brewster, 2; Aldis, 3; Huff, 4; Peachey, 5; W. Green, 6; Easter, 7; Knock, 8. And 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Green, 1; Brewster, 2; Aldis, 3; Goddard (conductor), 4; Peachey, 5; Knock, 6; Easter, 7; W. Green, 8. On Sunday, May 22nd, for service 392 Grandsire Triples. E. Green, 1; Goddard, 2; Aldis, 3; Huff, 4; Peachey, 5; W. Green, 6; Knock, 7; Easter, 8.

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, May 8th, after Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; G. Edwards, 2; H. Eagling, sen., 3; W. Ringer, 4; F. Eagling, jun. (first 720), 5; J. Mordey (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 10th, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; H. Eagling, sen., 2; J. Mordey, 3; W. Ringer, 4; F. Eagling, jun., 5; J. Woods, sen. (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 15th, after Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; G. Edwards, 2; J. W. Woods, jun., 3; J. Woods, sen., 4; F. Eagling, 5; J. Mordey (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 17th, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; A. G. Williams (first 720), 2; J. Mordey, 3; W. Ringer, 4; F. Eagling, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 24th, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, jun., 1; A. G. Williams, 2; H. Eagling, sen., 3; W. Ringer, 4; J. Woods, sen., 5; J. Mordey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 26th, six courses of Bob Major. J. Woods, jun., 1; A. G. Williams, 2; G. Edwards, 3; H. Eagling, sen., 4; J. Woods, sen., 5; W. Ringer, 6; F. Eagling, jun., 7; J. Mordey, 8.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service in the afternoon at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 336 of Bob Major. T. Bruce, 1; C. Fisk, 2; W. Boby, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; A. Symonds, 7; W. Moore, 8. Also after service, 336 in the same method. H. Smith, 4; A. Hollocks, 5; the rest as before. Both were conducted by A. Symonds, of the Royal Cumberland Society. Messrs. Hollocks, Moore, and Snell hail from Preston, the rest are local men.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 24th, at St. John the Baptist's church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a 720 of Bob Minor. L. Green, 1; W. Smith, 2; F. Bines, 3; E. Barnett (conductor), 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; G. Cornell, 6.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 29th, at St. John's Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. Bamber, 1; B. Taylor, 2; John Salthouse, 3; C. H. Kerr, 4; John Fell (conductor), 5; R. Whiteside, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. Salthouse was formerly a ringer at this church, but now resides near Preston.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Monday evening, May 23rd, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Parker, who for nearly forty years was verger of the parish church, a 600 of Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 behind. W. Adler, 1; T. Chapman, 2; F. Lingard, 3; E. Rowley, 4; H. Horwood, 5; G. Winter, 6; T. Bates, 7; J. Clarke, 8. Owing to illness in the band we had to be content with Doubles, not having enough for Triples.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, May 20th, at St. Giles Church, for evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 27 mins. H. Smart, 1; H. Dibley, 2; A. Evans, 3; H. Egby, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; T. Hibbert (conductor), 8. Also on Tuesday, May 24th, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 26 mins. H. Smart, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; A. Evans, 3; F. Sweetzer, H. Blissit, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. H. Simmonds, hails from Caversham.

RINGSTEAD (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, May 14th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, a 720 of London Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; G. Roberts, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. And 360 of Plain Bob. G. Roberts, 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts, 6. On Saturday, May 21st, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Roberts, 1; F. Chapman, 2; J. Braybrook, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. And 360 of London Single. T. Roberts, 1; G. Roberts, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; E. Mayes, 4; J. Braybrook (conductor), 5; F. Chapman, 6. On

Saturday, May 28th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Roberts, 1; G. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; *F. Chapman (conductor), 6. *First peal as conductor. And two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. T. Roberts, 1; R. Shipley, 2; F. Chapman, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; G. Roberts (conductor), 5; S. Bailey, 6. And on Whit Sunday, in the early morning, a 720 of Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). E. Mayes, 1; G. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; F. Chapman, 4; J. Braybrook (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, May 21st, at St. Mary the Virgin, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins. Isaac Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and ten singles), composed by J. Park r. of Farnham Royal, Bucks. W. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 22nd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (twelve bobs), in 25 mins. G. Gray, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 of Plain Bob Minor (three bobs and eighteen singles). W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; G. Prior, 4; G. Gray, 5; H. Prior (composer and conductor), 6. And 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; G. Prior, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 24th, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; H. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Watts, 1; W. T. Prior, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Gray, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, with the 4th the observation. W. Watts, 1; W. Prior, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, May 28th, at the "King's Arms," on handbells, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 29th, a 720 of College Single, in 24½ mins. W. Watts, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 30th, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, in 24 mins. H. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. *Handbell Lapping*.—And at the "King's Arms," a plain course of London Surprise Major. W. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior, 3-4; C. Prior (Stratford), 5-6; G. Prior, 7-8. And a 252 of Stedman Triples. W. Prior, 1-2; H. Prior (conductor), 3-4; C. Prior (Stratford), 5-6; W. Watts, 7-8.

STISTED (Essex).—On Saturday, May 28th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-six singles). E. Chaplin, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; W. Bearman (Bocking), 3; T. Saunders, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6. And on Whit Sunday, a 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Chaplin, 1; F. Saunders, 2; A. Chaplin, 3; C. Duncomb, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Whit Sunday, the local company rang for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), with tenor covering. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harril (conductor), 3; W. Johnson, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; W. A. Pugh, 6; J. Crump, 7.

SUCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, May 14th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. S. Cotton, 1; R. Ballard, 2; J. Howells, 3; W. Watkins, 4; W. Jenkins, 5; G. Cleal (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Minor by the Suckley men. Messrs. Cleal, Cotton, and Jenkins hail from Worcester.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Whit Sunday, the local company met at St. Gregory's at 7 a.m. and rang a 504 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; H. Harper, 2; W. Howell, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Cross, 5; W. Griggs, 6; A. Scott, 7; J. Campin, 8. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob and Bob Major were also rung at St. Peter's during the day, finishing up with a well-struck 630 of Grandsire Triples. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Griggs, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

TIBENHAM (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, May 4th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 240 in the same method. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Manser, sen., 2; G. Manser, jun., 3; J. Jackson, 4; E. Coleman, 5; J. Hinsley, 6. On Wednesday, May 18th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). R. Hutton (conductor), 1; J. Coleman, 2; G. Manser, jun., 3; J. Jackson, 4; E. Coleman, 5; J. Hinsley, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, May 29th, for Divine Service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and three 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; R. Stockley, 5; F. Musker, 6. And in the evening, after Divine Service, a 720

of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 360 College Single Minor, and 360 of Grandsire Minor. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. Messrs. Yates, Short, Rushton, Barton, and Bradshaw hail from Bootle. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, May 11th, at St. Peter's church, by the voluntary band, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins. J. Brett, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen (conductor), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also on Sunday, May 15th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, as before, with H. Hill (conductor). And on Wednesday, May 18th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. H. Merrishaw, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Butt, 4; H. Allen, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also on Sunday, May 22nd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles). J. Hendry, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Allen, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, May 21st, at the parish church, for confirmation service, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 47 mins. F. Turley, 1; G. Salter, 2; F. Geens, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Shilton, 6. This is supposed to be the longest touch on the bells by ringers residing in the parish.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 24th, at Christ Church, in honour of the Queen's Birthday, a 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Minor. W. Smith, 1; F. Bines, 2; L. Green, 3; G. Cornell, 4; A. H. Gardon, Esq., 5; E. Barnett, 6. The Kent Treble Bob was conducted by A. H. Gardon, and the Grandsire Minor by E. Barnett.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, May 20th, for practice, a course of New London Pleasure. W. Harvey, 1; W. Lincoln (Writtle), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; H. F. de Lisle, Esq. (Galleywood), 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper, 6. This was Mr. de Lisle's first attempt to ring in the method. Afterwards a 720 in the same method in 25 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; W. J. Piper, 3; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 4; W. Lincoln, 5; A. Tarbun, 6.

WICKHAM SKETH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. E. Youngs, 1; C. Nunn, 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; T. Davey, 4; W. Grimwood (conductor), 5; C. Kemp, 6. Also after Divine Service, a 360 of Bob Minor. W. E. Garrard, 1; C. Nunn, 2; W. Burgis, 3; T. Davey, 4; W. Grimwood (conductor), 5; G. Cattermole, 6.

WOODFIELD (Herts.).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, May 24th, was rang on handbells, in honour of the Queen's Birthday, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). Samuel Seymour, 1-2; John Smith (conductor), 3-4; Robert Rogers, 5-6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and fourteen singles). Samuel Seymour (conductor), 1-2; John Smith, 3-4; Robert Rogers, 5-6.

"NOTES ON THE BELLS OF ST. ANDREW'S ABBEY CHURCH, HEXHAM."—[A paper read at the Meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, April 27, 1887, by J. P. GIBSON.] This is a small but interesting brochure of a somewhat historical character. It relates the vicissitudes of Hexham Abbey bells through the various successive dynasties which have governed England, and much interesting data respecting them is given. A native of Hexham living in the year 1755 writes thus to the *Gentleman's Magazine* respecting them:—

"Six bells, which were broken and in great disorder about sixteen years ago, we had recast into eight, and they are now, without controversy, as fine a ring as any in England of the weight. They were made and hung by your London artists." At this time, says the author of the book we are dealing with, change-ringing had been introduced and had become a fashionable pastime, so fashionable indeed that in many of the belfries rules were posted up imposing fines on any one who should ring the bells in spurs or who should bring a whip into the belfry. The peal of eight bells was cast in 1742 by Thomas Lester, of London, who had at that time the celebrated foundry now carried on by the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Thomas Lester had been foreman to Richard Phelps, under whose management the foundry had very much increased in importance. He had been taken into partnership, and at the death of Richard Phelps in 1738 he bequeathed to him by will the whole plant of materials and implements on the premises. In 1743, a year after casting the Hexham bells, Thomas Lester cast two bells for Westminster Abbey, which are still in existence. Of Thomas Lester's peal only two bells—the treble and the tenor—remain intact, the other six having been broken and recast.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

MR. PRICE'S PEAL.

SIR,—The reason advanced by Mr. Knights is hardly sufficient to deprive Mr. Price of all credit for the production of the 5056 of Treble Bob appearing in your last number but one. Mr. Knights says "The only difference is in one course-end," but this alone is sufficient to establish a distinction. There are, however, other differences which Mr. Knight appears to have failed to notice. The 5088 as compared with the 5056 has an extra bob H: and the 5056 as compared with the 5088 has an extra bob B. Moreover, the course-end 46532 in the 5088 places the bells in a position which for musical qualities is the worst possible; whereas the course-end 32654 in the 5056 places the bells in one of the most harmonious positions there are. In other respects, it is true, the two peals are alike. But the differences mentioned, slight as they may appear at first sight, are, I repeat, sufficient to constitute distinction. One peal is not the same as another unless (1) it is in all respects identical; (2) the direct "reverse"; (3) a variation produced by commencing the calling at a different course. Mr. Price's peal does not offend under any of these heads; and he is consequently entitled to the credit of independent production of a distinct peal. It may be noted in addition that the 5088 reverses to the same peal, but the 5056 does not.

H. EARLE BULWER.

THE TENOR BELL AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

SIR,—Mr. Barry deserves great commendation in coming forward so boldly to take upon himself the sole responsibility of the statement which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 14th, giving the weight of the above tenor as 36 cwt. Great credit is also due to him, for having since had measurements taken to satisfy me (along with whom he couples your worthy self), that the statement was correct. I am quite willing to concede all praise to Mr. Barry for the trouble he has taken to set himself and us right, but while I would not wish to impute wilful error of measurements, yet I must, like another Thomas à Didymus, be allowed to doubt the correctness of such, till I have seen with my own eyes whether I may believe or not. I have been told it requires great carefulness to measure a bell correctly, a little sleight of hand, more or less, either way, may give the figures very much at variance with the truth. But taking it for granted that Mr. Barry has not been deceived, the dimensions he gives do not make it indisputable that his weight is right. I have in my possession an old list of peals of bells, hung, and rehung, by a celebrated bell hanger, of some seventy years ago, and in it is a record of some work done at St. Lawrence to the eight bells, the tenor being put down as 29 cwt. Now Sir, surely bell hangers are not likely to err on the light side when publishing their performances in the somewhat difficult task of hanging church bells, more especially large ones, because all good ringers know (or are supposed to know), that to make a big bell ring easy, is no easy thing to accomplish, hence the bell hanger should not fail consistently with truth to make his tenors as important as possible. A friend has kindly given me dimensions and weight of a bell recently cast, which I think if compared with the particulars given by Mr. Barry, will tend to curtail some of the vaunted 36 cwt. in St. Lawrence's tower. The bell I allude to measures 4 feet 10½ inches in diameter, by thickness of sound bow, 4 inches, bare weight, 35 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lbs. I do not think it necessary to enter into a controversy respecting the bells of Westminster Abbey, which are most likely in the same category as many others, overrated, yet to many minds the opportunity of learning the truth, and nothing but the truth in such matters, would be a calamity, for "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

MATTHEW A. WOOD.

17 Church Row, Bethnal Green Road, May 31st, 1887.

WHO ARE THE LAW BREAKERS?

SIR,—Having read in "THE BELL NEWS" the letter printed from *Church Bells* signed by "Pauline," I see he calls the Rev. Lambert Woodard a law breaker, because amongst things he has burned lights in the day time. Now just before the order of Morning Prayer in our Prayer-book is the following order: "That such ornaments of the Church and of the ministers thereof, at all times of their ministrations shall be retained and be in use as were in the Church of England by the authority of Parliament, in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth." In this Prayer book, altar lights at the time of celebrating of the Holy Communion are ordered, and so all ministers of the Church of England when they are ordained have full authority for lighting the altar lights. Still certain people object to them on the score of their having been made illegal in recent law transactions,

such as the Knightsbridge case, and one is constantly coming across such touchy people. Not knowing myself what law had to say in the matter, but only knowing what every clergyman is allowed to do by the Prayer-book, I have taken the trouble to find out, and although I find that individuals have brought actions against the clergy on this point, yet curiously enough the Judges could only agree that they were perfectly legal, and altar lights are now, as they always have been, right both in the Church, and also in that of the civil courts of justice. In the Knightsbridge case, the judgment has authorised the following important principle: "In the altar lights, not only a symbolical allusion of especial propriety, but what is far greater, a relative dignity as due to the place and time of the special Christian mystery, and a denaturalising influence." As many ringers, I know, talk about such things, and imagine them illegal, and as you have printed "Pauline's" letter, in justice I ask you to insert this as to the legality of altar lights, so that everyone who reads this will have no excuse in the future for creating ill feeling by talking about things as illegal when they are legal.

PAX.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Wednesday, May 11th, being a general holiday on Tyneside for the opening of the Newcastle Exhibition, Messrs. Smith, Wilkinson, Holmes, Heron, Pattison, Sharp, and Oliver, accompanied by the Rev. P. J. B. Ffoulkes, left Jarrow about eight o'clock in the morning, driving to Gateshead, and after being photographed in group, proceeded to Winlaton. Mr. Scott having the bells up, they rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob, some Plain Oxford, and College Single, the Winlaton men taking part. After ringing 600, the tenor cast her rope, and brought the touch to grief. An adjournment was then made for dinner, after which they were soon on the road, bound for Newton Hall, where they have an handy peal of six, tenor 12 cwt., enjoying the drive and scenery very much. Arriving at Newton they rang a touch of Kent, and then a considerable amount of place-making with fresh eggs, bread and butter, and the rest, then a start for a 720, which they managed. After a touch of Bob Minor with the local men, they took the road, having a twenty miles drive before them, arriving at Jarrow about eleven o'clock, after spending a very enjoyable day. They beg to thank all their friends for the use of the bells, and the kind manner in which they received them. On Sunday, May 15th, owing to a lady being ill near the church, there was no ringing. In the afternoon, Messrs. Smith, Pattison, Holmes, Heron, Sharp, and Oliver, walked from Jarrow to Chester-le-Street, where they were kindly received by the ringers, and they allowed them to ring a 720 of Oxford Bob, standing in the above order, R. Oliver (conductor). Tenor 20 cwt.

In Memoriam.

EDWARD WEBSTER.

We have to record the death of the above-named ringer at Tong, near Bradford, Yorks, on the 23rd of May, 1887, in the 66th year of his age. His interment took place at St. James's church, on Thursday, May 26th. The coffin was borne to the grave by ringers and old friends from various places. After the service a course of Grandsire Major was rung over his grave.

The deceased had been a ringer at Tong church for forty-eight years. Though unable of late to take part in any peals, he has assisted in accomplishing some good performances on six and eight bells. He rung his first 5040 in 1842 at Tong Church, and the longest peal he took part in was one of 6720 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Pudsey. He was one of a company which rang 6000 changes on six bells, in twenty-five different methods, in such a masterly style as to merit the approbation of all admirers of campanology. He has assisted in winning twenty-eight prizes of the aggregate value of £145 12s. 6d. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1887, and with that Society, has rung thirteen peals of 5000 and upwards. By his decease the Tong Manor Cricket Club has lost a valuable officer as Secretary. The fact of his being re-elected to this post for seven successive years is undeniable proof that the duties were satisfactorily performed, and also that he was held in high esteem. His loss will be long felt and deeply lamented.

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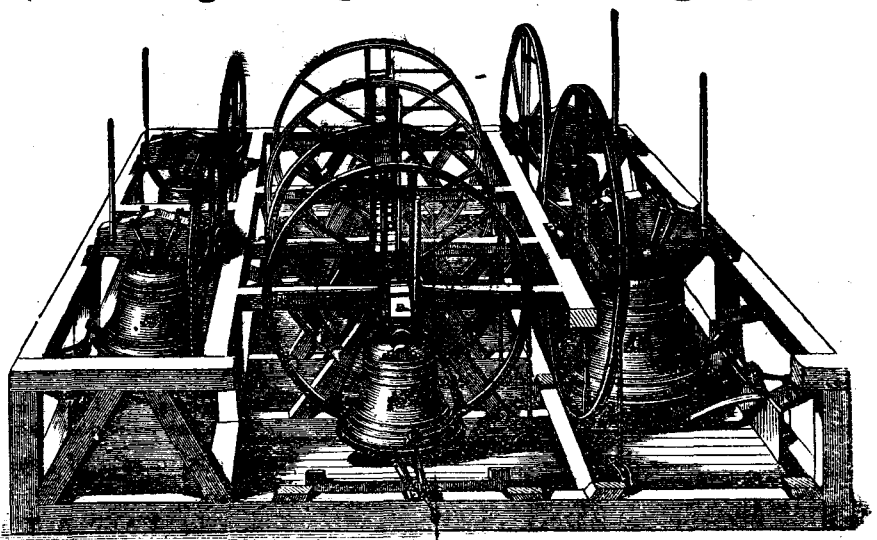


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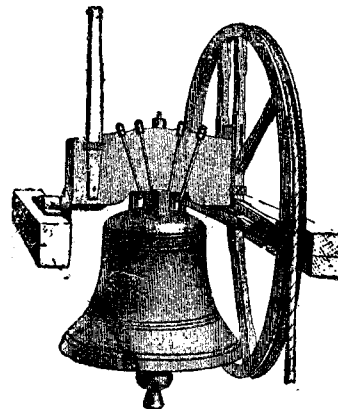
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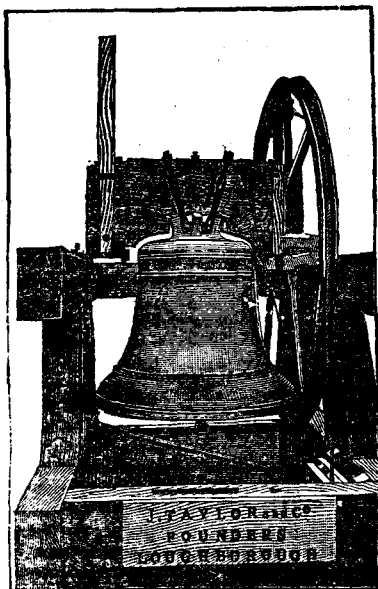
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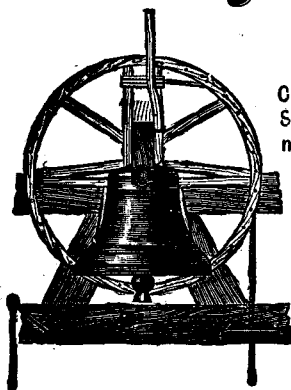
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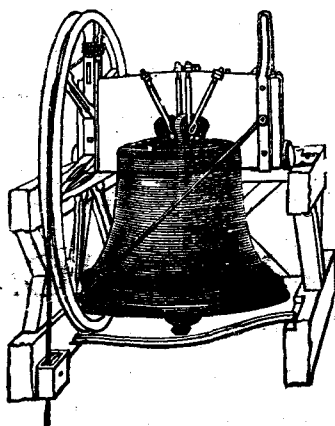
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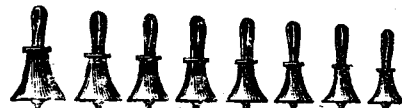
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X.—ROYAL AND MAXIMUS.

Plain course of Royal. Calls on tenor.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9
1 2 4 6 3 5 7 8 9 0
2 1 6 4 5 3 8 7 0 9
1 2 6 5 4 3 7 8 9 0
2 1 5 6 3 4 8 7 0 9 1.

2 5 1 3 6 8 4 0 7 9
5 2 3 1 8 6 0 4 9 7
2 5 3 8 1 6 4 0 7 9
5 2 8 3 6 1 0 4 9 7
2 5 8 6 3 1 4 0 7 9
5 2 6 8 1 3 0 4 9 7 2.

5 6 2 1 8 0 3 9 4 7
6 5 1 2 0 8 9 3 7 4
5 6 1 0 2 8 3 9 4 7
6 5 0 1 8 2 9 3 7 4
5 6 0 8 1 2 3 9 4 7
6 5 8 0 2 1 9 3 7 4 3.

6 8 5 2 0 9 1 7 3 4
8 6 2 5 9 0 7 1 4 3
6 8 2 9 5 0 1 7 3 4
8 6 9 2 0 5 7 1 4 3
6 8 9 0 2 5 1 7 3 4
8 6 0 9 5 2 7 1 4 3 4.

8 0 6 5 9 7 2 4 1 3
0 8 5 6 7 9 4 2 3 1
8 0 5 7 6 9 2 4 1 3
0 8 7 5 9 6 4 2 3 1
8 0 7 9 5 6 2 4 1 3
0 8 9 7 6 5 4 2 3 1 5.

0 9 8 6 7 4 5 3 2 1
9 0 6 8 4 7 3 5 1 2
0 9 6 4 8 7 5 3 2 1
9 0 4 6 7 8 3 5 1 2
0 9 4 7 6 8 5 3 2 1
9 0 7 4 8 6 3 5 1 2 6.

9 7 0 8 4 3 6 1 5 2
7 9 8 0 3 4 1 6 2 5
9 7 8 3 0 4 6 1 5 2
7 9 3 8 4 0 1 6 2 5
9 7 3 4 8 0 6 1 5 2
7 9 4 3 0 8 1 6 2 5 7.

7 4 9 0 3 1 8 2 6 5
4 7 0 9 1 3 2 8 5 6
7 4 0 1 9 3 8 2 6 5
4 7 1 0 3 9 2 8 5 6
7 4 1 3 0 9 8 2 6 5
4 7 3 1 2 0 2 8 5 6 8.

4 3 7 9 1 2 0 5 8 6
3 4 9 7 2 1 5 0 6 8
4 3 9 2 7 1 0 5 8 6
3 4 2 9 1 7 5 0 6 8
4 3 2 1 9 7 0 5 8 6
3 4 1 2 7 9 5 0 6 8 9.

3 1 4 7 2 5 9 6 0 8
1 3 7 4 5 2 6 9 8 0
3 1 7 5 4 2 9 6 0 8
1 3 5 7 2 4 6 9 8 0
3 1 5 2 7 4 9 6 0 8
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 9 8 0 10.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Bob (Before, in plain course).

8 0 6 5 9 7 2 4 1 3
0 8 5 6 7 9 4 2 3 1
8 0 5 7 6 9 2 4 1 3
0 8 7 5 9 6 4 2 3 1
8 0 7 9 5 6 2 4 1 3
0 8 9 7 6 5 4 2 3 1 5.

A Single.

4 2 3 1

5 2 3 1

Call bob.

2nd makes bob.

0 9 8 6 7 4 5 2 1 3
9 0 6 8 4 7 2 5 3 1
0 9 6 4 8 7 5 2 1 3
9 0 4 6 7 8 2 5 3 1
0 9 4 7 6 8 5 2 1 3
9 0 7 4 8 6 2 5 3 1 6.

9 7 0 8 4 2 6 3 5 1

Part of plain course of Maximus.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 E T
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9 T E
1 2 4 6 3 5 7 8 9 0 E T
2 1 6 4 5 3 8 7 0 9 T E
1 2 6 5 4 3 7 8 9 0 E T
2 1 5 6 3 4 8 7 0 9 T E 1.

2 5 1 3 6 8 4 0 7 T 9 E
5 2 3 1 8 6 0 4 T 7 E 9
2 5 3 8 1 6 4 0 7 T 9 E
5 2 8 3 6 1 0 4 T 7 E 9
2 5 8 6 3 1 4 0 7 T 9 E
5 2 6 8 1 3 0 4 T 7 E 9 2.

5 6 2 1 8 0 3 T 4 E 7 9

Bob (Before, in plain course).

0 T 8 6 E 9 5 7 2 4 1 3
T 0 6 8 9 E 7 5 4 2 3 1
0 T 6 9 8 E 5 7 2 4 1 3
T 0 9 6 E 8 7 5 4 2 3 1
0 T 9 E 6 8 5 7 2 4 1 3
T 0 E 9 8 6 7 5 4 2 3 1 6.

A Single.

4 2 3 1

5 2 3 1

Call bob.

2nd makes bob.

T E 0 8 9 7 6 4 5 2 1 3
E T 8 0 7 9 4 6 2 5 3 1
T E 8 7 0 9 6 4 5 2 1 3
E T 7 8 9 0 4 6 2 5 3 1
T E 7 9 8 0 6 4 5 2 1 3
E T 9 7 0 8 4 6 2 5 3 1 7.

E 9 T 0 7 4 8 2 6 3 5 1

IN the introductory papers I stated that my object was to lay before the Exercise a more musical method than at present exists for ten and twelve bells. I have been led to dilate at greater length upon the system as applied to eight bells than I at first intended because, although not originally designed as a Major method, "Duffield" in this respect offers very considerable attractions, all of which were hardly at first apparent. It is, however, to Royal and Maximus that I am more particularly desirous to direct attention, and after the full explanation of Major that has gone before little more remains than to give a general idea of the extension of the method to ten and twelve bells. I may mention that the proof is now greatly simplified, while the beauty of the music is much increased from having two or three pairs of bells double dodging above the four-bell work instead of only one pair.

A plain course of Duffield Royal is given above, the course of the tenor being indicated, as in the Major, by a specially conspicuous figure, so that the work may be easily followed. An example of a bob is also appended. I have thought it unnecessary to give more than the first two sixes of Maximus, as the extension from Royal is the same as that of the latter from Major, namely, by the addition of another dodging place. A bob in Maximus is also shewn, and as in Royal, a "before" has been selected, because when this call is made in the plain course, 1,2,3 are alone affected, and the alteration is thus seen without trouble. It will be noticed that whether on eight, ten, or twelve bells, the bobs and singles are invariably, as in Stedman, made on the three behind. Now, however, owing to the extra dodging places, the making of the bob is completely clear of the four-bell work, which is no longer liable to confusion by

the sudden return of the bell that in Major makes "bob sixths." In Royal, the bell called to make the bob is the one dodging in 7-8 up, and it makes 8ths place, and falls into the dodging in 7-8 down. Similarly, in Maximus, the bell dodging 9-10 up, makes 10ths place, and falls into 9-10 down, the bells in 7-8 being in no way affected. The work at the bobs is, in fact, exactly like that in Stedman, but on the opposite stroke; the places being laid, as is invariably the case with all whole pulls in "Duffield," at hand and back.

It will be needless to give further directions for the practical ringing of the extended method, as, with the exception that the rules for finding the new course bell after a bob are modified, and the same "double" bell no longer met both up and down, the hints already given still hold good. Some directions were given for ringers who look after their neighbours; it will easily be seen which of these are yet applicable, and which require modification.

The following are the scales for pricking by the first changes of the sixes.

ROYAL.	
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
Plain Six	2 5 1 3 6 8 4 0 7 9
Bob "	2 5 1 3 6 8 4 7 9 0
Single "	2 5 1 3 6 8 4 7 0 9
MAXIMUS.	
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 E T
Plain Six	2 5 1 3 6 8 4 0 7 T 9 E
Bob "	2 5 1 3 6 8 4 0 7 9 E T
Single "	2 5 1 3 6 8 4 0 7 9 T E

As it is unusual and unnecessary to part the bells above 6ths place in the ringing of Royal and Maximus, I shall proceed upon the assumption that we have only, as in Major, the first six bells to deal with. The scale of course-ends already given in No. IV of these papers will, therefore, serve equally well for ten and twelve bells, with the one exception that a bob at home, which would part the heavy bells, is henceforth useless. With regard to bobs Middle, the same scale as before is available but, in conducting, four consecutive bobs in Royal, and six in Maximus are required to produce the desired effect. Thus an M call in Royal will be denoted by M (4), in Maximus by M (6). It must further be noticed that on all numbers of bells it is always the 8th that has to be called to make the first of these M bobs. The place for calling the first M is, therefore, invariably at the six next after that at which a bob Fourths would be called. I have thought it better to retain the appellation, for although it is only on eight bells that the first of the M bobs calls the tenor to the Middle, yet each of the heavy bells is in turn called there. As in Royal and Maximus bobs M constitute the only means of altering the length of the courses, they assume a greater importance than in Major.

In pricking, for proof, by the first changes of the sixes, the scales given in paper No. V are equally available for ten and twelve bells. In pricking bobs M, if the natural course-end of the course in which they are to be called is obtained, and transposed as before by 436512, the natural course-end from which the course following the M would naturally come is produced, whatever be the number of bells. There is no need to prove any of the M sixes, but only the natural course-ends, as directed in Major. If these latter do not repeat either between themselves, or with any of the fixed course-ends, all the M sixes will be true. In case, however, of a course being lengthened by more than one set of M calls, repetition between the natural course-ends may appear and yet produce no falseness. To understand this, reference must be made to paper No. V, where the proving of Ms is explained. The natural course-ends before transposing by 436512 must all be marked m^1 , and those obtained by transposition marked m^2 . An m^1 course-end can never repeat with an m^2 , nor an m^2 with an m^1 , because they represent, the one the last part of a course, and the other the first part. If between two sets of M calls there are no other calls, it is clear that the m^2 after the first M calls will be the m^1 before the next. The following

example giving the proof of a touch containing the three sets of Ms as arranged for introduction into a peal, will shew what is meant.

(264 Royal.)

C.E. to B.	123456	
654213	312488	m^1 B M (4)
135624	428531	m^2 M (4)
243165	561342	m^1 M (4)
	312456	m^2
654132	231456	B
654321	123456	B

Here is an instance of two repeating natural course-ends, but the one being an m^1 , and the other an m^2 , no false changes are produced. The same touch will in Maximus run to 324, six bobs being called at each M. In regard to the internal proof of the sixes, it is impossible that any false rows can occur, except in the H (course-end) six, even if singles be called. In this part of the proof it is, therefore, only necessary to test the course-ends of like nature by the usual false course-end 126543, and those of opposite nature, as in Major, by 125364 and 124635. None of the natural course-ends at M calls need be so treated, as such course-ends never actually come up, and at no other place but the H six is internal falseness possible, for the greater number of fixed bells eliminate all chance of it.

The plain course on ten bells runs sixty changes, and on twelve seventy-two changes. Without the use of bobs M it is, therefore, impossible to obtain a less length, over 5000, than 5040. Every set of M calls cuts out two sixes, and thus, by the use of three such sets in a peal, the number can be reduced to 5004. Musically considered, this treatment is objectionable, as three course-ends are thereby cut out.

It has been shewn how, in Major, the bells will come round at the third change of the six from the course-end 125364. The same can be effected in Royal and Maximus, but as bobs at H cannot be called, this course-end which is an odd (out of course) one, can only be brought up by the use of one or an uneven number of singles. The result is that two changes are added to the last course. Thus the numbers which it is possible to produce are limited to those which will divide by 12 without remainder, or with a remainder of 2.

With the 6th at home, and without the use of bobs M, the extent on ten bells is $120 \times 60 = 7200$, on twelve bells $120 \times 72 = 8640$. The same peals that on eight bells run to 5760, will also run the extent of the 6th on the higher numbers. By the use of bobs M, preceded by bobs at Fourths to keep the 6th in place, it would be possible to obtain a much greater length, as the courses are thereby extended without the introduction of any rows liable to be false. Such compositions would, however, be wanting in quality, and are therefore undesirable. The use of bobs M should in any case be confined to the first or an early course of a peal. The extent with the 6th movable, without the use of bobs M, is on ten bells $180 \times 60 = 10800$, on twelve bells $180 \times 72 = 12960$. Owing to the three false course-ends, the 720 courses of which the six bells are capable must, as pointed out in Major, be divided by 4, giving 180 only as available. In this case again bobs at M could be introduced to extend the number.

Any of the compositions already given in Major that do not contain bobs at H will run equally well in Royal and Maximus. As the plain courses consist respectively of 48, 60, and 72 changes, any Major composition will, if rung on ten bells, be increased by one quarter of the number of changes it contains; if on twelve, by one half. A special calculation must, however, be made where bobs M are introduced.

The touches which follow are chiefly given to illustrate the use of bobs M, and the coming round from the course-end 125364. A few other simple ones are, for the convenience of conductors, included, but the scale of course-ends will supply any further need in this direction. In the duplicate heading, the first number applies to Royal, and the second to Maximus. The M calls should be noted as M (4) or M (6) respectively, but for simplicity I have omitted the figures, and the conductor must call either four or six bobs running, according as he is ringing

on ten or twelve bells, remembering that the 8th must always be called to make the first of these bobs, the 7th of course making the last.

(228. 276)	(230. 278)
1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O. F. M.	1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O. F. M.
2 1 4 3 5 6 - - - -	1 2 3 5 6 4 - - - -
4 2 1 3 5 6 - - - -	3 5 2 1 6 4 s - - -
1 2 3 4 5 6 - - - -	1 2 5 3 6 4 - - - -
(230. 278)	(242. 290)
1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. F. M.	1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O. F.
s - - - -	5 1 2 4 3 6 s - - -
5 2 3 1 6 4 - - - -	4 2 1 5 3 6 - - - -
3 5 2 1 6 4 - - - -	3 6 2 5 1 4 - - - -
1 2 5 3 6 4 - - - -	1 2 5 3 6 4 - - - -
(242. 290)	(264. 324)
1 2 3 4 5 5 I. B. O. F.	1 2 3 4 5 6 B. M.
4 6 3 1 2 5 s - - -	- - - - -
3 4 6 1 2 5 - - - -	- - - - -
2 5 1 3 6 4 - - - -	- - - - -
1 2 5 3 6 4 - - - -	2 3 1 4 5 6 - - - -
	1 2 3 4 5 6 - - - -
(240. 288)	(360. 432)
1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.	1 2 3 4 5 6 B. O.
5 3 4 1 2 6 - - - -	5 3 2 4 1 6 - - - -
4 5 3 1 2 6 - - - -	2 5 3 4 1 6 - - - -
Repeated.	Twice repeated.
(360. 432)	(540. 648).
1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.	1 2 3 4 5 6 B. O.
5 3 4 1 2 6 - - - -	5 3 2 4 1 6 - - - -
4 5 3 1 2 6 - - - -	2 5 3 4 1 6 - - - -
3 5 1 4 2 6 - - - -	3 2 5 4 1 6 - - - -
Repeated.	Twice repeated.

ERRATUM.—In the peals of Major in paper No. IX. the only error is a misplaced bob mark in peal No 1., in which the calling of the first course of the last part should read: 215436 I. B.

In Memoriam.

FREDERICK RICHARD STEED.

We are sorry to have to record the death of the above-named gentleman, sexton and parish clerk of Long Melford, who died on Tuesday morning, May 24th, at the early age of 29 years, of consumption, and leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss. Deceased was a member of the choir, and was master of the company of ringers, but through ill-health was unable to take part in but little ringing. He rang his first 720 of Bob Minor at Glensford on Saturday, May 3rd, 1879, with the following band: F. R. Steed, 1; J. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; O. Garwood, 4; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Mr. Steed only rang only on peal, 5040 of Bob Major, at Long Melford, on Tuesday, October 27th, 1885, and reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of that time. The coffin was borne to the grave by members of the choir. The service was conducted by the rector, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who also performed the burial service of the Oddfellows, deceased being a member of that order. After the service was over, the ringers ascended the tower, and to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed brother, rang with the bells deeply muffled, 560 of Bob Major. J. Slater, 1; P. C. S. Scott, 2; C. Adams, 3; S. Slater (conductor), 4; Z. Slater, 5; F. Wells, 6; G. Maxim, 7; O. Garwood, 8. The bells were then half-muffled, and a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung. Z. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; S. Slater, 4; J. Bird, 5; F. Wells, 6; G. Maxim, 7; G. Hammond (conductor), 8.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 30th, the members of the Bromsgrove branch of the above Association journeyed to Chaddesley Corbett to play their brother ringers a cricket match. Arriving there about 10.30, and after refreshing the inner man, they adjourned to the tower, and rang a short touch of Bob Major and one of Grandsire Triples, and then an adjournment was made to the cricket field. Bromsgrove winning the toss, sent to the wicket Messrs. Hayward and Bourne, to the bowling of Messrs. Broad and J. Nicholls, and the Bromsgrove men not being so good in cricket as they are in ringing, were very soon disposed of for the small total of 32 runs, and the Chaddesley band being better cricketers than ringers, made the grand total of 114 runs. The Bromsgrove men going in again, made the small total of 29 runs, thus leaving the Chaddesley band victorious by an innings and 63 runs to spare. The batting of W. James, G. Moore, J. Broad, Perrins, and Gilbert, and the bowling of J. Nicholls, Broad, James, and Rea, for their respective sides, was worthy of praise. Score:—

BROMSGROVE.		CHADDLESLEY CORBETT.	
FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
G. Hayward b J. Nicholls	...	1 b H. Nicholls	...
G. Bourne b Broad	...	0 not out	...
W. James b J. Nicholls	...	12 b Seager	...
A. Hobday b J. Nicholls	...	1 b Seager	...
H. Martin b Broad	...	0 c H. Nicholls b Bough	...
W. Rea c Broad, b J. Nicholls	...	0 b Horne	...
A. Moore b J. Nicholls	...	0 b Horne	...
G. Moore not out	...	10 c Broad, b Bough	...
T. Allbutt b J. Nicholls	...	0 c Broad b H. Nicholls	...
W. Newport b Broad	...	2 b Seager	...
G. Morris b Seager	...	5 c H. Nicholls, b Seager	...
Extras	...	Extras	...
	32		29

CHADDLESLEY CORBETT.

J. Broad b James	...	19
J. Nicholls	...	1
J. Perrins c Bourne b Rea	...	67
W. Hemming b James	...	2
W. Seager c Newport b James	...	2
H. Nicholls b Rea	...	2
W. Horne b Rea	...	2
H. Bough b Rea	...	1
G. Clements c Moore, b Rea	...	1
W. Nicholls b Rea	...	0
E. Gilbert not out	...	14
Extras	...	3
		114

The members of both bands afterwards sat down to a substantial dinner at the "Fox Inn," to which ample justice was done, and the cloth being removed, Mr. H. Bough was appointed to the chair, and in proposing the health of the Bromsgrove band, said that this cricket match had been a long while talked about, as it was to have been played about four years ago; and now that it had come off, he (the speaker) hoped it would be an annual affair. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. G. Hayward, who, on rising to respond, said that this was the first cricket match that he had ever played in his life, and hoped it would not be the last, and he also hoped that Bromsgrove and Chaddesley men would ring peals together as well as play cricket together. The health of the Chaddesley band being proposed by Mr. W. Rea, and responded to by Mr. J. Broad, and that of the host and hostess, some good songs were sang by several members of both bands, and afterwards an adjournment was made to the tower, where some good touches of Grandsire Triples brought the day's enjoyment to a close, and the Bromsgrove company returned home, hoping to have another day like Whit-Monday.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Report of ringing done by the Bishop Auckland Branch, at the parish church of St. Andrew's, Auckland, during the month of May:—

On the 8th, 840 Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; J. W. Cleminson, 7. On the 15th touches of 400, 500, and 168 Grandsire. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; J. W. Cleminson, 8. On the 22nd, 910 Grandsire Triples. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. W. Cleminson, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. On the 25th, 840 of Grandsire Triples. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Charlton, 4; F. Castree, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; J. W. Cleminson, 7.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

THIS Association, which was founded at Writtle in 1879, has held several successive gatherings at Chelmsford, the county town, but the Eighth Annual Meeting, as briefly noticed in our last, which took place on Whit-Monday of the present year, will not only rank as the most successful yet held, but also as a red-letter day in the history of the Association. In its early days the Association not only found that the ring of ten, which formerly existed at St. Mary's, Chelmsford had been reduced to eight, but that the appliances for ringing were in a deplorable condition. The latter was a matter of considerable regret, especially as Chelmsford is not only situate in one of the most favourable positions for access from all parts of the county, but its immediate neighbourhood offers greater facilities than any other part of the county for a large gathering, there being within a circle of three miles, as many additional rings of eight and six. Considering these important advantages, combined with the fact that the Association was founded for the purpose of promoting the science, and for belfry reform, no time was lost in drawing the attention of the authorities to the neglected condition of the tower, with the result that considerable improvement was effected, and the Association enabled to make Chelmsford its centre. Having accomplished this, the question naturally arose whether it was possible that any steps could be taken to make the ring of ten again replete. According to the best reliable information, it appears that in 1820 two new trebles were added to the Chelmsford ring. When the hamlet church known as St. John's, Moulsham, was built in 1841, in some extraordinary way, probably without any protest, these two trebles were taken to the hamlet church. Fortunately, after the improvement had been carried out at Chelmsford, the Rev. H. Cockey, late Hon. Sec. to the Association, who was restoring Rettendon tower, found that there was an old tenor which could be parted with; just at the nick of time some alterations were taking place at Moulsham, the rev. gentleman by considerable tact and skill planned arrangements by which the Rettendon tenor was sent to Moulsham, and the two trebles sent from the latter to Chelmsford. Some stumbling block however turned up and the Association held two Annual Meetings, at which members were afforded an opportunity of seeing the bells resting beneath the belfry floor. Upon both occasions, and at district meetings, the question of rehanging was pegged away at. Probably it was thought that the question was so continually before the Association, that like the jubilee year which gives a name for everything from the Jubilee baby to the stage coach, it had for the present no end but that it was for the dim and distant future to see such a desire accomplished. At the Annual Meeting of 1886, there were signs however of the progress, the bells having been taken up upon the ringing-floor, with the result that shortly before Easter of the present year, the services of Mr. H. Bowell, of Ipswich, were called in, and that gentleman has been successful in carrying out his work to perfection, and thus there is once more at Chelmsford a ring of ten, which probably would never have been restored except for the existence of the Association. This accomplishment cannot be regarded but as a great achievement, and will doubtless prove of vast assistance to the Association in bringing its influence to bear upon other towers requiring reform. This satisfactory result no doubt led to the large gathering present on Whit-Monday.

Ringling in connection with the meeting commenced on the Saturday evening, when the following band started for the "Original" upon the back eight. B. Keeble, 1; W. Rowland, 2; H. De Lisle, 3; G. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; W. Hawkes, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; W. Battle, 8. It was originally intended for a peal of Caters, but as the temptation was not sufficient to bring about a muster, Triples had to be attempted. Owing unfortunately to the breaking of a rope the attempt proved a failure short of an hour's ringing. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor being rung upon the front six, and a short touch of Bob Major upon the back eight, an adjournment from the belfry was made, and the following started for a double-handed peal: B. Keeble, 1-2; G. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. Messrs. Lincoln and De Lisle acted as referees. This however came to grief short of a 1000 by an unfortunate shift. On Sunday, Galleywood, Widford, and Writtle were visited, touches of Grandsire Triples being brought round in both eight-bell towers, and a 720 of Oxford at Widford. In the evening the band returned to Chelmsford, and after service a capital quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. M. Rolph, 1; W. Rowland, 2; B. Keeble, 3; G. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; W. Hawkes, 6; W. Battle, 7; J. Parmenter, 8. A band of the Cumberland Society having arranged to start on Monday for a peal of Treble Bob Royal, made arrangements to meet at Chelmsford on Sunday afternoon, when a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung. The band afterwards visited Writtle, and in the evening attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, this proving a failure after an hour's ringing. 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung by W. Doran, 1; W. Fussell, 2; C. Chapman, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; F. Pitstow, 5; A. Jacob, 6; G. Taylor, 7; G. Newson, 8. A start was made early on Monday morning for a peal of

Grandsire Triples at Galleywood, which by an accident with the 9th came to grief at the end of two and a quarter hours' good ringing. The arrangement for starting at Chelmsford fixed 8.15 as the time. Considering it was desirable to have the tower open for all comers at the earliest possible moment in this respect the band made, although not a serious one, a mistake. Having rung touches for the early morning service ropes should have been adjusted and a start made at the proper time, instead of which it was 8.28 before the bells went off into changes. The band was comprised as follows: G. Newson (conductor), 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; A. Jacob, 3; N. J. Pitstow, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; E. Cole, 6; W. Doran, 7; E. Chapman, 8; G. Taylor, 9; F. Pitstow, 10. By the time of starting some forty members had assembled, and those competent to criticise simply remarked upon what was said to be slow striking by one who should be nameless. At the end of a quarter of an hour adverse criticism ceased, and for two hours all but about three minutes everything (with the exception of a case of illness near the church) appeared in favour of success. Suddenly, however, the 7th man had the misfortune to miss a dodge and to follow up the mistake by the extraordinary blunder of attempting to travel in the wrong direction. A general scramble resulted, and as matters could not be set right there was no alternative but to stand. Some, who had been admiring the ringing were disappointed, but there were not absent those who were not disappointed, because as they contended that the peal should not have been attempted unless it could be brought round in time to open the tower by 9 o'clock or thereabouts to all comers, while others in supporting such, contended that in meeting as members of the Association other societies should be ignored upon such occasions, and if bands were made up for peal-ringing they should not be confined to one Society. During the day several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung, the bands including members from Ipswich, who also rung touches of Double Norwich and Stedman at Galleywood. Various 720s and touches were rung at Widford and Springfield, and at Writtle, Holt's Original was successfully brought round in the evening, and the desire expressed in the able report read at the meeting by the Hon. Sec. that some of the members who twelve months back had not advanced beyond Doubles would before twelve months find their names recorded in the peal-book, no longer needs any doubt. Upon conclusion of the peal the band adjourned to the Vicarage, where they were entertained by the Vicar and Mrs. Papillon, and the handbells made use of.

The usual service in connection with the meeting was held at 12.30 at St. Mary's. The Rev. D. Green read the prayers, Archdeacon Johnson the first lesson, the Rev. T. L. Papillon the second, and the address was given by the Bishop of Colchester from the words "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit."

The members to the number of 115 afterwards sat down to a capital dinner in the schoolroom, the Bishop presiding. Representatives were present from most of the towers connected with the Association. The business meeting followed, when the Hon. Sec. read the following report.

I am glad to begin the first Annual Report which I have the honor of presenting to the Association by recording a further increase in our numbers of four honorary and 70 ringing members, the number of the latter being now 339 as compared with 269 on Whit-Monday, 1886. This continual growth is gratifying not only for the addition which it brings to the funds of the Association, but still more as an evidence that the cause of change-ringing is making way in the country. Three new companies, Broomfield, Danbury, and Newport, have been added to our list, and one other, Sandon, is on the point of joining us. The decision of the Association at the last Annual Meeting to assist in providing instructors for companies who are willing to join the Association as probationers has already done something and will no doubt do more to encourage change-ringing. Payments have been made on account of instruction at Chelmsford, Danbury, Harwich, and Stanford-le-Hope, and I received inquiries from clergymen in several other places which, if we are able to help them towards the cost of instruction, will probably lead to further additions to our members. The correspondence which I have had upon this subject makes me confident that there is no use to which we can put such funds as we are able to spare, that is better calculated to advance the objects for which the Association exists. Of ten peals rung during the year by members of the Association, only three were rung in Essex, our non-resident members, particularly those of the Cathedral society of St. Albans, being still the chief contributors to our peal-book. Two remarkable performances upon handbells by four non-resident members of the Association deserve special mention, viz.: the ringing double-handed without any call or intimation of a call throughout Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples on March 11th, and Holt's Ten-part peal on April 20th of the present year. Such silent peals are real intellectual feats of which we may all be proud. The work, however, of the Association must be judged not only by the silent performances of experts, but also by the progress made among its less accomplished members, and the record of each fresh step gained by a young band is in its way as important as an entry in the peal-book. I am glad to say that there has come under my own observation in the immediate neighbourhood of Chelmsford much satisfactory evidence of progress, and I hope that before our next Annual Meeting the peal book will contain the names of some among us who at the Annual Meeting in 1886 had not advanced beyond Doubles. I would urge all our young ringers to cultivate and all my brother clergy to encourage and stimulate in them that perseverance and regularity which seems distasteful to so many men in our country districts, but which is the only sure road to success in the art of ringing. That the Association has still much work before it will appear from the following statistics: there are in the county of Essex 141 rings of five or more bells, viz.: two rings of ten bells; twenty-one of eight; forty-seven of six; and seventy-one of five. Of these the two ten-bell towers, sixteen eight-bell towers, twenty-two six-bell towers, and eight five-bell towers, in all forty-five, are at present on our list, leaving ninety-three towers, viz.: five eight-bell towers, twenty-five six-bell towers, and sixty-three five-bell towers in which at present we have no footing, and in the great majority

of which we may assume that change-ringing is unknown. Last Autumn, in accordance with a desire expressed at the Annual Meeting, a copy of our report, together with a form to be filled in with particulars as to number, weight, and condition of bells was sent to the incumbent of each of these ninety-three parishes with a request for information, but only eighteen of them replied. In some places, no doubt, the bells are in a bad condition, and there is either no money or no wish to improve them, in others the clergy and churchwardens are indifferent, in others the conservatism of the established round and call change-ringers block the way. But when every allowance has been made for these drawbacks it is clear that there must remain many parishes in Essex where change-ringing might be introduced, and with it possibly in some instances, much needed bellfry reform. The new certificate of membership of the Association has been issued this year at the price of 6d. each, and over a hundred members have already applied for them. I mention this in order to remind those who do not yet possess a certificate that they can now be supplied. Our meetings have not been all so well attended this year. At the Annual Meeting on Whit-Monday last, ninety-three members were present, service being held as usual at St. Mary's church, and an address delivered by the present secretary. At Braintree on September 25th, thirty-eight members were present; at West Ham on January 8th, twenty-six; and at Harwich, on March 10th, only sixteen, nine of whom belonged to the local company. With regard to the Harwich meeting, however, it must be said that the railway arrangements at that time of the year are almost prohibitive to members from a distance. In bellfry improvement, the chief event of the year has been the recent restoration of the two trebles to their place at St. Mary's, Chelmsford. The county town and centre of the Association now possesses a good ring of ten bells, and all that is wanted is a band of Chelmsford ringers to do them justice. The promised ring of eight at Brentwood is not yet hung, and it is stated that on the advice of the architect they will not be rung until two years after the tower is finished. Subscriptions are being invited in Moulsham for the addition of five bells to that which now hangs in the tower in commemoration of Her Majesty's jubilee, but it is not yet known what the result will be. A new ring of six will shortly be opened at Holy Trinity church, Canning Town. Last but not least comes the state of our finances. The income for the year, provided the whole of the arrears are paid up, will be £52 12s. 6d., the expenditure has been £45 4s. 3d. This will leave a balance to be placed with the reserve fund in the Savings Bank. The preparation of the plate and printing 400 copies of the members' certificate cost £13 0s. 6d., to meet which £10 was withdrawn from the reserve fund, and the remaining £3 0s. 6d. paid from the funds in hand. The sale of 105 certificates at 6d. each has replaced £2 12s. 6d. of this latter sum, leaving 8s. to be entered under the year's expenses, and I propose that in future all payments received from members for certificates be repaid to the credit of the reserve fund, so that the original outlay upon certificates may gradually be recouped. The Association will, I trust, continue to promote yet widely a knowledge of scientific change-ringing (which is an admirable exercise both in mind and body) and the cause of bellfry reform, by which expression we shall all agree to understand the improvement not only of our bells and bellfries, but of the tone and position of ringers and ringing. We must all do our best to further these objects, remembering that the science of ringing has still to make way against a good deal of indifference and prejudice, in former years only too well founded, but now, thanks to the efforts of this and similar Associations in all parts of the country almost if not quite unjustified.

Mr. PAPILLON then read extracts from letters received, one of which was from an eight-bell tower in the county not connected with the Association, in which the writer said the old call-change ringers were a great stumbling block against the introduction of change-ringing, and that they seldom rung but upon paid occasions. The rev. gentleman also read a letter from the Rev. H. A. Cockey, stating that although absent in body he should be present with them in spirit and wished to be favoured with an opinion of the Chelmsford ten.

The usual officers for the year were elected, as were also four hon. members and forty ringing members and probationers.

Mr. PAPILLON, in pursuance of notice, then proposed that any application for grants towards the rehanging or augmentation of peals in the county shall first be considered by the Committee and referred by them to the next annual meeting of the Association. He had received one or two inquiries as to whether the Association gave help of that kind, and he thought without judging as to whether it was desirable to do so or not, at any rate if such applications were made they ought to go before the Committee, and then they ought to be decided by the annual meeting, when the greatest number of members were present. If the Association passed such a resolution it would enable him to give an answer to the application, and the Association could decide whether the cases were deserving of help. One letter he received asked for help in adding a sixth bell to a country church, and his reply to the writer was that he could tell him nothing at present, but that the subject would probably be brought before the next meeting of the Association. The resolution was seconded by Mr. B. Keeble, and carried.

The Hon. Sec. referred to a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, by which it was resolved to pay instructors to teach bands willing to join the Association as probationers. The Committee afterwards decided that one half of the fee to an instructor should be paid from the funds of the Association, leaving the band having the services of the instructor to pay the other half. He thought that there should be some limit placed upon the amount that an instructor should receive from the funds of the Association, and in accordance with notice that he had given he would move that the fees should not extend beyond thirty shillings, which would allow of twelve lessons, which ought to be sufficient for a band.

Mr. ROLPH (Springfield), said he did not see why the funds of the Association should be used for such purpose, and he would propose that the Association should not pay any fees.

Mr. RADLEY (Sistled) seconded.

Mr. PAPILLON pointed out that the resolution was passed at the annual meeting, and no steps could be taken to rescind such only by notice given previously.

An opinion having been expressed that the resolution last year was

passed under a wrong impression, Mr. ROLPH said he would give notice of moving that the resolution passed at the 1886 annual meeting as to paying instructors' fees should be rescinded.

Mr. PAPILLON said under those circumstances he would not press his resolution.

Mr. B. KEEBLE pointed out that the question was one of some importance, and asked if it was intended to bring it before a district meeting or the next annual meeting, and Mr. Rolph decided to adopt the latter.

Mr. B. KEEBLE proposed, and Mr. S. Hayes seconded that the Association contribute the sum of £1 10s. to the Jasper Snowdon Memorial Fund, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. B. KEEBLE proposed a vote of thanks to the authorities of the surrounding towers for the use of the bells, and to the Bishop for his sermon, which was carried with acclamation.

The West Ham band, consisting of Messrs. J. P. Bradley (conductor), H. Randall, F. Searle, H. Linstead, and A. Linstead, played the following selections on their handbells: March from *Norma*, Lord Hardwick's March, and the "Huntsman's Chorus." The pieces were given in capital style, but the ringers had the misfortune to break off the clapper of one of their bells.

The restoration of the two trebles has reproduced a fair ring of ten, but not possessing such musical qualities as that of West Ham, the only other ring of ten in the county. West Ham has obtained a Corporation, Chelmsford, although the assize town for the county, does not at present possess such an honour, but is seeking to obtain it. It is to be hoped that the privilege may be granted, and that finally Essex may not be left without a twelve bell tower.

During the past two years there has been some very satisfactory progress in the immediate neighbourhood of Chelmsford. At Writtle (8 bells) where there had been little or no change-ringing for many years, first Grandsire Doubles and then Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples have been mastered. At Broomfield (6 bells) a band has been formed, and has accomplished 720 of Bob Minor. At Danbury (5 bells) a band which joined the Essex Association as probationers in 1886, can now ring Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells, and Bob Minor on handbells; and at Sandon, a small village with a 5-bell tower, Grandsire Doubles have been learnt within the last three months. At Springfield (6), Widford (6), Boreham (6), and Galleywood (8), there have always of late years been good ringers to keep alive the art. With so many towers in the immediate neighbourhood, and so much newly awakened zeal for ringing, Chelmsford, with its peal of ten bells, ought to become a first-rate ringing centre, to which all the neighbouring villages might look for help and the supply of deficiencies in their own bands. But alas! in the county town and central meeting place of the Essex Association, there is little or no movement. The paid ringers of the parish church are content with rounds and call-changes, and the few who have recently tried something better, seem to have gone very half-heartedly to work. It was scarcely creditable to Chelmsford that on the visit of the Essex Agricultural Society to the town this week, the committee of the Society should have had to pay the local ringers for doing nothing but rounds and call-changes on the ten bells. Had they thought fit to invite the Essex Association of change-ringers to find a band to ring on one at any rate of the two days upon the bells of a county town, there might have been a graceful recognition of one county organisation by another, and a somewhat better sound of welcome on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Ninth Annual meeting of the above Association was held at Standish, on Saturday, June 4, when the following companies were represented. Leyland parish. Leyland St. James, Preston, Chorley, Blackrod, Eccleston, and Standish. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and the bells were kept going till 5 o'clock, when the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where a splendid knife and fork tea was provided by Mr. James Hunt (a member). After ample justice was done, the general meeting was held, the president (Mr. W. Bowling) in the chair, supported by the rector and curate of Standish, the meeting being opened with prayer by the rector. After a few remarks by the rev. gentleman, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the report of the receipts and expenditure was read by the auditors, which gave a satisfactory balance. The next proceeding was to elect officers, after which it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Eccleston. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the rector for his presence, also for the use of the bells and schoolroom on this occasion.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1887.

As the space which is generally afforded us for our usual comment is this week somewhat curtailed owing to the publication of one or two lengthy reports, the occasion may be improved by pointing out to our readers what we consider a growing evil, an evil, by the way, which is in their power to remove. Our remarks have reference to the sending of what may be termed reports of minor performances. For a long time past some of our friends have apparently desired to see the results of their weekly practice in bulk, this being effected by omitting to send reports of ringing week by week, as is most usual, but remit them altogether at the end of the month. This habit seems to be growing, until it becomes necessary to point out what the effect will be if the plan is allowed to make headway. We are always most anxious, and have ever been, to meet the views of our friends in every respect, but if the mode we are alluding becomes contagious, as we are afraid it will do, our weekly issues will appear with very few touches, but every fourth week will be inundated with monthly summaries of them, to the total exclusion of every other topic. It seems to us that weekly reports are by far the best from more than one standpoint. We are of opinion that short accounts of touches, 720's of Minor, and so forth, stand a better chance of being read through than when they are in the shape of a voluminous monthly summary. If all reports were sent monthly we should require to enlarge our paper to double its present size for one week out of every four, while the ordinary weekly numbers would have to be reduced. We are certain this is not what our friends desire, and the irregularity of such a publication would be totally out of the question. Better will it be to run on the old lines, at any rate so far as the weekly ringing reports are concerned.

While speaking of arrangements connected with the paper, we may again call attention to the notice at the head of this column respecting the time we should receive communications to be dealt with in the current week. A total disregard of this notice often leads to disappointment which we would rather not hear of.

The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, June 4, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BARON Treble.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 5.
WILLIAM COPPAGE 2.	*HENRY L. PARTINGTON 6.
HENRY J. DAVIES 3.	*FRANCIS L. DAVIES 7.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES* 4.	GEORGE WILD Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS L. DAVIES.

*First peal. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Jephson, M.A.) for the use of the bells, and for his kind offer to present the Society with a tablet to record the peal.

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 4, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE DORRINGTON .. Treble.	JOHN BONNEY 5.
WILLIAM COOTER 2.	EDGAR E. CLARK 6.
ROBERT SEWELL 3.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 7.
WILLIAM CECIL 4.	SAMUEL JOYCE Tenor.

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, and Conducted by
 MATTHEW A. WOOD.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

Handbell Ringing.

On Sunday, June 5, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE "SHAKESPEARE HEAD," WYCH STREET, STRAND,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL* .. 1-2.	*HENRY A. HOPKINS .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 3-4.	GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN 7-8.

Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

Umpires, Messrs. J. W. Cattle and G. Wild, who ticked off every lead as rung.
 *First peal on handbells, rung at the second attempt. The last peal rung in hand by this Society was performed (at the first attempt) on February 2nd, 1855, by Messrs. Wood, Haley, Ferris, and Cooter, Holt's Original, conducted by Mr. Haley.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

Jubilee Peal.

On Monday, June 6, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANE, STRAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;
 Tenor 24 cwt. E.

JAMES R. HAWORTH .. Treble.	RICHARD FRENCH 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	GEORGE R. BANKS 7.
JOHN C. MITCHELL 3.	ARTHUR HAYWARD 8.
WILLIAM W. THORNE 4.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 9.
HENRY LANGDON 5.	EDWARD ALBONE Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS of Liverpool, and Conducted by
 RICHARD FRENCH.

This peal was rung at the request of Herbert Hayes Twining Esq., who has been returned Senior Churchwarden three successive years. Mr. J. C. Mitchell hails from St. Alban's, Herts.

The Provinces.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, June 4, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEO. B. WALKER .. Treble.	PETER BAXTER 5.
EDWARD PRESCOTT 2.	JOSEPH PRESCOTT 6.
JAMES ALDRED 3.	EDWARD ARROWSMITH .. 7.
GEORGE TURNER 4.	SAMUEL HAYES Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PRESCOTT.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER.. .. Treble.	GEORGE MAXIM.. .. 5.
JOHN LEE 2.	ROBERT MINGAY 6.
FRED WELLS 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD 7.
CHARLES SILLITOE 4.	GEORGE C. HAMMOND .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by GEORGE HAMMOND.

The above peal, which is in three parts, has the sixth the last two course-ends at home in each part, and is now rung for the first time. Mr. Hammond hails from Long Melford; Mr. Sillitoe from Sudbury; Messrs. Wells, Garwood, and Slater from Glemsford; the rest are local men.

MANCHESTER.

On Thursday, June 2, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

EDWARD CASH Treble.	JAMES HINTON 5.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 2.	WALTER INGHAM 6.
HENRY PORCH 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER 4.	PETER BRICKELL Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

Messrs. Porch and Hinton hail from Bristol; Ingham from Macclesfield; Cash from Eccles; and the others belong to Manchester.

SHEFFIELD—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 41 cwt.

THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Treble.	CHARLES BOWER 6.
JOHN MULLIGAN.. .. 2.	SAMUEL SEED 7.
WILLIAM LOMAS.. .. 3.	CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY.. 8.
WILLIAM BURGUR 4.	ARTHUR BRIERLEY 9.
JAMES ALFRED DIXON .. 5.	HERBERT MADIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Rang with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Sodor and Man; formerly Vicar of Sheffield.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN, WITTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs. in F♯.

JOHN WELSBY Treble.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 5.
JOSEPH GRIMSHAW 2.	PETER BRICKELL 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER 3.	EDWARD CASH 7.
JAMES BARRETT 4.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by the late B. ANNABLE and Conducted
by EDWARD CASH.

Messrs. Grimshaw, Barrett, and Cash, belong to Eccles; Eachus, Turner, and Wreaks to Manchester; Brickell to Northenden; and Welsby to Worsley. This is the first peal in any method on these bells.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEERHURST (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday evening, June 1st, the local company rang a date touch of 1887 changes of Bob Minor, two 720's (each called differently); and 447, in 1 hr. 10 mins. C. Willis, 1; C. Willis, 2; G. Willis, 3; C. Roles, 4; H. Roberts, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, June 6th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 8

mins. J. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; J. Timms, 4; F. Chapman, 5; G. Woods, 6; H. Slaney (conductor), 7; B. Chatterton, 8. Composed by Henry Johnson, sen.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, May 20th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 20 mins. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 5-6.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday evening, May 30th, at the parish church, the following band attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5088 changes, but after ringing 2464 changes in 1 hr. 25 mins., it came to grief. S. Slater, 1; J. Lee, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Maxim, 5; R. Mingay, 6; O. Garwood, 7; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 8. The peal was attempted again on Wednesday evening, and successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 1 min. Messrs. Slater, Wells, and Garwood, hail from Glemsford; Hammond from Long Melford; the rest are local men.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 28th, at the parish church, a touch of Bob Major, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. F. R. Steed, who was for many years a member of the local company. J. Slater, 1; P. C. S. Scott, 2; C. Honeyball, 3; S. Slater (conductor), 4; F. Wells, 5; J. Bird, 6; O. Garwood, 7; G. Maxim, 8. And afterwards, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled. J. Slater, 1; C. Honeyball, 2; Z. Slater, 3; S. Slater, 4; F. Wells, 5; O. Garwood, 6; G. Maxim, 7; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 8. On Thursday morning, a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob was attempted, but was lost after ringing nearly 2000 changes in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Slater, 1; C. Honeyball, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; S. Slater, 4; G. Maxim, 5; F. Wells, 6; Z. Slater, 7; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 8. Another start was made in the afternoon, but were called home at the first part-end, 1760 changes, on account of one of the ringers feeling unwell. G. C. Hammond (conductor), 1; C. Honeyball, 2; G. Maxim, 3; S. Slater, 4; C. Adams, 5; F. Wells, 6; Z. Slater, 7; O. Garwood, 8. And in the evening, a 576 of Treble Bob. J. Slater, 2; C. Honeyball, 2; C. Adams, 3; S. Slater, 4; Z. Slater, 5; F. Wells, 6; G. C. Hammond, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F. All the above with the exception of C. Sillitoe belong to the above society.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH.—On Saturday, May 28th, eight members of the above attempted a 5120 of Kent Treble Bob Major, at the Parish Church, which unfortunately came to grief, after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins., owing to a miss call. Henry Fergusson, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; William Reed, 3; R. S. Story, 4; Anthony Ingleby, 5; Walter Pick, 6; T. Clark, 7; William Story (conductor), 8. Tenor about 12 cwt.

ALNWICK.—On Whit-Sunday, May 29th, for early service, at St. Paul's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Ferguson, 1; W. Pick, 3; Alfred Clark, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; W. Story, 6; T. Clark (conductor), 7; W. Reed, 8; (covering). Also for morning service, 572 of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Ferguson, 1; W. Reed (conductor), 2; W. Pick, 3; A. Clark, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; W. Story, 6; R. S. Story, 7; G. J. Clarkson, 8. Also for evening service, on the back six, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Ferguson, 1; R. S. Story (conductor), 2; W. Reed, 3; W. Story, 4; T. Clark, 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. Also on Whit-Monday, May 30th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Reed (conductor), 1; R. Story, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; Francis Lees, 4; Walter G. Routledge, 5; W. Story, 6; T. Clark, 7; — Stobart, 8. Also 1024 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Lees, 1; R. S. Story, 2; W. Pick, 3; A. Clark, 4; W. G. Routledge, 5; W. Story, 6; T. Clark, 7; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, June 5th, for Divine Service, at St. Michael and All Angels, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 minutes. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; S. Hammond (conductor), 5; A. Huxson, 6. And 144 Oxford. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; S. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also a course of Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; S. Hammond, 5; A. Huxson, 6. *First course in the method.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On Whit-Sunday morning, at the parish church, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles and Old Doubles. R. Elliott, 1; B. Keeble, 2; W. Elliott, 3; J. Elliott, 4; H. Elliott, 5.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Whit-Monday, April 29th, on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the above Association six members paid a visit to this place and rang at the parish church a 720 of

New London Pleasure, in 25 mins. M. Rolfe, 1; J. Shonk, 2; J. Dains, 3; H. Argent, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; J. Young (conductor), 6. Shonk, Argent, and Young hail from Boreham; Dains and Tarbun from Widford; and Rolfe from Springfield.

WITHAM (Essex).—On Whit-Sunday, for Morning Service, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). J. Butler, 1; B. Keeble, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; G. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; H. Sayer, 6. And in the afternoon, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Richards, 1; A. Fryatt, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; E. Garnett, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; H. Sayer, 6.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Whit-Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. And on Trinity Sunday, June 5th, for evening service, 783 Grandsire Triples (with all the 5-6-7's). A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; F. Radley, 4; J. Everard, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. J. Dennison, 8. Messrs. Dains and Shuttleworth hail from Widford. The Writtle company is unfortunately one short for Triples, and though several other young men have learnt to handle a bell, they have shewn no perseverance.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Saturday, June 4th, at the Church of St. James, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), taken from Troyte, in 25 mins. E. J. Beatley (conductor), 1; A. C. Buckell, 2; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; J. Field, 5; J. T. Horton, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, June 2nd, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob. G. Elcombe, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; G. Hayes, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday evening, June 1st, for practice at St. James's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Porch (conductor), 1; J. Hinton, 2; J. York, 3; A. Howell, 4; *G. Pymm, 5; W. W. Peach, 6. *First 720 in the method.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Monday, May 30th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Phillips, 4; A. Squires, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; J. Roslyn, 8. This quarter-peal was taken from the *Clavis*, and contains the twelve 6-7's and the twelve 7-4's. Afterwards 1008 was rung, conducted by T. Webb. Shorter touches were rang in the afternoon by the same band, and during the day about 4000 changes were rung.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 24th, at St. Michael's Church, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5; E. Moses, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 29th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. Arnold, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor in 25½ mins. J. Poppett (first 720), 1; F. Sanders, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, June 2nd, being the wedding day of Charles Dobson, Esq., of Broome Park, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 26 mins. F. Linter, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 25½ mins. F. Linter, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; E. Moses, 4; W. Sadler, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 25 mins. F. Linter, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Hawkins, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single in 25 mins. F. Linter, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; *W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. W. Hawkins hails from Nutfield, and F. Linter from Reigate.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Whit-Monday, May 30th, the Woolwich society paid a visit to the above place, and with some of the local company rang at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. H. Harman, 1; W. Boxall (Dorking), 2; H. Boxall (Dorking), 3; J. C. Harvey (conductor), 4; E. E. Richards, 5; C. Boxall (Dorking), 6; S. Brooker (Leatherhead), 7; F. Hudson (Dorking), 8. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Dodd for the excellent arrangements made for their comfort.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Whit-Sunday morning, for early service at the parish church, 1008 of Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; C. Lee (first 1000), 2; J. Lee, 3; O. Garwood, 4; G. Maxim, 5; R. Mingay, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; G. Maxima (Gavendish), 8. And for evening service, 560 of Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; F. Wells, 2; Z. Slater, 3; J. Slater, 4; J. Lee, 5; R. Mingay, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; G. Maxim, 8.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Turner (aged 13, first 720), 1; A. Jones (conductor), 2; J. D. Alexander (first 720), 3; W. Weaver, 4; T. Morris, 5; F. Turner, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. A. Jones hails from Chester.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, June 6th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 672 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; H. Buckingham, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare, (conductor), 7; J. Foster, 8. Afterwards 546 in the same method was rung. W. Allen (conductor), 1; G. Spicer, 2; F. Furr, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; A. Squires, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare, 7; G. Halsey, 8.

LONDON.—On Trinity Sunday, June 5th, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge, several touches were rung. W. Scholes, 1; S. Joyce, 2; W. Sinclair (conductor), 3; R. Cook, 4; H. Brand, 5; F. Williams, 6; J. Sinclair, 7; W. Living, jun., 8. On Sunday evening, June 5th, 1887, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's, Westminster, in 48 mins. *W. Carter, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; T. Bell, 4; J. Williams, 5; *H. Ellis, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Craspey, 8. *First quarter-peal.

MEREWORTH (Kent).—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, a 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 24 mins. G. Boorman, 1; G. Newman, 2; C. Bell, 3; G. Hook, 4; W. Bell, 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6. For evening service a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles). Ernest Newman, 1; G. Boorman, 2; G. Newman, 3; G. Bell (conductor), 4; W. Bell, 5; F. G. Newman, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, May 28th, at St. Peters church, for practice, a 720 of Court Single (with eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; N. Martin, 4; G. Kirk, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also 144 of Plain Bob. F. Gilbert (conductor), 1; B. W. Allen, 2; J. Stubbs, 3; G. Kirk, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; F. Slade, 6. On Whit-Sunday, for early service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (with nine bobs). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; B. W. Allen, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (with eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; R. Pendered, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also for service, at 10.30 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5; S. Bailey, 6. And 360 of Plain Bob (with nine bobs). A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; B. W. Allen, 5; R. Dunkley (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Bob (with eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; B. W. Allen, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; R. Dunkley, 6. Also 180 of Court Single. A. Coles, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; H. Stubbs, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Whit-Sunday, at the house of Mr. J. Gilbert, a 168 of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, retained in hand. R. Pendered, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; W. A. Hall, 5; B. W. Allen, 6; H. Stubbs, 7-8. And a plain course of Grandsire Caters. *W. J. Gilbert, 1-2; F. Gilbert, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5; *R. Pendered, 6; *W. A. Hall, 7; *B. W. Allen, 8; *H. Stubbs, 9-10. *First course of Caters. And it is the first course double handed by the brothers Gilbert and H. Stubbs.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, June 4th, at St. Martin's Church, 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. S. Lawrence (first touch), 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. On Friday, June 3rd, at Mr. W. W. Gifford's lodgings, on handbells retained in hand, 700 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 5th, at St. Thomas's church for Divine Service in the morning, a 756 of Bob Triples. C. Barrett, 4; E. Crump, 2; T. Lees, 3; G. H. Paget, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; H. Harris, 6; G. Hayward, 7; G. Crump, 8. Also a touch of Bob Major. C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Guest, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; G. Hayward, 7; E. Crump, 8. G. Hayward and E. Crump hail from Bromsgrove; the rest are local men.

TITCHMARSH (Northamptonshire).—On Whit Monday, May 30th, at St. Mary's the Virgin Church, an attempt was made for a peal Plain Bob Triples (Annables six-part), but was brought to close at the

half peal end, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. and 38 mins. G. Burton, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; J. Stubbs, 6; R. Dunkley, 7; F. Slade, 8. Before leaving the belfry, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. G. Burton, 1; W. A. Hall, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; J. Stubbs, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6; W. J. Gilbert, 7; F. Slade, 8. This quarter-peal was composed by Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham, and it has all the 6 7s. This is the first exact quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by all the above, it is also the longest in this method by the fifth and sixth men. Then a 720 of Plain Bob, (with thirty-two bobs and two singles). W. A. Hall, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Lewis, 3; W. Upchurch, 4; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 5; R. Dunkley, 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob (with nine bobs). W. Lewis, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; G. Burton, 4; C. Swan, 5; R. Dunkley (conductor) 6.: G. Burton and W. Lewis hails from Rushden; R. Dunkley from Bythorn, Hunts; C. Swan, from Louwich; W. Upchurch belongs to the local company; the brothers Gilbert, and brothers Stubbs, and F. Slade, and W. A. Hall, all hail from Raunds. The ringers on this occasion wish to tender their thanks to the Rector (the Rev. F. M. Stopford) for the use of the bells.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Trinity Sunday, June 5th, at St. Mary's Church, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Union Triples, in 44 mins. J. Waghorn, sen., 1; J. H. Wilkins, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; R. T. Maynard, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; T. Maynard (conductor), 7; W. Crockford, 8.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Tuesday, May 24th, being the Queen's birthday, an attempt was made by the local company to ring a peal of Bob Major (5040 changes), on the old church bells, but after ringing 3 hrs. and 2 mins., it came to grief within two courses of the completion of the peal. E. Norman, 1; W. Mynard, 2; E. Lewin, 3; C. Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The following is the ringing done at St. Luke's, Shireoaks, during the month of May:—Sunday, May 9th, for morning service, 360 each of Duke of York and New London Pleasure. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Kent. S. Tomlinson, 1; Fred. Mackie, 2; E. Russon, 3; S. Harvey, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Sunday, May 15th, for morning service, 240 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, and Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, a 720 of Oxford. S. Tomlinson, 1; David Taylor, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. On Tuesday, May 17th, for practice, 240 of New London Pleasure. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, 240 each of Duke of York, New London Pleasure and Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also in the afternoon, a 720 of Oxford. S. Tomlinson, 1; Fred. Mackie, 2; E. Russon, 3; S. Harvey, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, 360 of Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; Fred. Mackie, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; D. Russon, 5; R. Knowles, 6. Also on Tuesday, May 24th, for practice a 240 each of Duke of York, New London Pleasure and Oxford. D. Taylor, 1; S. Harvey, 2; H. Watchinson, 3; E. Russon, 4; Geo. Gleadle (Tickhill), 5; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 29th, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford and 240 of Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Taylor, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. In the Violet, S. Harvey rung the 2nd, in place of D. Taylor, the other as above. At West Retford, parish church, on Saturday, May 22th, a 720 of Oxford. H. Haigh, 1; S. Harvey, 2; H. Watkinson, 3; E. Russon, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. And a 720 of Violet. S. Harvey, 1; D. Russon, 2; H. Watkinson, 3; E. Russon, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; Fred. Mackie, 6.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 4th, on the occasion of the Marriage of Mr Mark Lane, one of the Aspley Company, and a member of the Bedfordshire Association, some touches were rung upon the Church bells at the conclusion of the interesting ceremony, after which Mr. C. Herbert, Hon. Sec. of the Bedfordshire Association, accompanied by Messrs W. Chibnall and E. Lewin, on behalf of the Aspley and Woburn Ringers, presented the bridegroom with a Timepiece, as a token of their appreciation of his personal worth both as a neighbour as well as a practical change-ringer. Other touches followed during the day, and in the evening the Aspley Company passed a few pleasing and sociable hours with the wedding guests.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following is the ringing done by the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, during the months of April and May:—

On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, a 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; T. Newman, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. After evening service a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday evening, April 19th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; J. Hands (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; G. Essex, 4; J. Hands, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, April 24th, after Divine Service in the evening, 360 Plain Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; T. Newman, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; E. Menday, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, April 26th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. Menday, 5; G. Essex (conductor), 6. And another 720 in the same method. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; G. Essex, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. Hands, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, 720 College Single. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also before evening service a 360 of Yorkshire Court. F. Simmonds, 1; T. Newman, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. After service a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, May 3rd for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. Hands, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 8th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; G. Essex, 3; E. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. After evening service a 720 of Yorkshire Court. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; J. Hands, 3; T. Newman, 4; G. Essex, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. After evening service 360 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Goseltine, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Smith, 3; W. Goseltine, 4; W. Newell, 5; T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. W. Goseltine, W. Newell, and T. Hibbert hail from Reading. On Ascension day, May 19th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; J. Hands, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 5; G. Essex, 6. On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Parfitt, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. For evening service a 360 of Yorkshire Court. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Smith, 1; J. Butler, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. On Saturday, May 28th, after a wedding, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, after which the bells were fired. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, at 6 a.m., a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. And for morning service, at 11 a.m., a 447 of Plain Bob Minor. F. Simmonds, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. For evening service a 720 College Single. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; G. Essex, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. Menday, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. After service a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also a 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Smith, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. Evans, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. Menday, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, May 31st, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; J. Hands, 3; H. Smith, 4; T. Newman, 5; H. Simmonds (first 720 as conductor), 6. There has also been ten 120's of Stedman Doubles rung. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Tonbridge, on Monday, June 13th. Committee Meeting at 11; service in the parish church at 12; dinner at 1; allowance to practising members, 1s. and dinner. Secretaries of bands that mean to attend, and other members, must communicate by the end of this month with the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Wrinsted Court, Lenham, and all are requested to be so good as to notice the change of address.

R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.

A DAY AT NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, June 4th, a rather mixed band of ringers from Eccles and district, paid a visit to the above place, in response to an invitation kindly sent to them some time back. Owing to various circumstances, this visit had been postponed two or three times until the above day. Proceeding from Manchester (central), by the 9.33 a.m. train, the party arrived at Northwich station at about 10.30 a.m., where several of the local company were waiting for them. The usual morning greetings over, steps were made towards the meeting house. Here a slight repast was partaken of, a few ringing matters talked over, and as it was found there would be an interment at 4 p.m., it was decided to go and start for the peal at once, as previously arranged. Arriving in the belfry, the ringers at once "peeled." It may be as well to mention that the bells, eight in number, were formerly a peal of six, but have this year had two trebles put to them from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and who also rehung the other six. The "splice" is a first class one, and the "go" of the whole peal cannot be found fault with. The most remarkable feature about them is they run the reverse way, viz., from left to right. The plain course of Bob Major was rung as a preliminary, after which "go" was called at 12.9 p.m., for a peal of Bob Major (three-part). The ringing needs no comment, as all went on smoothly till 3.11 p.m., when the northern cry of "this is all," showed that the peal was finished, the time occupied being 3 hrs. 2 mins. Several of the local band then entered the belfry and congratulated the visitors on their achievement, and the regular striking observed throughout. The account of this peal is reported in its proper place. The whole party then made their way to the Coffee Tavern, where a good substantial tea was provided. This being over, the visitors were shown many of the houses and shops that had given way, owing to the brine being pumped out from beneath their foundations. At one place especially, the space between two shops was 3 feet when they were first built, but now are only about 18 inches on the footpath level, and at their roofs there is about six inches between them. There are a great many other houses whose foundations have given way on one side, and would fall altogether, only the houses next them have given way the other side, and thus practically hold each other up. The visitors expressing a wish that they would like to go down into one of the rock salt mines, they were there and then taken to one, as one of the local band is the engineer there. The shafts of the mine are about three feet in diameter, and circular, and the depth, 110 yards. The means of descent is by a kind of tub (the visitors forgot its proper name), about 4 feet six inches in depth, and will hold for ordinary persons (with no elbow room), and is let down by a flat wire rope worked by a beam engine. Each one took his coat off before the descent, to prevent its being spoilt by rubbing against the side of the shaft. Landing at the bottom, the visitors were supplied each with a candle, as the darkness is darkness. The guides then took them along one of the passages which had been made by the miners, and along which tramways are laid for the trucks to run on, which carry the tubs filled with rock salt. Arriving at the end of the passage, the party were shewn the manner in which the rock is cut or blown out by powder. On one ledge of the rock there happened to be one of these holes, which had been drilled out, about three or four handfuls of coarse powder put in, plugged up, a fuse put in and then lit; in a few seconds the fuse had ignited the powder, and then bang! the rock was seen to lift up and then drop into pieces. The visitors then picked up a small piece of the rock salt and took it home as a sort of relic. Time being short, they all ascended above ground, and train time being near, a move was then made for the station, the last train for Manchester leaving at the early hour of 8.25 p.m. During the day the party rang several courses and tunes on the handbells. Whit-Saturday being a very busy day for the railways, the train did not arrive in Manchester till 10.40 p.m., an hour and a half late. The visitors wish to tender through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," their most sincere and grateful thanks to the Northwich and Budworth ringers for the exceeding great kindness and hospitality shown towards them on this their first, and it is to be hoped not the last visit to Northwich.

THE CHANGE-RINGERS' MEMORIAL TO JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.—UNVEILING CEREMONY AT ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH.

Divine Service will be held at 4.0 pm, (i.e. half an hour earlier than previously announced) at which the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Wigram, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Rural Dean; member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James's Society, and the Hertford County Association, &c., &c. At this service the window will be unveiled. The first half of the visitors will sit down to tea at 5.30 pm., and the second at 6.15 pm. Those arriving by the train which reaches Ilkley a few minutes before four o'clock are requested to go straight to the church, where seats will be kept for them.

W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec. of the Yorkshire Association.

A WHIT-MONDAY EXCURSION.

On Monday, May 30th, a small party of ringers from Haverstock Hill, paid a visit to King's Langley, Herts. Meeting at Willesden for the 9.30 a.m. train, they were soon steaming away, but found themselves when they stopped two stations, further than they wished, having got into a special Berkhamstead train. They were soon taken back to the right station, but found those who were to meet them gone away disappointed at not meeting them by the right train. However they had no difficulty in finding the church and the steeple-keeper, Mr. Ridgway, who soon joined them. Ascending the tower, 120 of Grandsire Doubles was first rung by J. Nixon, 1; J. Comb, 2; A. Pitham, 3; A. Tennant, 4; N. Alderman, 5; T. Titchener (conductor), 6. A 720 of Plain Bob was then rung in 25½ mins. J. Nixon, 1; A. Tennant, 2; J. Leach, 3; A. Pitham, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; T. Titchener, 6. And a course of Kent Treble Bob. The "go" of the bells not tempting them to stop, they finished with 120 of Doubles, falling in peal. The tenor is about 13 cwt., and this is supposed to be the first 720 rung in the tower. Mr. Ridgway next conducted them to his own house, where they enjoyed a substantial meal of cold ham, beef, fresh butter, watercress, etc. They then took leave of their friends here, and started for Apsley End, about two miles off. Here after another slight delay, they were introduced to the Vicar, the Rev. Percival Ward, who readily gave permission to use the bells, and they were also very warmly welcomed by the local ringers, three of whom succeeded in ringing 120 of Grandsire Doubles, it being the first they had ever rung. A 720 of Plain Bob was again rung in 26 mins. A. Tennant, 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Leach, 3; A. Pitham, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; T. Titchener, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 36 mins. N. Alderman, 1; A. Tennant, 2; J. Leach, 3; T. Titchener (conductor), 4; J. Nixon, 5; A. Pitham, 6. These are a musical peal in good going order, the tenor about 19 cwt. Time getting short, they finished up with a course of Oxford Treble Bob, and falling in peal, a glass of ale, and a rush to the station, and a ride home in a well packed train, they landed again at Willesden well satisfied with their day's pleasure.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a quarterly meeting of this Association was held (by the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. W. C. Gibbs who presided) in St. John-the-Baptist school-room, situate in the picturesque grounds of Hagley Park, Worcestershire, the seat of the Lytteltons. The meeting was attended by members from Bromsgrove, Chaddesley, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Hagley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton, &c. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed, and several new members added to the roll. Reports were received from the Instructors as to the progress the Societies (they were visiting) were making in the art of change-ringing. Although the reports were not so favourable as could be wished, the Association hope to hear better results at the next meeting. The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding, for the use of the tower and school-room. The rev. gentleman in responding thanked the members most heartily, and said he should always feel it a pleasure to meet them and to allow the use of the bells at any time to a band of change-ringers. During the afternoon several touches of Grandsire Triples &c. were rung on the tower bells, which are in good ringing condition.

SIGNALLING MOVING TRAINS.—Since the first edition of this work was issued, induction currents have been practically utilised in order to effect communication with trains actually travelling on a railway. Phelps' arrangement depends upon the elementary phenomena described in connection with figs. 1, 2, 3. A telegraph wire is stretched all along the centre of the railway-track, through which any required message is sent. Another wire is fixed under the bottom of the guard's carriage, with which is connected some sensitive telegraphic receiving instrument inside the carriage. However fast the train is moving, if the two wires are tolerably close, a signal passing through the line-wire produces an induced current in the carriage-wire, which transmits the signal; or conversely, a signal sent through the carriage-wire can produce an induced current in the line-wire, and transmit the signal to the station. Communication has been effected in this way with a train running forty miles per hour. In another system, devised by Eddison and Gilliland, induction is effected between the wires hung on telegraph poles in the usual way, but brought nearer, and the metal roofs of the carriages, which are insulated, and connected together end to end. The receiver may be an ordinary telephone, with a sounder and switch to complete the circuit, or a pair of telephones may be worn permanently at the ears by a head band. In Edison's system the receiver is connected with an induction-coil in such a way that the surface of the metal roofs also acts as a condenser to the coil, and increases the effect of the current in producing the clicks or signals of the Morse code.—From "Science for All" for June.

OUTING OF THE WANSTEAD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY

On Whit-Monday eight of this society, starting from Wanstead with a pair of horses and brake, paid a visit to the picturesque village of Finchingfield, Essex. After stopping at various places for refreshing both man and beast, the first tower that was visited was Dunmow, a rather heavy ring of six, tenor about 24 cwt. Here was scored a 720 of Plain Bob in 26 mins. J. Priest, 1; J. Nunn, 2; J. S. Wincey, 3; W. Manning, 4; A. S. Barrell, 5; T. Scarlett (conductor), 6. From what could be ascertained from some of the local "stone" ringers, it is believed to be the first 720 on the bells, which was only achieved through great perseverance, on account of the bells going very badly. After playing a few tunes on the handbells, a move was made towards Finchingfield, arriving there about 1.30 pm. Some refreshments being partaken of, the bell-chamber was then visited to examine ropes, wheels &c. The visitors were informed by one of the local "stone" men that the bells all went well, except the 6th, which they afterwards found out to be too true. At all events a start was made for Hollis's 5-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about three-quarters of an hour the conductor was obliged to call "stand" on account of the 6th bell going so badly. The band stood as follows: J. Wincey, 1; J. Nunn, 2; J. Priest, 3; W. Manning, 4; A. S. Barrell, 5; A. Gardom (conductor), 6; T. Scarlett, 7; G. Cornell, 8. During the evening (by special invitation) a visit was also paid to the parish church at Wethersfield, where a 720 of Plain Bob was brought home in 27 mins. A. Gardom (conductor), 1; W. Manning, 2; J. Wincey, 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. S. Barrell, 5; G. Cornell, 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. A. Gardom, 1; J. Priest, 2; W. Manning, 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. S. Barrell, 5; T. Scarlett, (conductor) 6. On Tuesday morning a start was made for Thaxted (eight bells), arriving there about 12 o'clock. Here the visitors found the bells in good order, but the ropes were much too large to make half-pull ringing easy. Hollis's 5-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but time getting short the bells were brought round about half-way. J. Wincey, 1; T. Scarlett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; W. Manning, 4; J. Priest, 5; A. Gardom (conductor), 6; A. S. Barrell, 7; G. Cornell, 8. Although the ringers had never had the pleasure of ringing these bells before, they were complimented on their good striking. A course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells concluded the ringing at this stage. On the return journey, a stoppage was made at Bishops Stortford, where, after finding the steeple-keeper (Mr. H. Tucker), a 720 of Bob Major was brought home. J. Wincey, 1; J. Nunn, 2; W. Manning, 3; J. Priest, 4; A. S. Barrell, 5; G. Cornell, 6; T. Scarlett, (conductor) 7; A. Gardom, 8. Also with the assistance of three of the local company, two courses of Grandsire Caters. G. Cornell, 1; A. Gardom, 2; H. Tucker, 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. Tucker, 5; W. Manning, 6; A. S. Barrell, 7; J. Priest, 8; T. Scarlett, 9; —, 10. At 7.30 a final start was made for Wanstead, but having travelled about 8 miles one of the band (who had a sharper ear than the others), called out, "Hark! I hear the sound of bells." The brake was at once stopped, and then came the sound of Stedman, from the peal of eight at Sawbridgeworth. The company quickly found their way towards the church, and after an introduction, had the pleasure of ringing a 360 of Bob Major, the band standing as at Bishops Stortford. This concluded two thoroughly enjoyable days outing, with which the band were all very much pleased, and they thank their ringing friends for the kind attention shown them on their visit.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 30th, the members of St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, visited Ewhurst for the purpose of having a pull on the bells. Starting at 6.30 by break from Bagshot, Ewhurst was reached at 11.45 where on arriving they were met by the local company, and Messrs. Charman, Farnfield, and Knight of Cranleigh. A 720 of Grandsire Minor, was then rung in 26 mins. H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; E. Spooner, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Houlton (conductor), 6. Afterwards a start was made for dinner, which was done justice to after the long ride over the Surrey hills. Dinner being over, they ascended the tower again and started for a 720 of Bob Minor, which unfortunately was lost at the last single. E. Angell, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis (Ewhurst), 3; E. Spooner (conductor), 4; W. Knight (Cranleigh), 5; W. Houlton, 6. After a few Doubles had been rung, the bells were lowered, and a start was made for Cranleigh about three miles farther. On arriving there, they had tea at the Institute (which was built at the expense of a gentleman of that place). Tea being over, they ascended the tower and rung a 720 of Bob Minor. E. Angell, 1; F. Francis (Ewhurst), 2; F. Francis, 3; E. Spooner (conductor), 4; —, Streeter (Cranleigh), 5; G. Farnfield (Cranleigh), 6. Afterwards a start was made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, but was lost when near the finish. H. Stapleton, 1; J. Charman (Cranleigh), 2; E. Spooner, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Houlton (conductor), 6. After the bells were lowered they spent the remainder of the evening in songs, &c., and started back to Bagshot at 10.20 p.m., which was reached at 1.45 a.m. Tuesday morning. So ended a long and pleasant day.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday afternoon, Messrs Newson (conductor), Rogers, (Cattle, Fussell, Jacob, and Dains, paid a visit, at the invitation of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Bellfounders, to Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, and formally opened a new ring of six bells, cast and hung by this firm, with a good touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Mr. Clockmaker stayed proceedings at this stage for the purpose of attaching the pendulum to the church clock, which by the way, had not struck the hour of day for some time. Upon the completion, ringing was resumed and 720 of Plain Bob, with 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was performed in good style. Mr. H. Randall taking part in 120 of Stedman Doubles. The ringers hereupon received an invitation to the vicarage, and during a short interval there, Mr. R. Lowe, organist, performed some fine selections of music upon the piano, and accompaniments to some good singing by Mr. Waite, churchwarden. Both these gentlemen with ten others subsequently gave the secretary their name and will become members of the society in due course. After thanking the Vicar for his kindness, the belfry was again visited, and another well struck 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rang. We believe the principal members selected a tutor for this Society, and let us hope that success will attend every effort both of tutor and pupil alike. The bells are a handy ring, tenor 7½ cwt. in Bb, and when the young band has sufficiently advanced upon the six, means may be forthcoming to argument the ring to 8, by adding two trebles. Upon inspection of the work, it was considered that Messrs Warner and Sons had carried it out very creditably. The ringing was listened to by hundreds of people of the neighbourhood, who seemed interested, and to appreciate the bell music.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18, 1887. Members will assemble at 2.0 p.m. in the Cathedral belfry. There will be a special service in the Lady Chapel at 5.0 pm., and tea in the coffee rooms at 6.0 pm., free of charge to those who have paid all subscriptions due. The meeting for the election of officers, &c., will be held immediately afterwards.

J. R. KEBLE, Hon. Sec.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—JUBILEE FUND.

All members who are desirous of being present at the banquet on June 25th, and have not as yet signified their intention of doing so, will kindly attend at headquarters next meeting night, June 17th, on which date the list will be closed.

A. G. THOMAS, Hon. Sec.

16, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The June Meeting will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, June 11th, concurrently with the meeting at which the change-ringers' Memorial window to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon is to be unveiled. All members intending to be present at the service, and afterwards at the tea, should signify the same to Mr. Joe Beanlands, jun., the amateur society of change-ringers, Ilkley, on or before the last day of this month.

W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

HOW TO TREAT SERVANTS.—A little real interest in and sympathy with the recreation, friendships, and perhaps homely tragedy, of a servant's life will do more for her morals than acres of lectures and tons of sermons—sermons generally are heavy. But if religion and morality are not taught merely by catechisms and formal acts of worship, then it is the example of each member of a family that makes or mars the morals of such a one as Bunch. She will copy everything the young ladies do, and a word of encouragement from them will be much appreciated. If they rise early so will she; if they show a pattern of order, neatness, and cleanliness, so will she; if they are conscientious in reference to little things, so will she be. In a word, if the ladies of a house look after their own morals, they cannot but improve those of Bunch. Here, then, is a work you young ladies may do as holy and useful as the most painstaking district-visiting without going beyond the door of your father's house. Teach girls like Bunch to become good servants, and therefore in time to become good wives and mothers, and you will be doing a work for God and man of quite inestimable value.—From "Cassell's Family Magazine" for June.

ERRATUM.—The report of the silent handbell peal rung on Wednesday, April 20th, at the Head Quarters of the St. James's Society, by the College Youths, should read Holt's ten-part, not Original.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE 7008 OF DOUBLE OXFORD.

SIR.—Mr. William Snowdon has kindly supplied me with the following quotation from a letter, dated August 31st, 1881, from Mr. Henry Hubbard to Mr. J. W. Snowdon, which will explain the mistake as to the 6000 of Double Oxford stated to have been rung at Gravesend in 1820.

"I am the last of the company who rang the six remarkable Major peals:

688a Oxford Treble Bob.
672a "
6160 Double Norwich Court Major.
6000 Double Oxford Bob Major.
5376 Superlative Surprise Major.
5280 London Surprise Major."

It would thus appear that the late Mr. Snowdon writing to me no doubt from memory, credited the Gravesend band, instead of the Norwich Scholars with the 6000 of Double Oxford, for although he mentions that the latter company rang a peal in this method, he does not give the number of changes. Of the above peals, that of Double Norwich was rung in 1881, and that of Superlative in 1835, both at Norwich. Presumably, therefore, the Double Oxford peal was rung about the same date. The year 1820 was about the time at which Gravesend accomplished its celebrated performances, but in placing Double Oxford among them, Mr. Snowdon was apparently mistaken. A second peal in the method was rung at Redenhall in 1881, consisting of 5040 changes. No other achievements of Double Oxford, except these two, seem to have been registered previous to the peals rung at Duffield, and in any case there was one of 6000 to beat, which from your correspondent's letter I feared was not the fact.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT BIRMINGHAM.

SIR.—Your Correspondent Mr. Geo. Musket, in his letter upon the subject did not state the case correctly. What I did say and what I say now is this, from the time the eleventh goes in quick in the last course there was nothing but a jumble, and rounds was never struck, the whole of the other part of the performance was good ringing. Mr. Job Joynes was first out of the tower, expressed his disgust at such work so close to the finish, and in plain course and not get it. In reply to a query he could not say if it would be acknowledged as a peal until he had seen Mr. Johnson. As regards him holding the keys of the Church this is nonsense. Mr. Thomas Miller had the keys on this occasion. I regret I have not had time to write you before but I have been very busy lately.

J. W. CATTLE.

123, Bow Common Lane, Bow, E., June 6th, 1887.

ST. LAWRENCE (JEWRY) TENOR.

SIR.—Mr. Wood has adopted a very easy method of dealing with my contention with regard to the tenor bell of St. Lawrence Jewry, viz., questioning the accuracy of the figures given by Mr. Banks. I presume he intends to settle the matter finally by measuring the bell himself, and until he gives us the result of this, I am, and think the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" generally, will be prepared to adhere to my original statement. It may interest you to know that according to Messrs. Taylor's list, the tenth bell at St. Paul's Cathedral measuring 4 feet 7½ inches (less than St. Lawrence), is given as 30 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

J. BARRY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Brighton was visited on Whit-Monday, May 30th, by upwards of 100 active members of the above Association, the gathering being occasioned by the third Annual Meeting. The proceedings commenced at the towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, at 9 o'clock, between which hour and 11 o'clock, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Treble Bob Major, were brought round. At 11 o'clock a special service was held at the parish church, at which the Ven. Archdeacon of Lewes (a vice-president), delivered a thoroughly practical address. The service was attended by between fifty and sixty members. Luncheon was served at the Oddfellows Hall, to about 100 members. The Ven. Archdeacon Hannah occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. R. H. Hill, M.A., rector of Parham, the Rev. R. F. Tompkins, B.A., vicar of Tortington, and treasurer to the Association, the Rev. J. Puttick, vicar of Alfriston, Mr. Mr. G. Attree, churchwarden of Brighton, the Revs. W. W. Kelly, and W. G. Deighton, curates of Brighton, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. F. Attree. The business meeting followed, when after the minutes of a district meeting held at Crawley had been confirmed, the Lord Bishop of Chichester was unanimously elected president of the Asso-

ciation for the ensuing year, as were also the vice-presidents (22 in number), the Hon. Treasurer (Rev. R. F. Tompkins, rector of Tortington), and the Hon. Sec. (Mr. G. F. Attree). Five honorary members, and sixty ringing members were elected, including Mr. A. G. Thomas, and Mr. W. Baron, of London, bringing up the total number of active members to over 560.

There was a proposition by the Hon. Sec. (Mr. G. F. Attree), that local meetings should be held at six-bell towers, and after some discussion it was agreed to. It was also decided to hold the next district meeting at Southover, Lewes, on August 1st. Mr. G. F. Attree suggested that a model bell should be obtained and held for one year by the society ringing the most peals, and that the name of each society holding the "Challenge Bell" should be engraved on it. The suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

The report, which was taken as read, said the necessity for an Association had now been fully proved, both by the hearty support it had received from nearly fifty parishes, and from the rapid strides which had been made in the art of change-ringing in Sussex during the two years of its existence. Five meetings have been held during the past year, at Brighton, Chichester, Eastbourne, Cuckfield, and Arundel. The three instructors of the Association gave upwards of sixty lessons in the science to the following branches: Ardingley, Arundel, Battle, East Hoathley, Heene, Ringmer, and Westham, several of which have made good progress, whilst many fresh societies will during the present year need similar assistance. The expenditure under this head must of necessity be very heavy for some years to come in a county where change-ringing for half-a-century or more has been almost entirely neglected. There were seven peals of Triples rung in 1885, and twenty-three in 1886, when the Association stood ninth compared with other Associations; whilst from January to April this year twenty-five peals have been recorded the Association now standing third in the analysis of peals rung by the thirty principal Associations in England. One entirely new ring of eight bells have been hung at Lower Beeding, three bells supplied to complete the octave at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, and two trebles at Warnham, thus converting a ring of six into eight, in addition to which the bell-hangers have been busy re-hanging and repairing bells and fittings in several churches. Much also has been done to improve some of the ringing chambers, but while this is so the fact that the belfry is part of the church and therefore consecrated, continues to be overlooked in many parishes in the county. "Surely," the report adds, "it is time that the authorities (we refer to the rectors and churchwardens) should turn their attention to this, and avoid the continuance of such a reproachful state of things as has for years been allowed, namely that the bells have remained silent through decay and neglect, and the ringing chambers used only as 'lumber rooms.'" The long anticipated concession from the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, in the form of return tickets at a single fare and a quarter, was granted in November, and has proved a boon to the members. In conclusion, the committee ask every member to use his best efforts in promoting all the branches of work the Association has taken in hand, for success is alone to be attained through individual and united action.

The statement of accounts show that the receipts have been £112 9s. 10d., and the expenditure £88 18s. 7d., leaving a balance in hand of £23 10s. 9d. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. Churchwarden ATTREE, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Venerable Archdeacon for welcoming the members to Brighton, and for presiding pointed out the amount of good work that was being done by the Association, and said he felt assured that its future would be as bright as its past.

The ARCHDEACON acknowledged the vote, and said he fully appreciated the work performed by the ringers, and was always ready and willing to assist them in any way that lay in his power.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the hon. secretary and treasurer for their services during the year, and to the several Vicars and Churchwardens for allowing the use of their bells. The proceedings then terminated.

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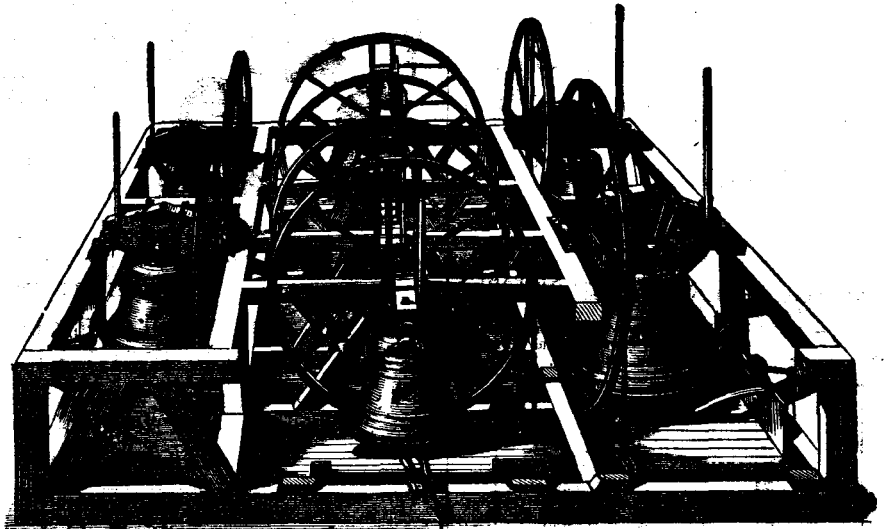


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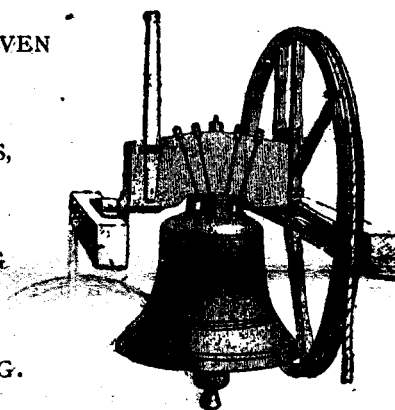
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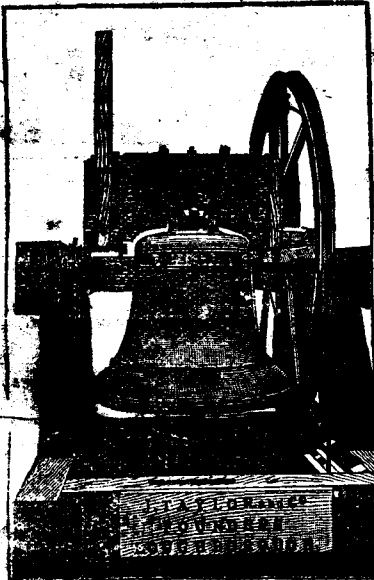
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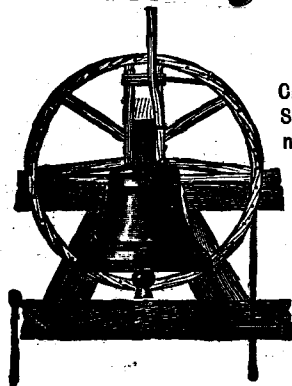
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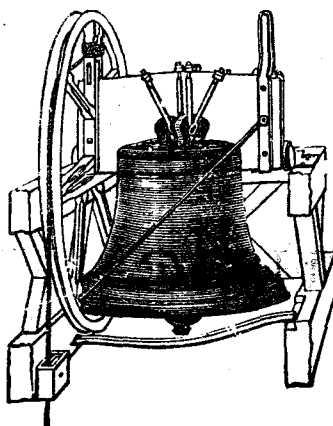
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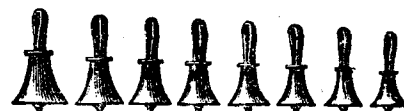
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XI.—PEALS OF ROYAL AND MAXIMUS.

The annexed collections of peals is not a very exhaustive one. There is enough, however, to shew what may be done, and to tempt composers to try for further productions. It seems strange that in all methods the musical qualities of Major are very generally understood, while but little attention appears to be bestowed on Royal or Maximus. For instance, and I have not yet left the beaten track myself, we compose peals of Maximus with great regard to the 6th, as if it were the same bell as the glorious 6th in Major. A little attention will shew that this Maximus 6th, as a musical bell, is a fraud, for it is nothing but that wholesale offender the Major 2nd, promoted to the title of 6th by the increase of family. The discussion of this subject is foreign to the present papers, but I would suggest to any musical ears who has a piano or handbells, to work the matter out for themselves. It will be found that in Royal the 4th, and in Maximus both 4th and 6th, are bells which it is extremely desirable to keep from contact with the heavy end. Whether the advantage of hearing an extra bell ring home at the course-ends is alone sufficient atonement for the discords in other parts of the course I will not attempt to decide. At all events if the 5th in Maximus is thrown into 6ths place the harmonies are much improved, as this bell fills up the common chord of 8,10,12. Both in Royal and Maximus the 3rd is better beating with the large bells than the 4th for similar reasons. If the 4th in Royal, and both 4th and 6th in Maximus, are thrown behind the large bells the music will be better than when they are coursing before them. The whole subject may be easily fathomed by any one who has a moderate acquaintance with musical intervals, and is, with certain limitations, not one of taste but of fact.

Among the following peals illustrations are given of the use of bobs M, and the coming round from the course-end 125364. Compositions are also included that have the course never turned, shewing how singles may be avoided. With the exception of these latter, the compositions are obtained without noticeably moving the 6th. It will be needless to do more than remark that Major peals containing the extent with the 6th at home (5760) will also run the extent either in Royal or Maximus, producing respectively 7200 and 8640 changes.

PEALS OF ROYAL.

The following peal has the sixth at home throughout.

No. 13. (5040).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

5 4 2 1 3 - - -
3 5 2 1 4 - - -
3 2 5 1 4 s - - -

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

These nine courses
eight times repeated
with a single for the
last bob in the sixth
part, produce:—

1 2 3 4 5 6

A. P. H., Nov. 1886.

The next peal has also the sixth at home throughout, and is in two exactly similar parts. There are never more than two consecutive calls.

No. 14. (5040).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

4 3 2 1 5 - - -
2 4 3 1 5 - - -
5 2 4 1 3 s - - -
3 5 4 1 2 - - -
4 3 5 1 2 - - -
5 4 3 1 2 - - -

These nine
courses three
times repeated,
produce:—

Continued— I. B. O.
1 3 4 5 2 - - -
4 1 3 5 2 - - -
2 3 1 5 4 - - -
1 2 3 5 4 - - -
4 3 2 5 1 - - -
2 4 3 5 1 - - -
3 2 4 5 1 - - -
1 4 2 5 3 - - -
2 1 4 5 3 6 - - -

The whole repeated.

A. P. H., May, 1887.

The two following peals by Mr. Carter, one the reverse of the other, have no two consecutive calls, and the 6th is at home throughout.

No. 15. (5040).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

Five times repeated, with a
single instead of a bob at the Out
of the course marked * in the
third and sixth parts.

No. 16. (5040).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

Five times repeated, with a
single instead of a bob at the In
of the course marked * in
the third and sixth parts.

J. CARTER, June, 1887.

The following peal is shortened by the introduction of three sets of M calls in the first course, and has the 6th at home at all but the last two course-ends. It is remarkable for having only one single.

No. 17. (5006)

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O. F. M.

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

These 10 courses
six times repeated,
with a single instead
of the last bob in the
4th part thus revers-
ing 1,4, produces: 3 1 2 5 4 6

2 6 5 3 1 4 - - -
1 2 5 3 6 4 - - -
Round at two changes.

A. P. H., May, 1887.

If the first part is called like the rest, and from 312546 thus:

3 1 2 5 4 6 I. B. O. F.

5 2 1 3 4 6 - - -
1 5 2 3 4 6 - - -
2 6 5 3 1 4 - - -
1 2 5 3 6 4 - - -
The peal will be 5042.

The three following peals by Mr. Carter are all on a similar plan, and have the 6th at home throughout. The second is the reverse of the first.

No. 18. (5040).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

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

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

No. 19. (5040).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

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

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

Each five times repeated with a single instead of a bob at the Out of the first course of the third and sixth parts. J. CARTER, June, 1887.

No. 20.

(5040).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

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

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

Five time repeated, with a single instead of a bob at the In of the course marked * in the third and sixth parts.

J. CARTER, June, 1887.

The next peal, also with the sixth at home, is on another plan, each of the two parts being called differently, and each twice repeated.

No. 21.

(5100).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

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

2 1 3 4 5 6

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

1 2 3 4 5 6

1 2 3 4 5 6

These six courses four times repeated, with a single instead of the last bob of the fifth part, produces:

These 11 courses four times repeated, with a single instead of the last bob of the tenth part, produce:

J. CARTER, June, 1887.

The two following peals, which are the reverse of one another, are on the five-part plan, with the fifths place bell fixed throughout the part, and the 6th at home.

No. 22. (5100).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

5 3 2 1 4 - - S
2 5 3 1 4 - -
3 2 5 1 4 - -
1 5 2 3 4 - -
2 1 5 3 4 - -
3 5 1 2 4 - -
1 3 5 2 4 - -
5 1 3 2 4 - -
2 3 1 5 4 - -
1 2 3 5 4 - -
1 3 2 5 4 - S
5 2 3 1 4 - -
3 5 2 1 4 - -
2 3 5 1 4 - -
1 5 3 2 4 - -
3 1 5 2 4 - -
5 3 1 2 4 - -

Each four times repeated.

No. 23. (5100).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O.

5 4 2 1 3 - - -
3 4 2 1 5 - S
5 3 2 1 4 - -
4 2 3 1 5 - -
5 4 3 1 2 - -
2 5 3 1 4 - -
4 3 5 1 2 - -
2 4 5 1 3 - -
3 2 5 1 4 - -
4 5 2 1 3 - -
3 5 2 1 4 - S
4 3 2 1 5 - -
5 2 3 1 4 - -
4 5 3 1 2 - -
2 4 3 1 5 - -
5 3 4 1 2 - -
2 5 4 1 3 - -

J. CARTER, June, 1887.

The two next peals, the reverse of one another, are exceedingly neat compositions by Mr. Carter, and have the excellent feature of no two consecutive calls. The sixth is at home throughout.

No. 24. (5040).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. O.

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

No. 25. (5040).

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. O.

5 3 4 1 2 - -
2 5 4 1 3 - -
3 4 1 2 5 - -
5 3 1 2 4 - -
4 2 1 5 3 - S -
3 4 1 5 2 - -
2 3 1 5 4 - -

Each eleven times repeated with a bob instead of the single in the sixth and twelfth parts. J. CARTER, June, 1887.

In the following peal the course of the bells is never turned. It contains the 6th twenty-five times wrong, and fifty-five times (the extent without singles) right.

No. 26.

(5040)

1 2 3 4 5 6 I. B. O. F.

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

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

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

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

These 11 courses three times repeated,

produce:

I. B. O. F.

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

6 3 5 1 2 4 - -

2 4 3 1 5 6 - -

5 3 4 1 2 - -

4 5 3 1 2 - -

2 3 5 1 4 - -

5 2 3 1 4 - -

3 5 2 1 4 - -

4 2 5 1 3 - -

5 4 2 1 3 - -

2 5 4 1 3 - -

3 4 5 1 2 - -

1 5 4 3 2 - -

4 1 5 3 2 - -

2 5 1 3 4 - -

1 2 5 3 4 - -

4 5 2 3 1 - -

2 4 5 3 1 - -

5 2 4 3 1 - -

1 4 2 3 5 - -

2 1 4 3 5 - -

4 2 1 3 5 - -

5 1 2 3 4 6 - -

A. P. H., June, 1887.

(To be Continued).

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.—CEREMONY OF UNVEILING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The morning of Saturday, June 11th, dawned brightly, and the sun shone clear over the lovely valley of the Wharfe, where nestles the picturesque health-resort known as Ilkley. Everything bore a pleasant aspect; even the moor, on the summit of which rest the celebrated "cow and calf" rocks, and from the side of which flow the well-known springs of cool water, seemed to be specially attractive. It was, in sooth, a morning calculated to furnish food for pleasant reflections in the future. A sensation of absolute quiet seemed to pervade the scene, for with the exception of a few early risers who had taken the opportunity afforded of having a ramble to the wells or down by the river side, nature seemed to be enjoying sweet repose. As the time wore on, the distant sound of a railway whistle announced the approach of the first morning train from the neighbouring town of Bradford, which after steaming into the station, discharged its freight of human passengers who had left their busy haunts to enjoy for a while the fresh air and opportunities for rest which the locality so well affords. A little while after the Leeds train followed, bringing with it another contingent of suffering humanity seeking a brief repose; and the little town soon assumed a comparatively busy aspect. The hour of nine having struck, the sound of bells muffled vibrated through the air from the old church tower, their solemn tones arresting the attention of the inhabitants. This was the commencement of a ceremonial—sad though it was—which had been looked forward to, it might be said, with great interest by the whole of the ringing world. All having been got ready and in order, the following eight officers of the Yorkshire Association then rang an "In Memoriam" date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes). Arthur Spurr, Ossett (Committee), 1; W. H. Howard, York (Vice-President), 2; W. Whitaker, Leeds (Hon. Sec.), 3; J. Broadley, Bradford (pro steward), 4; W. Stainthorpe, Birstall (Committee), 5; J. H. Harcastle, Bradford (Committee), 6; J. T. Hollis, Wakefield (Committee), 7; J. McKell, Gargrave (Committee), 8. The touch was conducted by Mr. J. H. Harcastle, and completed in 1 hr. 14 mins. After its conclusion, the muffles were removed, and as friends had begun to arrive from various parts the belfry was placed at their disposal, in accordance with regulations previously issued, a privilege which was taken advantage of by the visitors, the bells being kept going throughout the day, except during the time occupied by the service in church. As noon approached the arriving trains brought numbers of visiting brethren from various parts of the country, and during the afternoon the numbers increased. At 3.45, according to arrangement, the members and visitors assembled at the schoolroom, where they formed into procession, marshalled by the stewards, Mr. T. Hattersley (Sheffield), and Mr. B. T. Copley (Bradford), and headed by Mr. W. Snowdon, A. Percival Heywood Esq., Messrs W. H. Howard, W. Whitaker, R. S. Story, J. W. Rowbotham, and the officers of the Association, they walked to the Church, the Leeds members meanwhile ringing a service touch of Stedman Triples. In church, the shortened form of evening prayer was used, the service commencing with the hymn

"All people that on earth do dwell,"

The special psalms being being the 103rd, "Praise the Lord, O my Soul;" and the 150th, "O praise God in His holiness." After the *Deus Misereatur* was sung, and at the conclusion of the collects the hymn

"O God, our help in ages past."

During the singing of this hymn, Canon Wigram ascended the pulpit, and taking as his text the concluding words of the 150th psalm just sung, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord," he said:—

The subject of this psalm is Praise. Let me direct your attention to the divisions of this great subject and the order in which they are set before us here. First—Praise God in His holiness; second—praise Him in the firmament of His power. His noble acts, His excellent greatness; and farther, let every thing that hath breath, praise the Lord. The first injunction then is—to praise God in His holiness. The appeal is to our higher powers—to the spirit of man; "In the image of God created He man." One part of our selves—the spirit of man—is like unto the angels. Sin clouds the faculties of the spirit, but it has not destroyed them yet, at all events. We can still appreciate goodness for its own sake. We can feel without affection that piety is something very noble; devotion commands our respect, love rules, and we are glad to obey it; and duty, that is of God indeed, it is one of those gifts that has not forsaken earth. Then praise the Holy One—praise Him who has taken man's nature to restore and raise it; praise Him who is the author of holiness and giver of all good things. Recall for one moment the vision of St. John. "I heard," he said, "the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.' Such no doubt is the highest fulfilment of the highest praise, which was glorified by the Church triumphant; and now on earth we shew forth the death of the Lamb, and celebrate at the altar in the way appointed for us how that he hath

redeemed us to God by his blood; thus does the Church militant swell forth the tones of highest praise—the praise of adoration, and we praise God in his Holiness.

Next, we are told to praise God in the firmament of His power. Apply this thought to what we call nature, and to the mind of man enabled to appreciate the works of nature. No age has studied this so deeply as has our own, but if there be one point of fact science has brought out more clearly than another it is this, that we cannot create any force, or any energy, or indeed any matter. But we can combine forces—we can rearrange their action, we can balance one against another, we can concentrate them, we can direct their energy and apply it almost at will. Witness the manner in which we can call out all the heat and all the strength stored up in our coal fields, and employ it upon our steam engines. Witness the manner in which we have learned to concentrate and make use of that great power yet more subtle and perhaps greater, the power of electricity and magnetism. Then praise God in his power, study nature, and recognise the Creator. Think of her systems with wonder in its beauty, and appreciate the order of all law. Use this the mind which you possess, develop the powers of intellect with which you are endowed, and offer up your grateful thanks to Him whose wisdom is infinite.

And more, praise Him in the cymnals and dances. Yes, life has a lighter side as well as a graver; to unend the bow is as necessary as to string it. Relaxation is a part of a healthy life equally with work; and amusement also can be consecrated. As a child takes flowers for a present, and laughs in the very enjoyment of their beauty, so we may receive our pleasure as from God and return Him praise.

And as to our favourite amusement; if I wish to prove that it calls forth the higher powers of man, and helps to develop faculties of extensive value, could I do better than point to that window and recall the character of him whose name it bears? Patient in study, accurate in thought, clear in his arrangement of details, and able to take a comprehensive grasp of a complicated subject, so as to perceive the elements of real importance, and to put each lesser point into its fitting place. These are high qualities; so too is that energy prompt to grasp its opportunities, and to apply them to the service of his application and his investigations. If this were all we had to say, we could still feel that what was called "the Exercise" is honoured by the fact that it can reckon Jasper Whitfield Snowdon among its members. But there was also that which belonged to the true man—qualities of spirit and heart, as well as of head and hand—which went deeper than physical energy and deeper than intellectual application, qualities which endeared him to his own circle, which won for him, as we are glad to testify this day, by this window erected in his own parish church, the respect and affection of even those who knew him but imperfectly.

Today is a great day for us ringers, but at the same time let us learn the lessons which it suggests. Take much in our pursuit which involves very useful discipline. Good ringing means a quick eye, a trained ear, a careful hand, sustained attention, and not a little work outside the tower. It means abundant perseverance and mutual co-consideration. Ringers must keep their temper, they must bear and forbear. We must recollect that all learned on others, and must be content that others learn on us. The impatient man, the fretful man, the man who cannot be told he has made a mistake, and who cannot recollect that mistakes must be made, and that the mistakes of others, however disagreeable, are still unintentional—such a man is simply a nuisance in a company. Another point learned in a belfry is consideration for others. To be punctual is a small thing on paper, yet how important. "Exactness is the politeness of princes," said Louis XVIII., "to keep people waiting is downright bad manners," said a well-known English lady. We are all absolutely dependent on each other. He that dawdles for but fifteen minutes and keeps seven others waiting, has wasted an hour and three quarters of other people's time. He that never looks at his methods at home, but thinks to learn all on the ropes, spoils evening after evening for a whole company, and keeps all back because of his carelessness. We have no right to selfish indulgence or selfish want of thought to cause inconvenience and disappointment, to inflict on others the loss of time which results from breaking an engagement, or the trouble which arises from our own share done carelessly. One who is a good ringer all round is also a good neighbour. But also let us go a step higher, nor serve ourselves only, nor our neighbours only, but our God. Act on the truth that He is really like a Father—pained at our ill-doing, interested in our success, pleased at honest service, gratified at our pleasure. And let us carry hence this thought: man is connected with the spiritual world at all times, for good or ill. Every point on which we rise above the mere drudgery of life is also a point on which we can find one more contrast with those above us. The world must have much of our mind—much of our time; let worship habitual, steady, regular, counteract the tendency of the world to crowd out all but itself. And, as it is our privilege, so it should be our effort, to dedicate our spirit to God. Let us recognise the power displayed throughout all nature, the wisdom with which all is done and guided, the kindness which surrounds us with so many enjoyments, and above all, the goodness, the holiness, and the love of Our Father who is in Heaven.

The sermon was listened to with marked attention, the preacher's eloquent words in reference to the object which had brought them together, and his very practical remarks respecting the need for mutual consideration and forbearance on the part of ringers, evidently striking home to many hearts. The hymn commencing

"Lord of heaven, and earth and ocean,"

chosen with special reference to her Majesty's Jubilee, was then sung very heartily, and after the Benediction had been pronounced by the Rev. Howard Kempson, Vicar, the congregation, which completely filled the venerable edifice, slowly dispersed, lingering on the way to have a look at the window as they passed out by the north door. Representatives were present from the following towns: Birstall, Batley Carr, Great Bentley, Bingley, Burnsall, Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Guiseley, Drighlington, Gargrave, Headingley, Huddersfield, Holbeck, Ilkley, Kirkburton, Keighley, London, Liverpool, Leeds, Lindley, Masham, Newcastle, Ossett, Pontefract, Ripon, Rothwell, Sheffield, Shipley, Saltaire, Tong, York, etc.

It should be mentioned that the choral portions of the service was rendered by the Ilkley parish church choir, under the personal direction of the choir master, Mr. Clough, who also presided at the organ.

The visitors then wended their way back to the schoolroom, where a most substantial and in every way excellent meat tea had been provided by the ladies of the congregation, who also served at the tables and attended most sedulously to the wants of their guests; two "sittings down" being necessary, owing to the large number attending. It will no doubt be a source of gratification to those ladies to know that their generous labours in connection with this tea met

with such universal and unstinted approbation. Another very pleasing and thoughtful circumstance in connection with the tea was the presentation to each visitor of a very neatly printed memento card, containing on the first page the verse on Mr. Snowdon's tomb:—

Year by year the bells so softly,
O'er the grave shall music pour,
Till the dust of saints is garnered,
And the Master comes once more.

At the foot is a pretty little sketch of Ilkley parish church. The inside two pages contain the memoriam lines by Mr. Routh, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," and the last page Canon Wigram's reference to the sad loss sustained by the Exercise, from the "Official Year Book" of 1886. This little present from the ladies was not only unexpected, but very much appreciated.

Tea being over, and the tables cleared, the general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held, at which, although the beautiful weather and pleasant surroundings must have been a great temptation to wander away, a goodly number attended. Mr. William Snowdon, President, occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by the Rev. Canon Wigram, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's Hertford, the Rev. Howard Kempson, Vicar of Ilkley, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., Mr. W. H. Howard, Mr. W. Whitaker, Mr. R. S. Story, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, etc., etc., nearly all the officers being also present, as well as many ladies.

The PRESIDENT, in opening the meeting, briefly referred to Mr. Snowdon's early career as a ringer, and expressed the satisfaction which he felt, and which he was sure they would all feel, that the proceedings of the day had been so very satisfactory. He then read the minutes of the preceding meeting at Rothwell, which were adopted; after which the officers' roll was called, when it was found that nearly all the officers were present. He next proceeded to read and briefly explain some proposed alterations in the rules, of which previous notice had been given, which alterations were adopted *nem. con.* without discussion.

This portion of the business having been concluded, the PRESIDENT asked for invitations for the place where to hold the Annual Meeting, but none being forthcoming, this matter was, according to rule, left in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. T. LOCKWOOD (Leeds) and Mr. W. Elliott (Birstall) were then unanimously elected as Auditors for the ensuing year; after which the President, according to custom, read the list of officers whose term of office expires this year, those officers being:—Mr. W. Snowdon (President); Mr. W. H. Howard (Senior Vice-president); Mr. T. Hattersley (Steward); Messrs. J. H. Hardcastle, C. H. Hattersley and A. Spurr (Committee).

Mr. W. H. HOWARD gave notice of a proposition for the re-election of Mr. W. Snowdon as President, an announcement which was greeted with rounds of applause.

The PRESIDENT, after thanking them for the compliment they had paid him in receiving that proposal in such a manner, read apologies which had been received from the Rev. Canon Kemp, Vicar of Birstall, the Rev. C. Quirk, Vicar of Rotherham, the Rev. J. Longsdon, Vicar of Keighley, the Rev. F. Hawkes, Vicar of Rothwell, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and others; he then called upon

Mr. R. S. STORY (Newcastle), who proposed—"That a vote of thanks be given to the Vicar of Ilkley for his arrangements for the special service, and to the other clergy, the organist, and choir, for their assistance therat." He said his Association had taken a very active part in the affair which had brought them together that day. With reference to the motion which he had submitted, he was very strongly in favour of having special services at ringers' gatherings. He had been greatly impressed by the service in which they had taken part that afternoon, and was glad he would be able to report that all had been accomplished in such a satisfactory manner.

The PRESIDENT, in putting the resolution, remarked that this was the Vicar's birthday, a piece of information which caused a renewal of the applause with which the vote of thanks was carried.

The REV. HOWARD KEMPSON, M.A., who was warmly greeted on rising, thanked the meeting for the vote and accompanying good wishes on his birthday. There were, he said, two things in particular that he would congratulate them on as ringers; first that they had made their work recognised as a distinct branch of Church work; and second, that they seemed so determined to perpetuate the name of Snowdon. When he first came to Ilkley he found unmistakable evidences of the great respect in which the members of the Snowdon family were held by all classes in the town, and he trusted that he might in time acquire a portion of that respect which was so deservedly bestowed upon them. He had much, as Vicar of the parish, to thank the ringers for, in the present of such a beautiful window—a window which he felt sure the more they looked at it, the more they would like it; and the ringers' choice of perpetuating Mr. Snowdon's memory by something which would adorn the House of God, instead of adopting some mode which would simply benefit themselves, was to him

peculiarly creditable and gratifying. He concluded by assuring the Yorkshire Association of a very cordial welcome should they again decide to visit Ilkley.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Wigram for his excellent sermon in church, and also for his kindness in travelling so great a distance to take his part in the day's ceremony. He was exceedingly glad in being able to be present at that day's proceedings as representing the Midland Counties' Association. They were duly grateful to the Yorkshire Association, through Mr. Snowdon, for much valuable assistance, and he felt bound to say that they managed things better in Yorkshire with regard to their meetings than was the case in his own society. He would be able to go back and tell them at home that what England had generously subscribed for, Yorkshiremen had well and nobly carried out. Thanks for the service had already been rendered, and he thought the best way to thank Canon Wigram for his sermon was by trying to carry out the lessons he had taught.

The motion was briefly seconded by Mr. ROWBOTHAM (London) and carried.

The Rev. CANON WIGRAM in responding, said reference had been made to the great distance he had travelled, but he assured them it was worth travelling any distance to be able to take part in such a celebration as they had had that day; it was one worthy of the occasion, worthy of the man whose memory they were perpetrating, and worthy of the cause which they had so much at heart. Comparing the ringers of to-day and twenty years ago, he was sure that a very great improvement indeed had taken place during that time, which improvement there could be no doubt was principally due to such Associations as the one which Mr. Snowdon was so instrumental in forming. There was one suggestion which he would like to add to his previous words in church, and it was that they should always demand full recognition for themselves as churchworkers—claim their place as church officers, always be seen in their accustomed places, and let the absence of a ringer from service be the exception. At the same time he did not exonerate the clergy from their neglect to visit their bellfries; he was sure that if each did his duty to the best of his ability they would all be then helping to carry on the work properly and efficiently.

Mr. W. H. HOWARD (York) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the Ilkley branch of the Association, the ladies and friends for their generous hospitality.

Mr. T. HATTERSLEY (Sheffield) seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.

The PRESIDENT next proposed that the hearty thanks of the members and subscribers be given to Mr. W. Mitton, Ilkley (the Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Robert Tuke, Bradford, and Mr. W. Whitaker (Leeds), Hon. Secretaries, for their services in connection with the memorial window.

This motion, seconded by Mr. Howard, was carried very heartily.

Mr. W. WHITAKER (Leeds) briefly replied on behalf of himself and co-workers, and concluded by moving a resolution "That this meeting of the Yorkshire Association of change-ringers and their friends, assembled at Ilkley, take this opportunity of placing on record the valuable services rendered to them and their art by the labours of the late Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, late President of the Midland Counties' Association of change-ringers, and that an expression of their deep sympathy be conveyed to Mrs. Fish in her great and sudden loss. Also that this meeting expresses its sympathy with the Midland Counties' Association, and especially the St. Paul's branch, whose achievements during the last few years have been most marked, and which were no doubt due in a great measure to the influence he exercised over them as Vicar." They would many of them remember the eloquent words spoken by Mr. Fish at their tenth Annual Meeting at Sheffield, how he exhorted them to bear and forbear one with another, and to remember always that the tower was an integral part of the House of God. They would remember how that a very few weeks after that memorable and joyful meeting, they were summoned together in the old churchyard at Ilkley, to lay tenderly by the side of his father, the remains of him whose memory was so dear to them, and which they were perpetuating to day. It seemed therefore to him a sad but none the less striking coincidence that at this meeting where they had fondly looked for the presence of Mr. Fish, and hear from him words of encouragement, it was instead their painful duty to express their deep regret at his loss, and their sympathy with his faithful and suffering widow. He commended the resolution to them, feeling sure that though the loss had been so sudden and unexpected, their sympathy would be all the more warm towards those who had suffered such a sad bereavement.

Mr. J. H. HARDCASTLE (Bradford), briefly seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously in silence.

A cordial vote of thanks to the President, on the motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. B. T. Copley, was carried with much applause, and Mr. W. Snowdon having replied, the meeting concluded.

While the business of the meeting was proceeding, the members of

the Calverley branch rang a well-struck touch of Prince Albert Treble Bob Major. Other touches of Minor and Major were also rung by the visitors.

The following sketch of the Memorial Window, which has been issued by the Committee will be interesting to those who were unable to be present at the unveiling.

With regard to the subject selected it was felt by the Committee of the Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers, when considering the matter on behalf of the Subscribers, that it should, if possible, have some distinct connection between the Church and her bell-ringers. After careful consideration the subject of PRAISE—especially as set forth in the 150th Psalm—commended itself above all others as embracing everything that a change ringer could desire.

The Committee therefore drew up a general description of their idea of the treatment, with a plan of details of the loud cymbals and their arrangement. Three firms of Artists in different parts of country were then asked to prepare designs, and tenders based on the tracing and particulars thus submitted to them. The final choice was unanimously given to that of Messrs Powell Brothers, of Leeds, who, in place of the previous canopy representing a carved oak bell frame, have introduced Gothic details of stone work with swinging bells visible through the windows.

As finally carried out the window is well worth studying for its details. The bells in the canopy are shown swinging in almost every position, and their tongues, ropes, and wheels all carefully drawn in their correct places. Three transverse views of bells are given in the base showing them "at rest" and when "set" at "hand and back-stroke." A special endeavour has been made to correctly represent everything now in use in change-ringing, including even the "stays" and "sliders."

Across the three lights run Gothic scrolls bearing the words:—

O PRAISE GOD IN HIS HOLINESS
PRAISE HIM ON THE STRINGS AND PIPE.
PRAISE HIM ON THE WELL TUNED CYMBALS.
PRAISE HIM ON THE LOUD CYMBALS.

The position of the concluding verse of the psalm, LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH, PRAISE THE LORD, brings the eye to the group of angels who form the leading feature of the window. These are portrayed offering praise on strings and pipe, the central figure carrying the last named text. In the upper part of the middle light the heavens are shown opening, and permitting the sacrifice of praise to ascend, whilst hovering above is the emblem of the Holy Spirit sanctifying the offering.

As already stated this group of angels forms the leading subject of the window from the ordinary point of view, but the various details of the "loud cymbals" carry the mind further, and give a double interest to the whole. The colouring is rich, and with the quiet northern light very effective.

The dedication brass bears the following inscription:—

* TO THE GLORY OF GOD * IN MEMORY OF JASPER WHITFIELD
SNOWDON, HISTORIAN AND EXPOSITOR OF CHANGE-RINGING.
DIED NOV. 16TH, 1885, AGED 41.—THIS WINDOW WAS INSERTED
IN 1887 AT THE SOLE COST OF THE CHANGE-RINGERS OF THIS
COUNTRY.

The Committee hope to issue an Engraving of the Window to all Subscribers, which they trust will prove of interest, especially to those living at a distance, to whom a visit to Ilkley may prove almost an impossibility.

TWO MORE SPECIMENS OF WILTSHIRE BELFRIES AND BELL HANGING.

AMESBURY.—This is a large village not far from Stonehenge. The church is a massively built structure, with an immense central tower. Going through the church the visitor ascends a staircase at one of the angles where the nave and transepts intersect, and finds himself in a huge, dark, barn-like apartment with rough flint walls and uncouthly fashioned timber-work overhead. On one side is the clock, supported by two roughly-made wooden brackets. Although there is so much room, and only six bells, it seems to have been thought necessary to carry the treble and second ropes right through the clock case, leaving but a limited height for the ringer to stand below the stage whereon the clock rests. The other four ropes hang all exactly in a line on the opposite side of the belfry. The bells themselves (tenor about 20 cwt.), are all hung far out from the stocks, so as to give them a good swing and make it as hard work as possible, and put as much strain on the frame as possible! This plan also has the advantage of making it necessary to have wheels ranging from 7 to 8 ft. in diameter instead of from 6 to 7 ft. This makes the bells look more imposing! The "go" of these bells is something atrocious, it generally requiring two men to the tenor. This again, however, has an imposing effect on any admiring stranger who may happen to be present to witness the ringing! With regard to the bells themselves the treble

is inscribed, "Come at God's Call. I.W., 1619." The second has no inscription. The third has, "I. Corr, 1728," and the fourth, "Chrisr. Ingram and John Waters, churchwardens, James Wells, Aldbourne, Wilts, fecit, 1801." The fifth has, "Be strong in faythe, prayes God well; Francis Countess Hertford's bell, I.W., 1619." The tenor, which has recently been recast, is inscribed, "In holy memory of Annie W Phelps, died to live, February 6, 1879. The love thou gavest I give to Thee. With Thee I joy, Lord weep with me. R cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1881." It is a pity when this bell was put up that the authorities did not have the whole peal properly rehung and the belfry made to look respectable.

WHITEPARISH.—Just off the main road between Salisbury and Southampton lies the village of Whiteparish. Its small old-fashioned church is surmounted by a wooden tower placed on the roof like a saddle. On entering the church three ropes (with sallies about 6 ft. long) may be seen depending in the middle aisle. A short ladder enables the visitor to mount to the top of the lobby of the west door, from which position he can ascend to a trap door in the roof by means of a long fixed iron ladder. Passing through the trap-hole he will find himself in a small wooden chamber with an old clock in one corner. Immediately above are three bells, tenor about 8 cwt. The fittings appear to be nearly new, and are evidently the work of some local carpenter. The bells hang far out of the stocks, and the wheels are nearly 7 ft. in diameter! The stocks average full 20 inches in depth (strong enough for a bell of 30 cwt. The bells are thus inscribed: "Treble: Give thanks to God, I.D., 1631." Second, "O GINE + GOD O THE O GLO + RYE O 1652, I.H." (i.e. "Give God the glory." The stops between the words consist of crosses, coins, and bells). Tenor, "O IN + GOD (a bell) IS + MY + HOPE + I.H (a bell) 1652." The inscriptions on these two last bells are in Lombardic capitals.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday last at Tydd St. Mary. The proceedings commenced with a shortened evensong in the parish church, at which a sermon was preached by the rector, the Rev. C. B. Lowe. The rev. gentleman referred to the sacred uses of bells from the earliest times of the Jewish Church, and reminded ringers of the sacredness of the many and various offices, such as Matins and evensong, holy matrimony, and the burial of the dead, at which bells are used. He would have them take for their motto the words which the Jewish High Priest bore upon his garments—"Holiness to the Lord." Immediately after the service, a meeting was held in the National Schoolroom, H. Watkinson, Esq., vice-president of the Guild, occupying the chair. The report, which announced the prosperous condition of the Guild, both numerically and financially, was adopted unanimously. A proposal to alter certain of the rules in favour of the admission of probationers to participation in the benefits enjoyed by skilled ringers, was negatived. The officers for the previous year were unanimously re-elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to the rector of Tydd St. Mary for his excellent sermon and for the use of the church bells, and to the Rev. Canon Evans, rector of Newton, for the use of the bells of his church. It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting be held at Spalding, about the end of October next. An excellent dinner was served at the "Five Bells Inn," by Mrs. Dack, Mr. Watkinson again occupying the chair, supported by Dr. Secombe, and the Rev. J. M. Coates was the vice-chairman. After dinner the ringing commenced, a division of forces being made. One company stayed at Tydd Church and rang several touches of Grandsire Doubles, and the other took advantage of the glorious summer weather, and walked to Newton Church, where six-bell touches were attempted. Little success however crowned their efforts, owing to the bad state of the ropes, a breakage occurring in the middle of the first touch, and the remaining touches being rung under great disadvantages. On re-assembling, the members of the Guild took tea at the rectory, Tydd St. Mary, by the kind invitation of the Rev. C. B. Lowe. A lovely summer afternoon rendered the visit to the pretty little village a pleasant treat, and all expressed themselves as pleased with the arrangements made for their enjoyment.

GISBURNE, YORKSHIRE.

The bells of this old church, which have for some time been silent, owing to extensive alterations and repairs, were rung for the first time after their completion, on Trinity Sunday. They are a beautiful peal of six, and were cast by T. Mears, of London, in 1818. Each of them bears the name of the maker, and in addition the fifth has on it this inscription: "King of the Church and Liberty." The tenor, which weighs about 10 cwt., gives the names of minister and wardens.

Many of our readers, who were acquainted with the go of these bells, will be pleased to learn that they now run as smoothly as is possible for any bells to do, and that there will be no difficulty whatever in obtaining permission to have a pull on them.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1887.

NEXT Tuesday will be celebrated the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain; Empress of India. The event has certainly cast many of its shadows before, and the loyalty of the subject need not be impeached if some relief is felt when the festivities about to be held are over and done with. It is meet and proper that such an important event as the jubilee year of the monarch of these realms should be celebrated worthy of the might and power of the Empire, though the steps taken for this purpose by many people are hardly to be commended. The sublime and the ridiculous are only divided by a very thin partition, we are told, and the saying has been exemplified again and again in connection with the forthcoming celebration. The Exercise will, however, have no cause to complain, for the bell-founders have been at their wit's-end to complete the numerous orders they have in hand for new rings, or the augmentation of old ones, by the time desired. We shall expect to hear from different quarters of efforts made to obtain the "first peal on the bells" where new rings have been erected, and the employment of the usual strategy for such an end; efforts indeed, worthy of a better and less evanescent pursuit. This however by the way. The day we are alluding to would appear particularly favourable for something to be done out of the common, something that will arrest the attention of that portion of the public we would wish knew more of the science, or enough, at any rate, to lead them to respect it. Such a hope may not be gratified, probably. While our brethren throughout the land are contributing their quota to the festivities of the Jubilee celebration, it will be too much to expect that they will receive for their reward such ovations as will be accorded to a third-rate brass band, or to the hackneyed exploits of a troupe of minstrels. We must, however, rest content; and in some instances feel thankful that we are allowed to ring at all.

We hear on all sides of entertainments suggested to be given to this body and that, but a proposal to pay "the ringers" a similar compliment has escaped our

notice. Probably this may be from the fact that no such proposal has been made, fearful of the opposition it may cause from dissenting parishioners. The public records of the week in connection with meetings held to consider the best local measures for celebrating the jubilee, afford some ludicrous specimens of the local vestryman, the *genus homo* so well portrayed by Dickens; and characters of this description shine in all their refulgence in metropolitan suburban parishes. For instance, in the parish of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, where, as many of our readers know, there is a poor ring of eight—a motion was brought forward that the bells should be rung on Jubilee day, at a cost to the parish of one pound four shillings, the exorbitant sum of three shillings per man! Such a resolution was indignantly negatived by a large majority. To pay the enormous sum of twenty-four shillings for the purpose of exhibiting their loyalty, forsooth! This was too much for the vestrymen, or we should say, some of them, of St. George's. Perhaps they thought such an outlay would not enable them to come out so strong as when in the wake of the parish beadle, clad in silver lace, they perambulate the confines of the parish on "possession-day," and feel a sapient dignity while swaying their staves of office. We would advise the ringers of St. George's to put these men to shame by ringing at all events, whether they get the necessary order or not. That they will have the worthy rector on their side is certain; that the loyal parishioners will reimburse them beyond their expectations we have very little doubt.

The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.
On Saturday, June 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two-and-a-half-Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON Treble.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN... 5.
ALFRED FOX† 2.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6.
E. F. STRANGE 3.	HENRY A. BARNETT... .. 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN 4.	WM. PYE-ENGLISH Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HENRY A. BARNETT.

† First peal of Major inside. This peal is taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of 17th November, 1883, and is the quickest rung upon the bells. All the band (except Mr. Strange) are members of the All Hallows (Tottenham) Society.

The Provinces.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Thursday, June 9, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. Bb.

GEORGE MAXIM Treble.	OLIVER GARWOOD 5.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	ROBERT MINGAY 6.
ZACHARIAH SLATER 3.	NELSON HAWKINS 7.
FREDERICK WELLS 4.	CHARLES SILLITOE Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

This peal is in two parts, and has the sixth twenty-two times each way in 5-6. The calling will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 10th, 1885, page 485. Messrs. Slater, Garwood, and Wells are from Glemsford; Hawkins from Belchamp; Sillitoe from Sudbury; the rest are local ringers.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, June 4, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S REVERSED.**

FREDERICK FIELD Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
H. D. BETTRIDGE, Esq. .. 2.	TOM HIBBERT 6.
THOMAS SHORT 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
CHARLES TRINDER 4.	JOHN HYDE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, June 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION.**

H. D. BETTRIDGE, Esq. Treble	THOMAS FULKER 5.
THOMAS SHORT 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
CHARLES TRINDER 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
FREDERICK FIELD 4.	WILLIAM HYDE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*Jubilee Peal.**On Tuesday, June 14, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION.**

THOMAS FULKER Treble.	THOMAS SHORT 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	FREDERICK FIELD 6.
CHARLES TRINDER 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	FELIX DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first Jubilee peal rung in this Diocese. It may also be mentioned that these peals were rung each time through meeting one short for Superlative Surprise.

Miscellaneous.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; I. Hills, 2; S. Cullip, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; M. Warwick, 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick (conductor), 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. Paul's church, for Divine Service, a 350 Grandsire Triples. C. Pass, 1; H. Chapman, 2; M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Allan, 5; I. Hills, 6; J. Frossell (conductor), 7; C. Clarke, 8. For evensong a 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Allan, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. On Tuesday, June 7th, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; W. Allan, 2; M. Warwick (conductor), 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Clarke, 6; W. Biggs, 7; A. Barcock (Sharnbrook), 8. Also a 336 Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick (conductor) 2; F. Keech (first touch in the method on a bob bell), 3; W. Allan, 4; C. Clarke, 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. Biggs, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also 153 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Clarke, 2; F. Keech, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Allan, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. Biggs (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. Also on Sunday, June 13th, a 153 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; H. Chapman, 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allan, 4; J. Frossell, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. Also for evensong, a 769 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; H. Chapman, 2; F. Keech, 3; S. Cullip, 4; J. Frossell, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCLAND.—On Sunday, June 5th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. Pallister, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. W. Clemenston, 4; F. Castree, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. On Monday, June 6th, a plain course of Stedman Doubles. E. Titt, 1; J. Pallister, 2; F. Charlton, 3; F. Castree, 4; J. W. Clemenston, 5; A. J. B. Waldron, 6. On Monday, June 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. Pallister, 2; J. Shipp (Staindrop), 3; J. W. Clemenston, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday evening, June 14th, for practice at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's church, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in

30 mins. Adam Thompson, 1; James Anderson, 2; Thomas Walker, 3; Joseph Jeppling, 4; John Swinburne, 5; Fred Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. F. Harrison hails from Jarrow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, June 22th, 1887, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. W. Nash, 1; R. Sewell, 2; J. Gobbett, 3; S. Hayes, 4; W. Doran, 5; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 6; Y. Green, 7; A. Whight, 8. This quarter-peal is in three parts, with bobs only, and contains the twelve 6-7's, Whittington, Queens and Tittums, and has the second in the hunt at each part end, and is now rung for the first time.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS.—On Monday, June 6th, seven members of the local company rang at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Middlecote, 1; H. G. Gardner, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; S. Romans, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; W. Sevier, 6; T. White, 7. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Middlecote, 1; S. Romans, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; H. G. Gardner, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Sevier (conductor), 6; T. White, 7. Also on Sunday evening, June 12th, 1120 of Bob Major. W. Sevier, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; J. Yates, 5; S. Romans, 6; W. Hale, 7; H. G. Gardner (conductor), 8. And a course of Treble Bob Major. S. Roman, 1; J. Yates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; W. Sevier, 5; A. A. Waite, 6; G. Miles, 7; H. G. Gardner, 8. Also on Tuesday, May 24th, being the Queen's birthday, 1568 of Grandsire Triples. J. Middlecote, 1; S. Romans, 2; W. Sevier (conductor), 3; R. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; G. Miles, 6; H. Mitchell, 7; T. White, 8. And 1008, conducted by H. Mitchell. Also on Wednesday, May 25th, on the occasion of the wedding of A. Goldin, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. J. Middlecote, 1; J. Yates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; G. Miles, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6; W. Sevier, 7; T. White, 8. And 700 of Grandsire Triples. J. Middlecote, 1; J. Yates, 2; W. Sevier, 3; G. Miles, 4; R. J. Wilkins, 5; A. A. Waite, 6; H. Mitchell (conductor), 7; T. White, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Middlecote, 1; W. Sevier, 2; R. Wilkins, 3; G. Miles (conductor), 4; A. A. Waite, 5; H. Mitchell, 6; J. Yates, 7; T. White, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, June 12th, after evening service, eight 6-scores of St. Dunstan's Doubles. H. E. Gardner, 1; W. Pegler (conductor), 2; W. Sevier, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; G. Taylor, 5; G. Harris, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Monday evening, May 23rd, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles), in 28 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; E. Potter (Dover), 2; W. Post, jun., 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; F. Slingsby (Folkestone), 6. Also on Sunday, May 29th, after afternoon service, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen singles and nine bobs). H. Cheeseman (Stowting, aged 15), 1; F. Wanstall, 2; W. Post, sen., 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. And on Tuesday, May 31st, a deeply muffled 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles, and six bobs), as a last mark of respect to William Deedes, Esq., J.P., Lord of the Manor of Aldington, and an honorary member of the above Association, who died at Saltwood Castle on Friday, May 27th, aged 52 years. C. Slingsby, 1; E. Hyder, 2; W. Post, jun., 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; F. Wanstall, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, June 12th for Divine Service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27½ mins. L. Digweed (first 720), 1; W. Martin, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Harper, 4; G. Hayes, 5; G. Martin (first 720 as conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRENHAM (Berks).—On Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, a 360 Grandsire Minor, in 14 mins. And for evening service a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Also after service three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. On Saturday evening, June 11th, for practice, a plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and a six-score of Bob Doubles. On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service, 360 of Grandsire Minor, and after service a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, in 13 mins. each. The following took part in the above: A. Richardson, H. Hatto, G. Webb, J. Hatto, J. Richardson, T. Bidmead, and T. Greetham, conducted respectively by J. Hatto and J. Richardson.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 5th, at St. Anne's church, for Divine Service in the morning, two 120's of Bob Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; F. Francis, 2; E. Angell, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. And 120 Bob Minor, the ringers standing as before. And in the evening two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. E. Angell, 1; H. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; F. Francis, 4; E. Lee (conductor), 5; R. Weeks, 6. Also 120 Bob Minor, the band standing as before, with the exception of E. Spooner, who rang the tenor. And

after service 360 Plain Bob Minor. E. Angell, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Also two 120's of Doubles. E. Angell, 1; H. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; E. Lee, 4; E. Spooner (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. On Monday, June 6th, three 120's of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Angell, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; E. Spooner, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Houlton, 6. On Thursday, June 9th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Angell (first 720 with a bob bell) 3; W. Houlton, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, June 13th, 420 Stedman Triples, in 14 mins. J. Hewett, 1; J. Whiting, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; G. Passingham, 7; Rev. H. Spyers, 8. Also a 742 Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins. G. Grafham, 1; F. Hill, 2; C. Privett, 3; G. Williams (conductor), 4; Rev. H. G. Spyers, 5; J. Hewett, 6; J. Whiting, 7; G. Passingham, 8.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 12th, for afternoon service, 1280 changes of Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; C. E. Golds, 3; G. King, 4; J. Jay, 5; J. Searle, 6; W. Palmer, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 9th, at the parish church, two 120's of Bob Doubles, and 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Bower, 1; Fred Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. Also two 120's of Grandsire and 120 Bob Doubles. J. Robinson, 1; Fred Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Sunday, May 1st, at the parish church, 560 of Grandsire Triples. T. Brown, 1; W. Hall, 2; D. Francis, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 5; H. Bond, 6; W. Large, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. And on Wednesday, May 4th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Bond, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; D. Francis, 7; H. Shaylor, 8. Also on Sunday, May 8th, 168 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; H. Bond, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Smith, 4; D. Francis, 5; T. E. Glanville, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; W. Launchbury, 8. And on Sunday, May 15th, 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Bond, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Smith, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; D. Francis, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. And 798 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Bond, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 5; D. Francis, 6; W. Large, 7; H. Shaylor, 8. Also on Sunday, May 22nd, 350 of Grandsire Triples. H. Bond, 1; W. Large, 2; T. Brown (conductor), 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Hall, 6; D. Francis, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. And 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Brown, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; D. Francis, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. Also on Sunday, May 29th, 420 of Grandsire Triples. H. Bond, 1; W. Hall, 2; T. Brown, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; D. Francis, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Shaylor, 8. And 1260 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Bond, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 5; W. Large, 6; D. Francis, 7; H. Shaylor, 8. Also on Monday, May 30th a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; D. Francis, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Bond, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, May 9th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 New London Pleasure. John Sadler, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Nichol, 3; D. Elliot, 4; W. Nichol, 5; James Sadler (conductor), 6. Tenor 21½ cwt.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Monday evening, June 9th, a course of Plain Bob Minor. J. Nunn, 1; J. Kittle (totally blind), 2; E. Elliot, 3; E. Nunn, 4; G. Dent, 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor 20½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing.*—A 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). B. Collins, 1; T. Warren, 2; J. Kittle (first 720 as conductor), 3-4; G. Dent, 5, 6. *First 720.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday evening, May 18th, in honour of a wedding, several short touches of Grandsire Minor, about 1800 changes, was rung at St. Peter's church. A. Meredith, 1; G. Salter, 2; J. Bennett, 3; W. Smith, 4; H. Adams, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, June 20th, on the occasion of a confirmation, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. G. Salter, 1; J. Bennett, 2; T. Salter, 3; W. Smith (first 720), 4; H. Williams (conductor), 5; H. Adams, 6. And on Tuesday evening, June 14th, an attempt to ring a date touch came to grief after ringing 1500, in 50 mins. T. Pitt, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; H. Adams, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6.

EDWARDSTONE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 5th, at the parish church after Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 24 mins. R. Theobald, 1; G. Death, 2; H. Diggins, 3; W. Leeks, 4; A. Symonds (composer and conductor), 5; W. Bantock, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, June 12th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 360 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Prior, 1; W. F. Prior, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And after service, 360 of College Single. G. Gray, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles with one of the local company. W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior (conductor), 3; W. White (first 120), 4; G. Prior, 5. Tenor 11 cwt. The Messrs. Prior, J. Luckey, and G. Gray, hail from Stanstead, and W. White is one of the local company.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, June 13th, at St. Michael's Church, for practice, the first part of Reeves' ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Gough, 1; F. Turner, 2; C. Newton, 3; W. Weaver, 4; T. Morris, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6; A. Jones, 7; R. Roberts, 8. *First 504 as conductor.

GREAT HALLINGBURY (Essex).—On Sunday morning, June 5th, at the parish church, for afternoon service, 240 of Grandsire Doubles, and 360 of Plain Bob Doubles. J. Luckey, 1; F. Sworder, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior (conductor), 5. And after service, a 240 of Grandsire Doubles. C. Prior, 1; F. Sworder, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior (conductor), 5. Also 120 each of Dream, and St. Dunstan's Doubles. J. Luckey, 1; F. Sworder, 2; C. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior (conductor), 5. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5. Messrs. C. Prior, H. Prior, G. Prior, J. Luckey, and W. Watts, hail from Stanstead; F. Sworder is one of the local company. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 7th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; G. Thurlow, 2; F. Weare, 3; A. Tennant, 4; G. B. Luas, 5; A. Pittam, 6. On Sunday morning, May 22nd, a 70 Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 24 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; A. Tennant, 2; T. Gleed, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; A. Pittam, 5; J. Nixon, 6. Also on Wednesday evening, May 25th, a 720 of Oxford. N. Alderman, 1; B. Foskett, 2; E. Cale, 3; J. Leach, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, June 4th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; A. Pittam, 3; J. Nixon, 4; A. Tennant, 5; J. Leach, 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob. G. Thurlow, 1; D. Griggs, 2; J. Nixon, 3; A. Tennant, 4; A. Pittam, 5; T. Titchener (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, June 12th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 24 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; F. Weare, 2; T. Gleed, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Tennant, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP (Somersetshire).—On Sunday afternoon, June 12th, the members of the Nunney Society visited this place, and rang several 120's of Grandsire Doubles on the bells of the parish church. A. Flower, 1; E. Flower, 2; Oliver Nicholas, 3; John Kebbeck, 4; W. S. Fricker (conductor), 5; W. Fricker, sen., 6. The ringers were highly commended by the Rev. Mr. Jacobs, who expressed his pleasure at the good striking, and trusted the ringers would visit that church again some other evening, when after ringing it would be convenient to entertain them to a spread, as an appreciation of their labour. The visitors on their return home rang on the bells of St. Peter's Church, Nunney, several touches of Grandsire Doubles.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, a 360 of Grandsire Minor, in 14½ mins. E. Hampton, 1; B. Townsend, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; R. Round, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins. B. Townsend, 1; F. Hotchkiss, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. The above was rang with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. Byrne, formerly curate of this parish, late of Bournemouth.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, June 11th, six members of the Tamworth local company paid a visit to the above place for a pull, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, the first being 350 changes. H. Horwood, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; J. Timms, 4; F. Chapman, 5; H. Slaney (conductor), 6; G. Woods, 7; H. Ballard, 8. And 210 changes in the same method. T. Chapman, 1; C. Chapman, 2; T. Lingard, 3; H. Slaney, 4; J. Timms, 5; G. Woods (conductor), 6; F. Chapman, 7; J. Wainwright, 8. Also 168 changes. E. Swain, 1; H. Slaney, 2; J. Timms, 3; G. Woods, 4; T. Chapman, 5; J. Wainwright, 6; H. Horwood (conductor), 7; H. Ballard, 8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, June 1st, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; A. Symonds, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and first 720 by all. Also on Saturday evening, June 4th,

720 in the same method (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith (first 720 in the method), 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Composed by Mr. Colbran, of Eastbourne, Sussex.

SALISBURY.—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, June 8th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5-6. And on Saturday, June 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 37 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8. Also on Monday, June 13th, at W. W. Gifford's rooms, the same quarter-peal (1260 changes), in 37 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8. This 1260 is the composition of the late Mr. Uriah Woodman, of Trowbridge, Wilts., and is supposed to be the first quarter-peal ever rung in the county by local men with bells retained in hand.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, June 5th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, six of the local company rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles). W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, June 11th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Composed by J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks, and contains thirty bobs and six singles. Also 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 12th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), taken from *Clavis*. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

STITTED (Essex).—On Thursday, June 9th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob (twenty-six singles), and a 216 in the same method (twelve bobs and two singles). E. Chaplin, 1; F. Saunders, 2; W. Bearman (Bocking), 3; A. Chaplin, 4; E. Radley, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, June 6th, at the parish church, the following members of St. Thomas's society rang a 720 of Bob Minor, with 6,8 behind (fourteen bobs and two singles). C. Barrett, 1; H. Harriss, 2; T. Lees (conductor), 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; W. H. Pugh, 7; J. Rogers and J. Crump covering. And on Sunday, June 12th, for Morning Service, a 720 of Bob Minor twenty-one bobs and six singles, with 6,8 behind. C. Barrett, 1; J. Guest (conductor), 2; H. Harris, 3; T. Lees, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; W. A. Pugh, 7; J. Rogers and J. Crump, covering. Also on Monday evening, June 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes). C. Barrett, 1; T. Lees, 2; H. Hartshorne, 2; H. Harris, 4; H. Mason, 5; W. F. Hartshorne, 6; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. The Messrs. Hartshorne hail from Brierley Hill, Mason from Old Hill; the rest are local men.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, June 11th, at the parish church, a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted, but after ringing over 4600 changes in 2 hrs. and three-quarters, it suddenly collapsed. H. Bright, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; E. Barnett (conductor), 4; W. Manning, 5; J. Priest, 6; A. S. Barrel, 7; W. Lebbon, 8.

WORDSLEY (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, June 7th, at the Parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Barrett, 1; E. Chapman, 2; G. H. Pagett, 3; H. Harris, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; W. A. Pugh, 6. Also several touches of Grandsire Minor. C. Barrett, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Harris, 3; W. Hughes, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; E. Chapman (conductor), 6. Messrs. Pugh, Paget, Harris, and Barrett, belong to St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, the rest are local men. The above was rang in honour of the 59th birthday of Mr. Lawrence, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.

The following letters, taken from a local newspaper, refer to the "silence" of the Gargrave bells lately. No one regrets this more than the local ringers themselves, but they have had the temerity to feel as men, and after twelve years of wholly gratuitous labour, ringing the bells for service during that long period without the cost of a single farthing to the Churchwardens, thought that something in the way of acknowledgment might be shown to them. An offertory for the purpose did not prove satisfactory, as the letter of the Churchwarden shows. The ringers therefore asked that a sum of £12 a year may be guaranteed to them, and it appears that such a request is looked upon as preposterous:—

"OUR SILENT BELLS.—To the Editor,—Sir,—How is it that we can't have the bells of our parish church rung at Gargrave? Our neighbours are repairing and increasing the number of their bells, and had we not the full octave already, it is but reasonable to suppose that we should have done the same. It is clearly the duty of the churchwardens to see that the bells are rung for the services of the Church, and as clearly an injustice to the subscribers to bell fund that they are not rung. I suppose it is a question of more money, and I should say the men deserve all they ask, but I suppose one story is good till another is told, and I would like to hear what the churchwardens say about it. I consider our village is not at all like itself on the Sabbath day, when the bells are silent—as has now been the case for nearly three months—therefore by all means let us have the bells rung by somebody. All will agree that the ringers were a respectable body of men, and great credit is due to our energetic townsman, Mr. McKell, for the way he has worked in the cause. In conclusion let me say that if subscriptions should be wanted for a ringer's fund, I am sure they would be forthcoming if a little tact were expended in securing them.—Your obedient servant, SUBSCRIBER."

"OUR SILENT BELLS.—To the Editor,—Sir,—As your correspondent 'Subscriber' observes, the churchwardens have a little to say in answer to his remarks, as to why the bells at Gargrave are silent. First let me tell him that the subscriptions fall short by a very considerable sum of what they should be for the church expenses. In the year 1885-6 the deficit was large, and was made up by the vicar; this year it is still larger, there being a deficiency of above £27 (I speak from recollection, being in town away from the book). This would have been a very serious falling off, if it had not been for the handsome way in which the vicar and one or two other gentlemen came forward and cleared off the debt, the vicar alone giving some £15. Certainly, before subscriptions can be asked for a ringers' fund, the inhabitants of Gargrave should act with a little more liberality towards the maintenance of the Church. The churchwardens, though grieved at the silence of the bells, do not feel themselves justified in adding another £12 to the existing necessary expenses. In 1882 the amount at their disposal came to about £64; this year it only reaches some £20 less. The ringers were the people who, when we only had six bells, grumbled that they were unable to keep up with the ringers of other churches, in not having a full octave peal; and when it was said that the ringing of the bells would not be kept up, and that the ringers, when the novelty ceased, would allow them to fall into disuse, the very idea was scouted. And now they wish to be paid. It seems very odd to me, that in a large village like Gargrave, there cannot be found sufficient energetic young men to ring the church bells without payment. I, for one, would much rather get a chiming machine, which can be now procured for merely the amount they want for one year's ringing, which would make the parish independent of them. We most gratefully acknowledge Mr. J. McKell's energy and work for the Church, for the last (at least) twelve years. The art of bell-ringing, I have always understood, is in itself a pleasure, and I am sorry that Mr. McKell is not backed up in his work by men of equal energy. It must not be forgotten, moreover, that the bell ringers have had an annual offertory, though though was some hitch about it last year, I don't recollect what. I, for one, trust that a stand may be made against paying the ringers of the parish church, as I consider there ought to be sufficient volunteers in a place like Gargrave, and as the inhabitants do not find enough money for the annual necessary expenses of the church, lighting, cleaning, repairs, insurance, etc., the churchwardens cannot support a subscription like that proposed by your correspondent.—Yours faithfully, J. N. Preston, Vicar's Churchwarden."

It would be interesting to hear this Churchwarden's opinion as to volunteer organists, volunteer sextons, volunteer gravediggers, and so forth. We can well understand Mr. Preston's difficulty to get sufficient funds for the liquidation of the necessary Church expenses, and deplore the fact that other Churchwardens are in the same predicament. But why should it always be held that ringers should be the only volunteers among the Church workers? Their work requires as much talent and skill as the work of the choir, a competent authority, the late vicar of St. Paul's Burton-on-Trent, said and maintained that it required more thought and study than any other part of the Church service. Ringers of course are out of sight, when employed; their part of the church service is remote from the ken of Mr. Churchwarden, they cannot, like the choir in many instances, be absolute masters of the situation, dominating over clergy, wardens, sidesmen, and all concerned. They are, nevertheless, content with their position; and when organists and those pompous individuals known as choirmasters are willing to perform their part from a sense of duty only, and not for the sake of emolument, Churchwardens will find that skilled ringers will readily do their part.

RE-OPENING OF ST. EDMUND'S BELLS, EXETER.

The pretty and sweet-toned peal of eight bells belonging to the above church was re-opened on Tuesday, June 7th, after having being re-hung, and the occasion was one of general rejoicing among the parishioners. The bells, owing to the unsafe condition of the bearings, etc., have not been regularly rung for many years past. Recently, however, the churchwardens and leading parishioners took the matter up warmly, the result being that a few months since Mr T. Hooper, of Woodbury, received instructions to put the bells in a thorough state of repair. Immediately the work of re-hanging was commenced steps were taken to form a Society, having for its object the promotion of change-ringing and belfry reform. In this respect the promoters were most successful, and succeeded in quickly placing the Society on a firm footing. Members were speedily enrolled, many of them being old hands in the art of change-ringing. The officers of the Society are:—President, the Rector (the Rev. W. W. Secretan); Vice President, the Rev. H. W. McGrath; Treasurer, Mr. H. Swift; Secretary, Mr. W. C. Marsh; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Sydney Herbert. The dedication service commenced at 12 o'clock with the singing of hymn 242, "We love the place, O God." The proper Psalms used were the 29th and 150th, and the Lesson was taken from the 10th chapter of Numbers, 1-11. The prayers were read by the Rector and the Lesson by the Rev. H. W. McGrath. After hymn 395 had been sung, a break was made in the service to allow of the campanologists ringing a plain course of Grandsire Triples. At the conclusion of the touch hymn 303 was sung, after which the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote (Rector of Upton Pyne) delivered an address, taking as his text the 9th verse of the 96th Psalm—"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." The rev. gentleman, who specially addressed the ringers present, urged upon them the necessity of remembering, whether in practice or otherwise, the sacredness of their office, and also in whose house they were. Continuing, he said that there had been times in which bells had been greatly misused. There had been times and places in which bells had been rung in honour of the winner in a horse race. There was a case in which a squire of a certain village, who was very fond of betting and gambling, won a large bet and sent an order to the ringers to ring the bells of the parish church in honour of the bet which he had won. Was not such a thing as that a great nuisance, and a great degradation of the sacred use to which bells were dedicated? Let them not forget that bells were sacred instruments, and never allow them to be rung for any purpose which might jar upon the minds of some, or which might annoy those who did not agree with them. Therefore bells should not be rung on any occasion except it was one in which all people might take part. He thought that bells were misused if they were rung at election times in honour of the victory of one candidate over another. He said this because he had known frequent instances of bells having been rung upon such occasions, and in his opinion it was a very bad purpose to put them to. To his dear friends, the ringers, who delighted in the same act as he loved, let him say one word more to them concerning their sacred calling. If they were shut up in a belfry, working away at the art which they loved, let not their hearts be shut up too, but let them offer praises to God continually. He thought that sometimes when they were ringing they were apt to forget all about the sacredness of their office, to become selfish; to have too much practice; and to ring to such an extent that they might annoy the ears of those who lived around them. Let them not be wrapped up in such selfish thoughts as these, but remember the people who listened to the music of the bells, so that they might inspire in their minds pure and holy thoughts.

The singing of the hymn, "Now at length our bells have mounted," brought the service to a close. The collection was in aid of the expenses of the service. Immediately after the service and during the day, short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung upon the bells. The ringers present included the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, Messrs. H. Swift, S. Herbert, Marsh, W. Goss, Townsend, A. W. Searle, W. H. Webber, E. Pitt, Richardson, Peardon, Halse, Truman, and others.

A WHITSUNTIDE TRIP.

Saturday morning (May 28th, found me) travelling to the West. My first stopping place was Bath, where the Abbey church and Roman Baths were the chief objects of interest. From thence I proceeded to Shepton Mallet, a mere village possessing a fine market cross, and ancient tiled market stalls, and a very fine old church with a peal of eight, which with the striking of the clock sounded good. Time, however, did not permit of a closer examination, for I was bound for the city of Wells, five miles distant through grand scenery. This part of the journey was done in a goods train, for the regular trains are few and far between. Arrived at the lovely little town of Wells, the cathedral, which is the very life of the place, was the first place that claimed attention. It may not be generally known that Wells possesses the most complete cathedral in the kingdom. The chapter house, cloisters,

deanery, lady chapel, chain gate (leading to the college from the cathedral) are all complete and in capital preservation. From the market place of the town an ancient gate leads into a space beautifully spread with trees between the cathedral on the left, and the Bishop's garden and palace on the right. This latter is partly in ruins and partly inhabited, and it is entirely surrounded by the ancient moat, the draw-bridge over which is in perfect order. The spot is very interesting, so peaceful and refreshing to a townsman. The water that fills the moat rises in the Bishop's garden (the town takes its name from these wells) then flows down a cascade and into the moat. On leaving the moat it disappears underground for some distance and appears in the market place in the two gutters which are always filled with the crystal stream. On Sunday morning I woke at 6 o'clock and found they were just raising the cathedral bells for ringing. I hastened to the tower (South West) and found a capital muster of strapping young men ready to handle the ropes. The peal (the heaviest ring of eight in existence I believe) is a very fine one, the tenor, 57½ cwt. and 7th were recast and the whole peal re-hung in 1877 by Taylor. The tenor requires 3 to ring her, and the 7th (which is a fine maiden bell) two. Of course the peal is much too heavy for change ringing, but the striking in the set changes is excellent, especially when the weight is considered and shows that the ringers (mostly young men) have their heart in the ringing and take a pride in it. I have to express through the medium of this paper my thanks to the energetic Secretary Mr. Collins for allowing me to have a pull several times during the day, and to Mr. Smart for his courtesy in showing me the bells and other points of interest in the cathedral. From Wells I proceeded on Monday morning to Glastonbury, where after visiting the ruins of the fine old Norman Abbey (which by the way are most awkward to get at, the only entrance being through a bakers yard) I went to St John's, where the bells, a capital peal of eight tenor 26 cwt, were just being raised. I soon found my way up aloft and through the courtesy of the ringers was soon ringing the tenor. The ringers are most anxious to learn half-pull ringing and an instructor would soon put them right, their striking is excellent, the belfry a model, and the bells go as well as they can do. I hope to hear through the medium of your paper of their further progress and I also hope they will all become subscribers to your excellent chronicle "The Bell News" which I am sure is indispensable to all ringers. After looking at the church of St. Benedict (which has a light peal of six bells) on the site of the first English Church, I proceeded to Exeter, where of course the cathedral was the first place visited. Close by I was delighted with the tone of the fine old clock bell "Peter," but I am of opinion that if the full power of the bell is to be brought out, the clapper should be at least three times as heavy. The bell cannot be heard at two or three streets length. On Tuesday in company with the worthy tower keeper Mr. Edworthy, I had a thorough look round the south tower with its magnificent and historical peal of ten. The ninth seems to be the finest toned bell in the peal, but all are excellent. The treble especially struck me as being a remarkably clear toned bell, would that all trebles were the same. It would be presumptuous of me to give a further account of this grand and unrivalled peal; others of more ability have fully described them in the pages of your valuable paper. It seems a great pity that this peal so dear to us, through one who has departed hence, should be almost useless. The fittings seem in fair order but they are altogether too primitive for such a heavy peal. Wednesday morning found me speeding away from the sound of these bells towards home, and so ended one of the pleasantest and most enjoyable trips I ever had. I wish again to heartily thank through the medium of this paper all those ringers and friends who contributed so much to my enjoyment.

Birmingham.

WILLIAM A. CLARK,

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING JUNE 4TH, 1887:—

By the Augmering branch, at Augmering.—On June 11th, 1887, a 360 of Bob Minor. J. Barnett, 1; T. Parsons, 2; F. Luxford, 3; C. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Blackman, 6.

By the Brighton branch at St. Paul's, Brighton.—On May 5th, at St. Paul's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaffe, 2; G. Hill, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. Reilly, 5; G. King, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; H. Cornwall, 8. Also on Wednesday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Eves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. Biggerstaffe, 4; J. Fox, 5; H. Boniface, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on May 30th, by a mixed band, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. G. Nash, 1; H. Gibson, 2; F. Luxford, 3; C. Harfeay, 4; T. Hart, 5; G. Bowell, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; T. Lewis, 8. Also at St. Peter's church, on Sunday, May 22nd, a 784 of Bob Major. A. Piper, 1; J. Reilly, 2; G. Thwaites, 3; G. King, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; J. Jay, 6; W. Palmer, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday, May 29th, at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. Jesse Neves, 1; J. Searle, 2; W. Palmer, 3; J. Fox, 4; J.

Reilly, 5; H. Boniface, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; W. Davey, 8. And on Monday, May 30th, by mixed bands at St. Peter's, a 616 of Grandsire Triples. G. Smith, 1; T. Smith, 2; G. Howse, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; G. Baker (Arundel), 5; F. Harding, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; T. Lewis, 8. All the above hail from Eastbourne, excepting the ringers of the 5th and 6th. Also several short touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire. And on the same date by a mixed band, at St. Nicholas church, a 720 of Bob Minor, 6.8 behind. J. Smart, 1; J. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; W. Palmer, 5; G. Walder, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; W. Walder, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Morris, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; J. Smith, 3; G. Howse, 4; J. Searle (conductor), 5; F. Luxford, 6; F. Harding, 7; J. Smart, 8. And a 336 of Bob Major. J. Searle (conductor), 1; W. Palmer, 2; H. J. Schneider, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; Reilly, 6; C. Tyler, 7; G. Welling, 8. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob, with 6.8 behind. E. Streeter, 1; J. Newnham, 2; *J. Reilly, 3; †J. Staples, 4; W. Collison, 5; W. Palmer, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; P. Hodges, 8. †Hails from Havant. *First 720. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. H. Miles, 1; J. Reilly, 2; H. Boniface, 3; W. Collinson, 4; W. Palmer, 5; J. Neves, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; W. Davey, 8. And several short touches. Also as St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 5th, a 1008 of Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; J. Searle, 3; G. King, 4; C. Golds, 5; C. Tyler, 6; W. Palmer, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8.

By the Crawley branch at Crawley.—On Tuesday, May 17th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; J. Vernham, 2; B. King, 3; W. Collison, 4; F. Rice, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, May 23rd, 2520 of Warnham Court Bob Triples, in 90 mins. G. Wickens, 1; W. Collison, 2; B. King, 3; F. Rice, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8. (An attempt for a peal, but owing to a shift course the conductor called them round).

By the Christ Church branch, at Christ Church.—On Sunday, May 15th, a 360 of Oxford Single Bob. R. Howse, 1; H. Colbran, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Smith, 4; G. Howse, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, May 20th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, in 24½ mins. H. Knight, 1; G. Howse, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Smith, 4; H. Colbran, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. Also on Sunday, May 29th, a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. H. Knight, 1; T. Smith, 2; H. Colbran, 3; G. Smith, 4; G. Howse, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Single Bob. H. Colbran, 1; J. Sharp, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; T. Smith, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of College Single. R. Howse, 1; H. Colbran, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Howse, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, May 17th, a 240 of Double Oxford Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; G. Smart, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Searle, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, May 20th, a 120 of Stedman Doubles. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Tyler (conductor), 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Searle, 5; J. Smart, 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; F. Morris, 3; J. Searle, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 22nd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Searle, 1; J. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, May 29th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, June 2nd, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Searle, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. First by all in the method. Also on Sunday, June 5th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court. F. Morris, 1; C. Chambers, 2; G. Gatland, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single. G. Gatland, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; T. Searle, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the mixed band, at Warnham.—On Sunday, May 29th, a 1152 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Charman, 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; W. Wadey, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. Hogsflesh, 1; T. Stedman, 2; H. Wood, 3; W. Wadey, 4; W. Short, 5; A. Mills, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8.

By the Worth branch, at Worth.—On Saturday, May 21st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 23½ mins. B. Payne, 1; H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. P. Payne, 1; F. Streeter, 2; H. Meads, 3; T. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, May 28th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 24 mins. F. Streeter, 1; B. Payne, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter, 6. Also on Sunday, June 5th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 23½ minutes. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice

(conductor) 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. F. Rice, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins. B. Payne, 1; F. Streeter, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. F. Streeter, 1; B. Payne, 2; W. Denman, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ON Whit-Monday, the members of this Association held their first meeting at Alnwick, the most northerly point at which they have ever met. A party of ringers, including four of the Ripon Cathedral company, went to Alnwick on the Saturday, and called at Morpeth on their way. Here an attempt was made for a 5000 of Kent Treble Bob Major on the peculiar but musical bells in the watch tower. This proceeded merrily until the bells ran out shortly before the half-peal was reached. The party then proceeded to Alnwick and rung the bells there for the Sunday services. On the Monday, ringers assembled from Newcastle, Hexham, Newton Hall, North Shields, Stockton, and Ripon, the principal achievement of the day being a 1024 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A meeting of the Committee was held in the Star Hotel at 12.30, the following gentlemen being present; Messrs. Clarkson (hon. secretary), R. S. Story (president), F. Lees, and T. Clark (vice-presidents), W. Story, H. F. Lockhart, W. G. Routledge, Lisle, Stobart, Whinney, and Simpson. The topics discussed were the state of the bells at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, the granting of ringer's certificates to performing members, and the appointment of representatives to attend at the unveiling of the memorial to Jasper W. Snowdon, at Ilkley, on June 11th. The secretary and president were empowered to make public the defective state of the cathedral bells, and to press for their restoration. The granting of certificates to members of ten years standing was carried despite Mr. Lee's opposition. The secretary and president were deputed to attend the unveiling of the memorial window to Mr. Snowdon. The secretary informed them that their Association had subscribed £5 12s. 6d towards the funds for erecting this memorial, and congratulated them upon it. After some minor discussions, the meeting adjourned to the dining room, where a good company of members were assembled. The Rev. Mr. Perry, vicar of St. Paul's, took the chair, and the usual toasts were drunk. Mr. Clarkson urged the Alnwick people to form a society of ringers. Mr. Perry, Mr. R. S. Story, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Lockhart, all spoke on the subject; and the nomination of new members brought this successful meeting to an end. It is to be regretted that Alnwick is without a band of ringers, for, given in moderation, bell music is very pleasing to the accustomed ear.

AN OLD FORM OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.—Death by precipitation is one of the oldest modes of capital punishment. It prevailed widely over the earth in primitive times. Traces and traditions of it are found here and there in different countries, and in localities far apart. We can easily understand how this should be so, for in ancient times towns and villages were almost exclusively built upon elevated rocks and heights, for the sake of security. The nucleus of a town was usually a large isolated rock, such as the rock of the Parthenon at Athens, the rock of the Palatine at Rome, the rock of the Chateau at Nice, and the rock of Zion at Jerusalem. Precipitation among the Jews was one form of stoning, which was the recognised legal punishment for blasphemy. Indeed "stoning," as the Mishna informs us, was regarded as merely a term for breaking the culprit's neck. It was made imperative that "the house of stoning," as the place from where the criminal was cast down was called, should be at least "two storeys high"; and it was the duty of the chief witness to precipitate the criminal with his own hand. If he was not killed at once by the fall, the second witness had to cast a stone on his head; and if he still survived, the whole people were to join together in putting an end to him with a shower of stones. This precipitation constituted an essential and humane feature in the act of stoning. Both modes we must regard as an exceedingly primitive custom, the most natural method in which a rude people would wreak their vengeance, or inflict deserved punishment.—Dr. Hugh Macmillan in "The Quiver," for June.

A CORRECTION.—The 555 of Grandsire Triples published in June 4th, should read 559, and the 5040 of Triples rang at St. Paul's, on May 30th (W. Allan) it was his first peal in the method, not first peal. There should also be a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in the report of the attempt for a peal at Bromham, on May 24th.

Marriage.

June 14th, at St. Matthias' Church, Dublin, by the Rev. J. C. Irwin, M.A., Vicar of Coolock, Raheny, JOHN SYMONS, Esq., Surgeon, Penzance, to SARA AMELIA, youngest daughter of the late Benjamin Hayes Jagoe, Esq., of Bandon, co. Cork.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT BIRMINGHAM.

SIR.—Having seen a reply in your valuable paper on Saturday last to my letter from Mr. Joseph Cattle, in which he says Mr. Thomas Miller had charge of the keys of the church, I must confess he had charge of the keys during the time we were ringing the peal, in case any of the ringers should want anything, but I beg to say that after the peal, the keys were handed to me by Mr. Miller before anyone had left the tower. The first two who left the tower were Messrs. Reynolds and F. H. James, and several others came down after them before I came down. When I did come down, Mr. Cattle was in the street, and he came to me and said "It is a pity you made such a bad finish of it," and my reply was "It is." He then went away with some of the ringers to our meeting-house, and on the way there he asked Mr. Johnson, sen., the way in which the bells came round. Mr. Cattle says in his letter the bells never came round, if not it must be an absurd question to ask Mr. Johnson, sen. Instead of me going up with them, I took the keys and handed them over to the beadle, and then went up to the meeting-house. Mr. Cattle had then gone to post a letter to Messrs. Hopkins, of London, stating we had rung the peal. JOB JOYNES.

P.S.—I should be very glad if some one in London that are interested in the affair would kindly ask the Messrs. Hopkins if ever they received a letter from Mr. Cattle dated Birmingham, February 28th, 1881, on the subject.

SIR.—When reading "THE BELL NEWS" last week I noticed a letter from Joseph Cattle, in which he states that Mr. Thomas Miller held the keys of the tower. He did, but only during the time the peal was being rung. When it was finished he delivered the keys up to Job Joynes, who has been my assistant for the past 14 years. J. C. also makes another great error in saying that the peal did not come round. I beg to state that it did. Why he should bring it up after seven years I cannot make out. JOHN JAMES, Steeple Keeper.

SIR.—Will you kindly allow me space for a few remarks respecting this peal now under discussion in your columns? I believe I am correct in stating that I was the first person in London that knew of its achievement, as I have in my possession a letter from Mr. Cattle, early on the following Tuesday morning, wherein he states that the ringing was good throughout, but in the last course the bells were fired round. This, Sir, I contend is a very serious assertion to make if not true, and I think it is only just (not only to those who took part in it), but the Exercise generally, that this matter should be cleared up. I have had the pleasure of ringing with most of these gentlemen, all of whom I very much respect, and I confess it grieves me to hear the ugly rumours afloat concerning this peal. Mr. Joynes states in his letter that there was a little confusion in the last course, caused by two bells dodging wrong. I should like to ask him candidly if he thinks they ought to have stopped. I would like to suggest that the conductor (Mr. Hallsworth's) opinion be given on the matter, also Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., and last, but not least, Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, who I know is a great upholder of good striking. I think if these gentlemen are unanimous that the mistake has been over-rated, then I say let the 9238 be acknowledged as the longest peal. While writing I may state that I was exceedingly sorry to hear of the unfortunate mishap which occurred in the last course at St. Michael's, on Whit-Monday, and beg to express my sympathy with those gentlemen who rang in it, but as one of them remarked to me, "if we cannot ring the last course then we deserve to lose the peal," and I quite agree with him, still, I wish they had been successful as I consider any further discussion on the matter would have been unnecessary. I sincerely trust these few remarks will be received in the same friendly spirit they are meant, and that this matter may be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. HENRY A. HOPKINS.

MR. PRICE'S PEAL.

SIR.—I cannot quite agree with all the Rev. H. E. Bulwer's remarks respecting the peal of Treble Bob in question. In referring to the only difference in the two peals, viz., the 8th course-end, he says "but this alone is sufficient to establish a distinction," and further on he says "Mr. Price is entitled to the credit of independent production of a distinct peal." Now, Sir, I think this is something new for Treble Bob composers to learn, for in some cases (in one-part peals) it is very easy to cut out a course and substitute another, which will alter the calling of the course in question, and the calling of the succeeding

course, or to interlope a course, which will alter the calling of two courses, and the other part of the peal remain unaltered. Now I contend that such an alteration does not constitute an independent or distinct peal. If so any one can soon become a Treble Bob composer, by simply altering one course-end of an old peal and claiming it as an independent and distinct peal. With regard to the other differences which Mr. Bulwer thinks I must have failed to notice, namely the omission of a bob here, and the addition of a bob there, in the 8th and 9th courses, any one knows that if a course-end is altered it must alter the calling, as I have already stated. At the conclusion of the letter Mr. Bulwer says "it may be noted in addition that the 5068 reverses to the same peal, but the 5056 does not." Now my object in composing this peal was to obtain one that would reverse to the same. That is why the unmusical course-end 46532 was allowed to remain. In fairness to Mr. Price I may say that he has written me privately, disclaiming the peal altogether, as he never saw "THE BELL NEWS" for 1882, so was not aware that the peal had been published.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

THE TENOR AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

SIR.—I very much question whether I am acting wisely in again troubling you with correspondence respecting the above tenor bell, for, indeed, like measuring bells, it seems no easy matter to gauge Mr. Barry's statements, they seem to me so very flighty and fragile, like the proverbial straws clutched at by drowning folks. It matters not to me about the weight of St. Paul's 10th bell, I am satisfied to allow the St. Lawrence tenor to be to my mind that which the list of peals I have in my possession gives it, viz., 29 cwt. For my part Mr. Barry and his friends may call it what they please, and if such pleases them far be it for me to disturb their self (?) satisfaction. I shall not continue the subject beyond this communication, as I feel assured the space in your journal can be devoted to something better.

MATTHEW A. WOOD.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, June 11th, a band of ringers visited this town for the purpose of attempting a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the magnificent peal of eight at St. Mary's church. A start was made at 1.40, and all went well for two hours, during which time 3000 changes were rung, when it unfortunately came to grief. C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 1; P. C. S. Scott (Long Melford), 2; C. Adams (Glemsford), 3; S. Slater (Glemsford), 4; F. Wells (Glemsford), 5; J. Lee (Foxearth), 6; A. Osborne (Bury St. Edmunds), 7; E. Pemberton (Ipswich), 8. An adjournment was then made to St. James's and a touch of Bob Major was rung on the back eight. P. Scott, 1; J. Lee, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; O. Garwood 6; E. Pemberton, 7; S. Slater, 8. The ten were also rung round, there not being enough to ring anything on them.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, July 9th, 1887, at Chapel-en-le-Frith. The draw for priority of ringing in the cup competition will take place at the house of Mr. Joseph Thornhill, "Bull's Head" Inn, at 10.30 a.m., where the committee will sit. The first company to enter the tower at 11.30 a.m.

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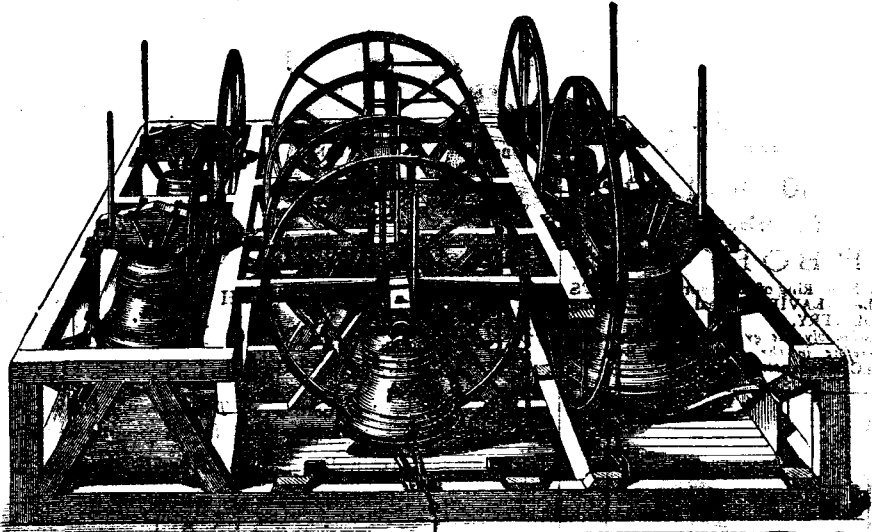


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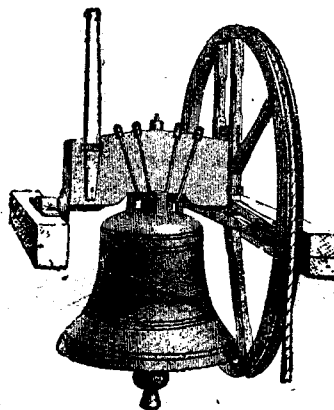
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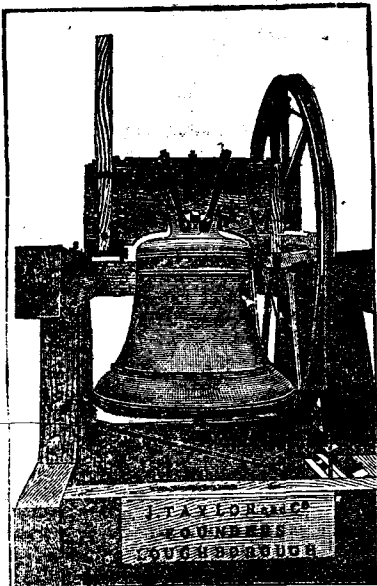
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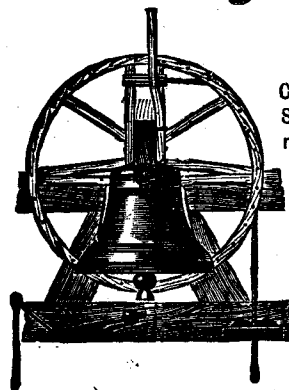
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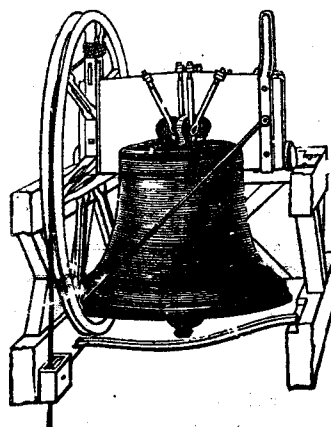
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The following is an exceedingly simple peal with the 6th at home throughout, and never more than two consecutive calls.

No. 27.	(5040)	
	1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O.
	4 3 2 1 5	- -
	2 4 3 1 5	- -
	5 2 4 1 3	s -
	4 5 2 1 3	- -
	3 2 5 1 4	- -
	5 3 2 1 4	- -
	2 5 3 1 4 6	- -

Nine times repeated, with bobs instead of the single except in the sixth part.

A. P. H., Sept., 1886.

The next peal is an example of shortening by bobs M. If the first part is called like the rest, it will run, as the preceding peal, to 5040, with the same qualities.

No. 28.	(5004)	
	1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O. M.
		- s 6
		6
		6
	3 4 2 1 5 6	- -
	5 3 2 1 4	- -
	4 5 2 1 3	- -
	3 2 5 1 4	- -
	4 3 5 1 2	- -
	2 4 5 1 3	- -

These seven courses eight times repeated, with a single instead of a bob at the Out of the first course of the sixth part, produce:—

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

A. P. H., June, 1887.

The four following peals by Mr. Carter have the 6th at home throughout, and in No. 31 there are never more than two calls consecutively.

No. 29.

(5040)	
1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O.
5 4 2 1 3	- - -
2 5 4 1 3	- - -
1 4 5 2 3	- - -
5 1 4 2 3	- - -
2 4 1 5 3	- - -
1 2 4 5 3	- - -
4 1 2 5 3 6	- - -

No. 30.

(5040)	
1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O.
5 4 2 1 3	- - -
3 5 2 1 4	- - -
4 3 2 1 5	- - -
5 2 3 1 4	- - -
4 5 3 1 2	- - -
2 4 3 1 5	- - -
5 3 4 1 2 6	- - -

No. 31.

(5040)	
1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O.
5 3 4 1 2	- -
4 3 1 5 2	- -
1 3 5 4 2	- -
4 5 3 1 2	- -
3 5 1 4 2	- -
1 5 4 3 2	- -
3 4 5 1 2 6	- -

No. 32.

(5040)	
1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O.
5 4 2 1 3	- - -
3 5 2 1 4	- - -
4 3 2 1 5	- - -
2 4 3 1 5	- - -
5 3 4 1 2	- - -
4 5 3 1 2	- - -
3 4 5 1 2 6	- - -

Each nine times repeated with a single instead of a bob the last call in the fifth and tenth parts.

J. CARTER, June, 1887.

In the next two peals the first and last halves are called differently, and are of unequal lengths. Both have the sixth at home throughout.

No. 33.

(5040)	
1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O.
5 4 2 1 3	- - -
2 5 4 1 3	- - -
4 2 5 1 3	- - -
1 5 2 4 3	- - -
2 1 5 4 3	- - -
4 5 1 2 3	- - -
1 4 5 2 3	- - -
5 1 4 2 3	- - -
2 4 1 5 3	- - -
1 2 4 5 3	- - -
4 1 2 5 3 6	- - -
2 1 3 4 5 6	- - -

These 11 courses four times repeated, with a single instead of the last bob of the fifth part, produce:

2 1 3 4 5 6

These three courses four times repeated with a single instead of the last bob in the tenth part produce:

1 2 3 4 5 6

No. 34.

(5040)	
1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O.
5 4 2 1 3	- - -
2 5 4 1 3	- - -
4 2 5 1 3	- - -
1 5 2 4 3	- - -
2 1 5 4 3	- - -
5 2 1 4 3	- - -
4 1 2 5 3	- - -
2 4 1 5 3 6	- - -
2 1 3 4 5 6	- - -

These eight courses four times repeated with a single instead of the last bob of the fifth part, produce:

2 1 3 4 5 6

These six courses four times repeated with a single instead of the last bob of the tenth part produce:

1 2 3 4 5 6

J. CARTER, June, 1887.

The two following five-part peals have the fifth place bells fixed throughout a whole part.

No. 35.

(5040)	
1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O.
5 3 2 1 4	- - s
2 5 3 1 4	- - -
3 2 5 1 4	- - -
1 5 2 3 4	- - -
2 1 5 3 4	- - -
5 2 1 3 4	- - -
3 1 2 5 4	- - -
3 2 1 5 4	s - -
1 3 2 5 4	- - -
5 2 3 1 4	- - -
3 5 2 1 4	- - -
2 3 5 1 4	- - -
1 5 3 2 4	- - -
3 1 5 2 4 6	- - -

Each four times repeated.

No. 36.

(5040)	
1 2 3 4 5 6	I. B. O.
5 3 2 1 4	- - s
2 5 3 1 4	- - -
1 3 5 2 4	- - -
5 1 3 2 4	- - -
2 3 1 5 4	- - -
1 2 3 5 4	- - -
3 1 2 5 4	- - -
2 5 1 3 4	- s -
1 2 5 3 4	- - -
3 5 2 1 4	- - -
2 3 5 1 4	- - -
1 5 3 2 4	- - -
3 1 5 2 4	- - -
5 3 1 2 4 6	- - -

J. CARTER, June, 1887.

The next is a five-part peal on a different plan. The 6th is at home throughout.

No. 37.

(5040).

1	2	3	4	5	6	I.	B.	O.
5	3	2	1	4		-	S	-
4	5	2	1	3		-	-	-
3	2	5	1	4		-	-	-
4	3	5	1	2		-	-	-
2	5	3	1	4		-	-	-
4	2	3	1	5		-	-	-
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2	3	4	5	1		S	-	-
1	2	4	5	3		-	-	-
3	1	4	5	2		-	-	-
2	4	1	5	3		-	-	-
3	2	1	5	4		-	-	-
4	1	2	5	3		-	-	-
3	4	2	5	1	6	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

J. CARTER, June, 1887.

In the following peal the course of the bells is never turned. It contains the 6th ten times wrong and fifty-five times (the extent without singles) right.

No. 38.

(5040).

1	2	3	4	5	6	I.	B.	O.	F.
4	3	2	1	5	6	-	-	-	-
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2	6	3	1	4	5	-	-	-	-
2	5	3	1	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	2	5	1	6	4	-	-	-	-
6	1	2	3	5	4	-	-	-	-
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3	2	1	6	5	4	-	-	-	-
1	3	2	6	5	4	-	-	-	-
5	2	3	6	1	4	-	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	1	4	-	-	-	-
1	2	5	6	3	4	-	-	-	-
5	1	2	6	3	4	-	-	-	-
2	5	1	6	3	4	-	-	-	-
3	1	5	6	2	4	-	-	-	-
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6	3	5	1	2	4	-	-	-	-
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2	4	3	1	5	6	-	-	-	-
5	3	4	1	2		-	-	-	-
4	5	3	1	2		-	-	-	-
2	3	5	1	4		-	-	-	-
5	2	3	1	4		-	-	-	-
3	5	2	1	4		-	-	-	-
4	2	5	1	3		-	-	-	-
5	4	2	1	3		-	-	-	-
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3	4	5	1	2		-	-	-	-
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4	1	5	3	2		-	-	-	-
2	5	1	3	4		-	-	-	-
1	2	5	3	4		-	-	-	-
4	5	2	3	1		-	-	-	-
2	4	5	3	1		-	-	-	-
5	2	4	3	1		-	-	-	-
1	4	2	3	5		-	-	-	-
2	1	4	3	5		-	-	-	-
4	2	1	3	5		-	-	-	-
5	1	2	3	4	6	-	-	-	-
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1	2	3	4	5	6	-	-	-	-

These 11 courses
three times re-
peated, produce:

1 2 3 4 5 6

A.P.H., Sept., 1886.

ERRATA.—In the last number, page 145, first column, line 14, for "has" read, "have," and in second column of same page first line under peal 16, omit "with a." The course-ends and bob marks are perfectly correct throughout.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sunday, the 19th inst., the two trebles presented by Mr. Heywood to All Saints' church in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee were dedicated, and rung for the first time. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Moore, at the close of the morning service, immediately after which the members of the Duffield Society set the ten bells going. Ringing was continued for an hour, when an adjournment was made for dinner. During the afternoon some good touches of Stedman Caters were rung, and also, to oblige friends from Derby, a few courses of Grandsire Caters. In spite of the intense heat, the ringing was decidedly successful, and the new trebles were listened to with strong expressions of satisfaction by the parishioners.

The peal of eight to which the addition has been made were hung by Messrs. Taylor in 1884. The tenor is 17 cwt. in F; the difficulty, therefore, of casting suitable bells to increase the peal to ten was by no means slight. Messrs. Taylor deserve to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts in a work which they were by no means desirous of undertaking, on account of the doubtfulness of the result. Were it not for the fact that the windows of the belfry are very low, and the new bells entirely above them, it is probable that the trebles would quite hold their own at a distance, as they do in the immediate vicinity of the church. They are in perfect tune and beautifully mellow in tone.

The additions to the frame, together with the hanging, were carried out under Mr. Heywood's superintendence by the workmen employed in his experimental workshops, all of whom are ringers. The whole of the bells run in self-adjusting bearings, by which perfect contact between gudgeon and step is ensured however much the frame may twist. The two tenors have now been hung on this plan for two years, and have been remarkable ever since for the unaltered smoothness and liveliness of their "go." The sound of the trebles is brought down to the ringers by the pipe which carries off the foul air from the sunlight in the ceiling of the ringing chamber. This pipe is carried up, and finished with an inverted mouth immediately over the upper tier of bells. The ropes hang in an almost perfect circle, with ample room for every ringer. All the necessary appliances being thus complete, it is to be hoped that the local band will not be long in accomplishing the first peal on the ten.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Tonbridge on Monday, June 13th. The service at the parish church was at 12 o'clock, when the Rev. A. T. Scott, of Tunbridge Wells, preached the sermon. One hundred and twenty two members and guests attended the dinner, at which Colonel Knatchbull took the chair. It appeared by the report read after dinner, that eleven new bands have joined the Society, which is in a flourishing state. More peals would have been entered in the new book, but for the circumstance of the conductor not forwarding them to the secretary. The belfries of the parish church, Tonbridge, as well as those of Hadlow, and St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells were visited during the day. Applications from secretaries of bands may now be made for the number of the new lists which they require.

WILTSHIRE BELFRIES.

A Correspondent writes:—Seeing in your interesting paper lately, frequent mention made of Wiltshire belfries and bell hanging, I should like to communicate to you what I know regarding a north Wiltshire belfry. In the massive tower of Aldbourne, Wilts, there swings one of the most musical peals of eight in the country, and it is now just the completion of a century since the addition of the two higher bells E and D (higher in two senses, as they hang above the old six) the donors being Robert Wells, the bell founder of this village, Josh. Pizzie, and Wm. Gwynn, so that since the year 1787 the octave has been complete (with the exception of a slight crack in

the 5th), as there are many lovers of bells and ringing to whom I feel sure this will be interesting, I forward the inscriptions on the first seven. The tenor, Eb, is very complicated and indistinct, and time would not allow me to take off the same. A word on the third and fifth bells. I believe I may safely conjecture, that there is little doubt that William and Robert Corr were the founders of these bells in 1709 and 1703 respectively as on the third for instance "by the skill of William and Robt. Corr here I sound." It is more than probable that the 6th bell of this peal was cast some considerable time before the Reformation, as, at any time since that date, a founder would scarcely quote the Virgin Mary in such an ecstatic manner it seems to appear on this casting. The draught of rope is very long, some 65 feet of more, and the bells do not "go" sufficiently well to attempt anything like a reasonable touch of change-ringing.

Treble—"The gift of Robt. Wells, Bell-founder—1787."

2nd—"The gift of Jos: Pizzia, and Wm. Gwynn of Aldbourne * *

Robt Wells: Fecit 1787 * *

Music and ringing we like so well * *

And for that reason we gave this bell * *

3rd—EX GENEROSORUM DONIS A GULIELMO JACKSON UICARIO COLLECTIS—ET ARTE GULIELMO ET ROBERTI CORR HIC SONO 1709.

4th—HVMPHRY SYMSON GAVE XX FOVND TO BY THIS BELL AND THE PARISHE GAVE XX MORE TO MAKE THIS RING GO WELL +
H. K. 1617 T. C. G. A.

5th—WILLIAM JACKSON UICAR RICHARD SCORY & EDWARD FRANCES C. W. W R CORR 1703

6th—*Stella Maria Maris*
Succurre Dulcima Nobis

7th—AN NO DOMINI 1636

A YOUNG CHANGE-RINGER.

"STANDARD METHODS."

As a sign of the present active interest taken in learning change-ringing, it may be noted that it has been found necessary to issue a second thousand of Jasper Snowdon's *Standard Methods*. The following notes on this issue fully explains matters:—

"The demand for a further supply of *Standard Methods* following so soon after my brother's death is a gratifying proof of the value of his writings to the Exercise and of its appreciation of them. It further shows that the author's confidence in the usefulness of coloured diagrams (which are costly to execute), was not exaggerated nor misplaced when he ordered *one thousand copies* to be prepared for him of this his most expensive work.

"After careful consideration, I have had this issue struck off simply as a reprint—page for page—correcting the clerical errors, and adding a few notes in an appendix.

"My reasons are these:—Being one of the band of amateurs who took up change-ringing at Ilkley along with the author, I am of course fully aware of the valuable aid which the eye can give to the mind and memory after a careful examination of such coloured diagrams. These aids we nearly all used. A special value attaches to them when a band of ringers systematically use them when they are first learning or trying a new method. Further, the advantage of each member of a rising band possessing a copy—which he is then able to study at home—was fully impressed upon me. Nothing is so irritating as being held back and hindered in one's progress by the want of knowledge, or the forgetfulness of a brother ringer. Looking on those who already possess copies of *Standard Methods* as pioneers amongst learners, I feel that it would be vexatious to them if the uniformity of the two issues were spoilt by unnecessary alterations. As owner of the copyright of my brother's writings, I am anxious to keep each in its most useful form, and I fully believe that as a text book to follow *Rope Sight*, this reprint of *Standard Methods* as he left it, will prove to be the most acceptable.

WILLIAM SNOWDON.

"Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, May 1887."

From the advertisement pages of this same issue, we note the following, which will no doubt interest our readers:—

"In the press, and will be issued during the summer of 1887, *Grandsire, the method, its peals, and history*, by the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, with portrait and memoir, edited by his brother, William Snowdon, President of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, together with an appendix by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A., late scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James' Society, the Oxford University Society, &c., &c."

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to April	May	Total
Yorkshire Association ..	34	7	41
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	29	4	33
Sussex County Association ..	25	1	26
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	20	6	26
Midland Counties' Association ..	20	1	21
St. James's Society, London ..	15	3	18
Lancashire Association ..	13	3	16
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths ..	10	4	14
United Counties' Association ..	12	1	13
Norwich Diocesan Guild ..	11	0	11
Kent County Association ..	8	3	11
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association ..	5	5	10
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	6	2	8
Surrey Association ..	6	1	7
Essex Association ..	5	2	7
Hertford Association ..	6	0	6
Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	4	2	6
The Holt Society ..	4	1	5
St. Martin's Society, Birmingham ..	4	1	5
Bedford Association ..	3	1	4
Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association ..	2	2	4
Waterloo Society, London ..	2	1	3
Devonshire Guild ..	1	1	2
Birmingham and District Society ..	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Association ..	1	0	1
North Lincolnshire Association ..	1	0	1
West Riding of Yorkshire Association ..	1	0	1
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	0	1	1
Liverpool Youth's Society ..	0	1	1
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ..	0	1	1
Independent Societies ..	31	7	38
	280	62	342
Less peals entered under two Associations ..	27	5	32
Totals ..	253	57	310

The above peals were rung in the following methods: Albion Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Double Oxford Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7; Stedman Cinques, 3; Stedman Caters, 5; Stedman Triples, 25; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 7; Treble Bob Major, 54; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Grandsire Caters, 14; Grandsire Triples, 118; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 25; Bob Triples, 8; Violet Treble Bob Major, 1; Rose of England Major, 1; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; in 21 Minor methods on six bells, 1; in fourteen ditto, 1; in seven ditto, 18; in 21 methods on five bells, 1; Total 310. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,176. Quickest peal on church bells, 2 hrs. and 31 mins. The following Associations have not scored a peal this year: Cambridge, Ely, Rochdale and District, South Lincoln and Stoke-upon-Trent.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

JUBILEE RINGERS.

From the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle*.

The following might be interesting to our readers just now, when another Jubilee has been celebrated. The author is the Rev. R. S. Hawker, and the title "The Ringers of Lancelles Tower." They rang at the accession of George III., and all lived to ring again on the fiftieth anniversary of his reign:—

They meet once more, that ancient band,
With furrowed cheek and failing hand;
One peal to-day they fain would ring—
The Jubilee of England's king.

They meet once more—but where are now
The sinewy arm, the laughing brow,
The strength that hailed in happier times
King George the Third with lusty chimes?

Yet proudly gaze on that lone tower,
No goodlier sight hath hall or bower;
Meekly they strive, and closing day
Glids with soft light their locks of grey.

Hark! proudly hark! with that true tone
They welcomed him to land and throne;
So, ere they die, they fain would ring
The Jubilee of England's king.

Hearts of old Cornwall, fare ye well;
Fast fade such scenes from field and dell—
How wilt thou lack, my own dear land,
Those trusty arms, that faithful band!

NEWS FROM THE ANTIPODES.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Perhaps a short account of the doings of the Victorian Society of Bellringers (who have their headquarters in Melbourne) during Easter Week, may be interesting to some of your readers. If you think so please find a corner in "THE BELL NEWS" for it, it may let some of our ringing brethren in the old country know that the art is followed up as lovingly here as in dear old England, although under great difficulty, as we have so very few bells and those so very far apart. I might say that your valuable paper finds its way even to this remote corner of the world, and is eagerly read by all of us here in Melbourne.

WM. SHENTON.

351, High Street, Armadale, near Melbourne,
Victoria, Australia.

DOINGS OF THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 17TH, 1887.—On Monday morning, April 11th, being Easter Monday, thirteen members journeyed 100 miles by rail to Ballarat, the premier gold field of the Colony. Leaving Melbourne by early morning train we reached Ballarat about half-past ten, and soon found our way to the town hall, where the fine peal of eight are hung as a memento of the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to the Colony in 1867. After being hospitably entertained by Major Thompson, an adjournment to the belfry was made, and during the afternoon several 504's of Grandsire Triples were rung, and just as we began to feel them nicely, found it was time to make for the train for another 100 miles' ride. In an interval between the touches we were entertained at dinner by the Ballarat company, and spent a pleasant hour, but found we had crowded too much into one day's proceedings. Next morning, April 12th, found us back in Melbourne at St. James's Cathedral, to ring a welcome touch to the new Bishop of Melbourne, Dr. Goe, who arrived that morning from the old country. On Thursday, April 14th, the Bishop's installation at St. James's, another busy day. On Sunday April 17th, the Bishop's first sermon, a 504 before morning service, and in the evening before service rang our best touch for the week (1036 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins., by the following members of the Society: Charles Crang (Somersetshire), 1; James Murray (Colonial), 2; John Heather (Colonial), 3; Joseph Clark (Lancashire), 4; John Guest (Stafford), 5; William Shenton (Hillingdon, Middlesex), 6; Sam. Wilkinson (Midland Counties), 7; William Pearson (Colonial), 8.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, July 9th, 1887, at Chapel-en-le-Frith. The draw for priority of ringing in the cup competition will take place at the house of Mr. Joseph Thornhill, "Ball's Head" Inn, at 10.30 a.m., where the committee will sit. The first company to enter the tower at 11.30 a.m.

Dinner will be provided at the above house at 5.0 p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each, when ringing will cease for an hour. Those intending being present at dinner must signify the same, on or before Thursday, July 7th, to Mr. George Ford, Terrace Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Members are requested to note that the levy of 1s. per member is due, and the president and secretary will attend in the committee room to receive same, also back subscriptions and entrance fees of new members.

JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

I would remind all members of the above Association who have not yet paid their subscription for this year to do so before the 31st of July next, or they will cease to be members and their names will be consequently struck off the roll. I would ask those who have taken part in ringing peals since August 1st last, will kindly see they are sent in at once in order that they may be entered in our next report.

W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

THE ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY, READING.—ANNUAL OUTING.

ON Saturday, June 11th, this society had their annual campanological tour in the counties of Hants and Surrey. Leaving Reading at 8.50 a.m. by train, they arrived at Basingstoke by 9.20, where they were joined by Mr. H. White, honorary member of the society. A brake and pair was in waiting, and all having taken their seats, they journeyed on through the villages of Winslade and Herriard, down a magnificent beech avenue, arriving at Alton, Hants, by 11 o'clock. Here the Vicar, the Rev. F. Whyley, kindly provided light refreshment, and gave his visitors permission to ramble through his grounds. Having partaken of his hospitality, the company moved to the Church and rang a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 20 mins., conducted by the worthy instructor, Mr. W. Newell. The Vicar was very pleased with the ringing, being a change-ringer himself, and having a young band whom he is trying hard to bring to perfection in the art of change-ringing. At 12.20 the bugle sounded, and the campanologists assembled and made another start, driving through a beautiful country, passing by hedgerows of May, which was out in full bloom by large hop gardens, for which this part is so famous, and on to Farnham, Surrey, which was reached by 1.30. Here they were met by Mr. Balfett, the head ringer, and having repaired to the church, a 503 of Grandsire Triples was rung in 18 mins., conducted by the secretary, Mr. W. J. Williams, and afterwards a course of Bob Major. The bells go like tops, and are of excellent tone. The ringers expressed their regret at not having time to start for a peal, but as this was impossible, they contented themselves with touches. Several peals have been rung in this tower, although there are no boards to indicate such, they being taken down during the restoration of the church, but the records of the peals are preserved, being written on parchment, framed, and hung in the tower. After lowering the bells in peal, the excursionists adjourned to Cleve's dining rooms, and sat down to a sumptuous repast. Having done justice to the good things provided (which can well be imagined after a drive through this hop country), and after a ramble in the town, the company met, and commenced the homeward journey at 4.15, returning by another route, through the village of Crondall, and on to Odiham, Hants. Here a halt was made to view the church, and to ring a 720 of Bob Minor, but as the bells were not in first rate condition this could not be accomplished; however, a 360 of that method was rung, conducted by Mr. Tom Hibbert, also a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. J. E. Willshire. Resuming the journey at 6.20, an hour's ride brought the tourists back to Basingstoke, where they sat down to tea at the Old Angel Cafe. Having satisfied the cravings of the inner man, St. Michael's church was visited, and after raising the bells, Mr. Henry White successfully brought round a 518 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part, the worthy captain, Mr. W. Johnson, contributing his mite by conducting a 350 in the same method. The time was now getting short, so they were not able to attempt any more touches, but hurrying off to the station, they caught the 8.40 train, arriving in Reading by 9.5, after spending a most enjoyable day. St. Laurence's ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank those gentlemen who so willingly contributed towards the day's enjoyment, the Vicars for giving them permission to ring, and the steeplekeepers for seeing to the bells and getting everything ready.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The Queen's Jubilee was celebrated here in a right royal fashion amongst the ringers, the bells having been left up from the previous night. At five o'clock, the next morning, they were pulled off, and Holt's ten-part was commenced with handbell regularity, the striking being very good, until past the midway single. Here a rather trying misfortune, taking the form of the sun glaring through a little window full into the conductor's face, averting his gaze, and almost bringing things to grief. This having been rectified, change after change rang merrily out until "single" was again called a few minutes after eight, the peal having taken 3 hrs. 5 mins. This is the first time this peal or any other has been recorded on these bells since June 1776 by Halesowen men, the present being a young change-ringing band. This ring is a very fine one, six of which were cast at Edgbaston, and rehung in the year 1707, a new seventh at the same time was given by Sir Charles Lyttleton, then Lord of the Manor. About 1753, a gentleman of London, named Skittleton, came on a visit to Halesowen, and admiring the sweetness of their tone, and at the same time lamenting that they were not a full octave, generously made a present of the first and second bells. They bear the date of 1753. Impressions of course adorn most of the bells, and there is a shilling of William III very perfectly cast upon the fifth bell. The whole peal was rehung in 1883, and is one of the finest in the county.

* * The publication of several reports, which arrived late, are unavoidably postponed till next week.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

6496.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

5 3 6 2 4 - - -

3 6 5 2 4 - - -

6 5 3 2 4 - - -

5 6 4 2 3 - - -

6 4 5 2 3 - - -

4 5 6 2 3 - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - -

6 2 3 4 5 - - -

* 2 6 5 4 3 - - -

* 3 6 2 4 5 - - -

6 3 5 4 2 - - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - -

5 4 2 6 3 - - -

3 4 5 6 2 - - -

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - -

3 4 6 2 5 - - -

4 6 3 2 5 - - -

6 3 4 2 5 - - -

2 3 5 6 4 - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - - -

5 3 4 6 2 - - -

3 5 2 6 4 - - -

4 5 3 6 2 - - -

2 5 4 6 3 - - -

5 2 3 6 4 - - -

4 2 5 6 3 - - -

3 2 4 6 5 - - -

Repeated.

This peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6. If the three bobs bracketed are omitted in one or both parts, the peal is reduced to 6272 and 6048, still retaining the same properties.

If these six courses are called in the second part, instead of the five courses marked * the peal is increased to 6608.

I 4 6

2 3 4 5 6 - - -

5 3 2 4 6 - - -

3 5 6 4 2 - - -

5 6 3 4 2 - - -

6 5 2 4 3 - - -

5 2 6 4 3 - - -

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB
MAJOR.

5120.

By JOHN R. FRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

1 5 2 3 6 - - -

2 4 5 3 6 - - -

5 2 4 3 6 - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - -

3 2 4 6 5 - - -

4 6 3 2 5 - - -

3 4 6 2 5 - - -

6 3 4 2 5 - - -

2 6 3 5 4 - - -

2 6 5 4 3 - - -

Repeated.

In this peal the 2nd is never in 6th's place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By YORK GREEN, *College Youth.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

5 4 3 2 6 I - 2

2 5 4 6 3 - - 2

2 6 3 5 4 - 2 I

2 3 5 6 4 I - 2 2

2 5 6 3 4 - I 2

3 2 6 5 4 - I 2

2 4 6 5 3 2 - I 2

2 6 5 4 3 I - 2 2

2 6 4 3 5 2 2 I

2 4 3 6 5 - I 2

2 3 6 4 5 - I 2

4 2 6 3 5 - I 2

2 4 5 3 6 2 - 2

2 5 3 4 6 I - 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 I - 2 2

This peal has the second in second's place at twelve course-ends and the 6th eighteen times wrong and the extent right. This is the only peal that has been composed on this plan with these qualities.

A JUBILEE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB
ROYAL.

2600.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

5 4 3 2 6 2 2

5 2 6 4 3 2 I I

4 5 2 3 6 2 2 2

2 5 3 4 6 2 I

2 3 4 5 6 I 2

This touch contains 2600 changes, being the number of weeks the Queen has reigned on her Jubilee day.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

5 4 6 3 2 I I

2 5 3 4 6 2 I 2

4 2 3 5 6 - I

5 3 6 2 4 I I

4 2 6 3 5 I I I

4 5 2 3 6 2 I

3 4 2 5 6 - I

5 2 6 4 3 I I

3 4 6 2 5 I I I

3 5 4 2 6 2 I

2 3 4 5 6 I

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE
ROYAL.

5400.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

6 4 3 5 2 - -

3 6 4 5 2 - -

4 5 3 6 2 - -

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

6210.

By W. WOOD, *Birmingham.*

2 3 4 5 6 I 2 3 4 5 6

6 3 4 5 2 - - -

3 4 6 5 2 - - -

4 6 3 5 2 - - -

3 5 6 4 2 - - S

5 6 3 4 2 - - -

6 3 5 4 2 - - -

5 4 3 6 2 - - S

4 3 5 6 2 - - -

3 5 4 6 2 - - -

4 6 5 3 2 - - S

6 5 4 3 2 - - -

5 4 6 3 2 - - -

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By HENRY DAINS, *London.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 5 4 2 6 I -

4 5 2 3 6 I - I

3 4 2 5 6 I - 2

5 2 6 4 3 2 - 2

2 4 5 3 6 -

4 3 5 2 6 I -

5 3 2 4 6 I -

3 4 6 2 5 2 -

4 2 3 5 6 -

2 5 3 4 6 I -

5 4 3 2 6 I -

4 2 5 6 3 -

3 2 4 6 5 - I

6 3 2 5 4 - 2

3 6 4 5 2 - I 2

6 2 4 5 3 2 - I 2

6 2 5 3 4 - I

2 3 4 5 6 2 -

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

8064.

By J. MOTTS, *Ipswich.*

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

6 5 3 2 4 - -

4 2 5 6 3 - -

3 6 2 4 5 - -

4 6 5 3 2 - -

2 3 6 4 5 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

6 2 4 5 3 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

4 6 2 5 3 - -

3 5 6 4 2 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

This part five times repeated with a single called at six in the 36 course and the 72 course will produce rounds.

This peal contains the 6th twelve times wrong and eighteen times at home.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1887.

We turn aside for the moment to allude to the event of the week, viz., the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. Did we omit any reference to such an auspicious event which has stirred the hearts of legions of the Queen's subjects, we should certainly deserve to be considered disloyal. But not the least taint of any of those doctrines which are in opposition to our present glorious constitution attaches to us. The ceremonies of last Tuesday, carried out in the manner they were, are sufficient to fill the heart of every Englishman with no small amount of honest pride. A daily contemporary well portrays sentiments like the following: "A cavalcade of Princes, several of whom rule or will rule some of the mightiest monarchies of the earth, is not a spectacle to be seen every day, and the long line of state carriages filled with Sovereigns, who have come from the remotest parts of the earth to do honour to our Island Queen, was a sight interesting as a mere show, but more interesting still for the thoughts which it suggested. A troop of Indian Cavalry in the English capital, a bevy of Indian Princes in the train of the English Monarch, could not but be a stirring spectacle for the millions who have only a vague, intangible idea of the mightiness of the Empire which their fathers won. And the fact that for fifty years a woman has been the head of this immense Confederation of Kingdoms and Colonies must have reminded the least thoughtful of the singular good fortune enjoyed by these Islands. In fifty years every civilised State in the world has suffered more than one Revolution. Several of them—the Republics among the number—have had civil wars, and in many the dynasty and the form of government have been changed. Yet England is to-day stronger and steadier than she was when the Queen's reign began. The secret of this solidarity was no secret to those who looked on the living walls which lined the streets. They, after all, were the most remarkable feature of the spectacle. Soldiers are at their Commander's beck, and Princes and official guests come at the bidding of their

Governments. But more than a million of people, orderly, loyal, and eager to acclaim their Sovereign, cannot be brought 'by order' into the positions they occupied. From day dawn, and in some cases even from the night before, many of those who could afford any more select point of 'vantage than the pavement began to assemble, and there they waited patiently for hours in the summer sun. Like the 'men of Rome' whom FLAVIUS apostrophised, though under very different circumstances, they climbed to 'walls and battlements, to towers and windows, yea, to chimney tops,' their infants in their arms, and there 'sat the livelong day with patient expectation,' to see the Queen pass along the streets of her capital. There was no quarrelling. A London mob is rarely ill-natured, and the foreigner who has been taught to regard us as a race sad and not sober, must have felt the necessity of revising his verdict in view of the merry, but perfectly orderly crowds that met his gaze. We must, of course, admit that the love of sightseeing had something to do with this enthusiasm, but curiosity and conventionality played only a minor part in the motives which brought the vast multitude into the streets."

After this we need not regard foreign pageants as anything very formidable. That of QUEEN VICTORIA'S Jubilee surpasses anything we have ever heard of. It was not the procession of some mighty conqueror with his captives following ignominiously in his train, but that of a peaceful monarch of the greatest empire, accompanied by a retinue of loving subjects from all parts of the world, many of them scions of Royal houses and descendants of mighty and once powerful dynasties. That such pageants can take place without even the slightest danger or fear to the principal actors must be to some foreigners a matter of envy, to ourselves it ought to beget a spirit of thankfulness.

Nor was the metropolis alone enthusiastic upon the Jubilee. Every town, village, and remote hamlet throughout the land contributed its quota to the general carnival. The dependencies of the Empire were not one whit behindhand; and those of high birth who owe no allegiance to the monarch of these realms, appeared to believe that the occasion was one in which passiveness was unpardonably wrong.

The Metropolis.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

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

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PENNING'S ONE-PART PEAL. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM COAKHAM Treble.	ROBERT MAYNARD 5.
THOMAS MAYNARD 2.	JOHN H. WILKINS 6.
GEORGE GRIMWADE 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 7.
ARTHUR J. KEIT 4.	WILLIAM CROCKFORD .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

CLERKENWELL, MIDDLESEX.—THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. MOORE Treble.	WILLIAM D. MATTHEWS .. 5.
HENRY J. DAVIES 2.	ALBERT E. CHURCH.. .. 6.
JOHN NELMS.. 3.	JOSEPH BARRY 7.
JAMES RUMSEY 4.	DANIEL LOVETT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN NELMS.

This is thought to be the first peal rung in London on the Jubilee day, as it was started for at 5.30 a.m. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and also to Mr. J. Bissmire for having everything in readiness.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETIES.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
ALFRED FOX† 2.	HENRY A. BARNETT.. .. 6.
JOHN W. BARRS* 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 4.	WM. PYE-ENGLISH Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE and Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

This is the longest peal on the bells. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. * First peal in the method.

HAMPSTEAD, MIDDLESEX.—THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL CLARK Treble.	D. W. GRIGGS 6.
NEWLAND ALDERMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM PRYOR 7.
BENJAMIN PAIN 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 8.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 9.
HENRY TYLER 5.	WILLIAM ARSCOTT Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The above are all members of the local band. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except N. Alderman and the conductor.

The Provinces.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES BOXALL Treble.	FREDERICK HILL 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS.. .. 2.	JOHN WHITING 6.
JAMES HEWETT 3.	STEPHEN BROOKER 7.
REV. H. A. SPYERS 4.	JOHN STAPLES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the dedication of a new ring by Mears and Stainbank. C. Boxall hails from Dorking; Stephen Brooker from Leatherhead; Rev. H. A. Spyers from Purbrook; J. Staples from Havant; J. Hewett from Gosport; the rest from Fareham.

WEST KNOYLE, WILTS.

The third bell of this peal of five which has been cracked for many years has just been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and rehung by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury. She is inscribed "A.D. 1630. Recast 1887, V.R., Jubilee. Mears and Stainbank, founders, London."

BACUP.—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Opening Peal.

On Monday, June 20, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two-and-½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

H. W. JACKSON Treble.	J. H. JACKSON.. .. 5.
H. BENTLEY 2.	J. BARRATT 6.
J. REDFORD 3.	A. E. WREAKS.. .. 7.
J. CURTIS 4.	R. LINDLEY Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. JACKSON.

Mr. Barratt hails from Eccles; Mr. Wreaks from Manchester; and the remainder of the company from Bolton.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 15, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

H. GODDARD* Treble.	T. LEWIS 5.
H. BENNETT 2.	T. WILLOUGHBY 6.
C. HARFFEY.. .. 3.	T. HART 7.
E. WILLOUGHBY.. .. 4.	S. LEWIS Tenor.

Conducted by T. HART.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART (Reversed). Tenor 18 cwt.

JESSE NEVES Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 5.
JAMES SEARLE 2.	GEORGE KING 6.
JOHN FOX 3.	CHARLES TYLER 7.
HENRY BONIFACE 4.	WILLIAM DAVEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SEARLE.

The above was rung to commemorate the jubilee of Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and was commenced at 4 a.m.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS;

Being a 720 each of the following:—

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

A. STONER* Treble.	*J. CHEESMAN 4.
R. BOURN* 2.	*J. GASSON 5.
H. MEADS 3.	E. STREETER Tenor.

Conducted by E. STREETER.

The above was rung to commemorate the jubilee of Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen. *First peal.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee and Opening Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 10-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT A. FULLER Treble.	CHARLES BLACKMAN.. .. 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	FREDERICK WICKENS 6.
HARRY WESTON 3.	JOHN JAY 7.
JAMES SEARLE 4.	CHARLES TYLER.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

The above was rung to commemorate the jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and was also the occasion of the re-opening the bells on their being augmented from a ring of 5 as a Jubilee Memorial.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SNOWDON'S VARIATION OF HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT PIPER Treble.	JOHN REILLY 5.
GEORGE THWAITES 2.	GEORGE C. HAMMOND .. 6.
JOHN JAY 3.	HARRY WESTON 7.
WILLIAM ALLFREY 4.	HORACE CORNWALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WESTON.

The above was rung to commemorate the jubilee of Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and was commenced at 4.37 a.m.

HALESOWEN.—WORCESTERSHIRE.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

H. LEA Treble.	E. WHITE 5.
H. RAYBOULD 2.	R. A. EATON 6.
J. R. HECKINGBOTTOM .. 3.	E. HACKETT 7.
G. COCKIN 4.	M. HACKETT Tenor.

Conducted by H. RAYBOULD.

First peal by all.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

DENNIS IVERS Treble.	PETER CONLON 5.
WILLIAM STRINGER 2.	JOHN MURPHY 6.
JOHN BENN 3.	JAMES PLANT 7.
MARTIN MURPHY 4.	FRANCIS HALES .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PLANT.

The above peal was rung in honour of the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

DEERHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES: BEING SEVEN DIFFERENT 720s OF BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRISTR. WILLIS .. Treble	C. ROLES 4.
CHAS. WILLIS 2.	G. WILLIS 5.
H. ROBERTS 3.	J. BARTLETT Tenor.

Conducted by J. BARTLETT.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

C. W. BASSANO .. Treble.	W. GREEN 5.
A. E. PARSONS 2.	H. MASON 6.
W. BIRD 3.	H. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
W. FOXALL 4.	A. H. BASSANO .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by A. H. BASSANO.

This is the first peal of Major by all, and on these bells, and it was the first attempt at a peal of Major. Commenced at 6 a.m.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT SAYER .. Treble.	THOMAS B. READ .. 5.
LEON WILLSHIRE 2.	SAMUEL JARMAN .. 6.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. 3.	JNO. J. BRISTOW .. 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	EDWARD GOLDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by LEON WILLSHIRE.

Date Touches.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, June 21st, at the parish church, in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, a date touch (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. in the following methods: 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Court Bob, and 87 Plain Bob Minor. J. W. Brough, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Wood, 3; G. Walker, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, June 21st, being the day for celebrating the completion of fifty years of Her Majesty's Reign, the local company rang in honour of the same 1887 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. The touch was arranged and conducted by J. Smith, and contained 1080 of Plain Bob and 87 Grandsire Minor. B. Townsend, 1; F. Hotchkiss, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 6; J. Smith, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday evening, June 19th, at St. John's church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. J. Bolton, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Lister, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Jubilee Touch.—On the 21st inst., for the service at St. John's Church, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty's reign, a touch of 860 Grandsire Triples, in 32 mins. Jas. Weddell, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Fergusson, 3; E. Wallis, 4; W. G. Routledge, 5; S. Power, 6; T. Denton, 7; F. Lees, 8; tenor 12½ cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, June 21st, the Redenhall branch of this Association celebrated the jubilee of Her Majesty in good style. They commenced with rounds and firing the bells fifty times, the number of years Her Majesty has reigned, and rang a good touch of Oxford Treble Bob before breakfast. Afterwards they rang a long touch of the same, and a shorter one before the service at eleven o'clock. They then rang another as the congregation were leaving the church and rang at intervals during the rest of the day. The oldest hands present declare they had never heard better ringing, for a days ringing on these bells, than on this occasion. The following members took part in the ringing. Edward Smith, John Bently, William Sheldrake, Charles Candler, Esq., William Fork, George Mobbs, Frederick Smith, James Souter, and Captain Moore.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday afternoon, June 22nd, at St. James's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Davis, 1; H. Tucker, 2; F. Green, 3; A. Howell, 4; H. Porch (conductor), 5; J. Hinton, 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. E. Davis, 1; J. Hinton, 2; F. Green, 3; A. Howell, 4; H. Porch, 5; F. Robertson, 6. Messrs. Davis and Green, who hail from Caerlon, in Monmouthshire, was inspecting the exterior of the church when quite accidentally a band came together and rang the above.

BLACKHILL (Durham).—The ringing at St. Mary's (R.C.) church on Jubilee Day consisted of firing royal salutes and several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles at intervals from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. by the following: J. Moore, C. McElrue, J. McPhillips, J. Moore, B. King, M. Rodgers, E. J. Sloane, J. T. Dobson, and A. Nichols, conducted respectively by J. Moore, A. Nichols and J. T. Dobson.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, June 21st, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Staddon, 1; A. York, 2; J. York, 3; E. Duckham, 4; J. Hinton, 5; E. Beake, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; J. Falser, 8. Composed by H. Johnson, of Birmingham.

HIGHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, June 20th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, four 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Humphrey, 1; W. Cogger, 2; A. Cornford, 3; Peter Doust, 4; G. Doust (conductor), 5.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday, June 19th, at St. John-the-Baptist, after evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. E. Barnett (conductor), 1; A. S. Barrel, 2; J. Nunn, 3; E. E. Richards (Woolwich), 4; W. Manning, 5; H. Scarlett, 6.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, June 19th, for morning service at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 537 of Stedman Caters. Richard Williams, 1; T. Hammond, 2; W. Booth, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; J. R. Pritchard, 7; J. Brown, 8; Robert Williams (conductor), 9; W. Brooks, 10. Mr. John Jaggar hails from Burton-on-Trent. And for afternoon service 575 of Grandsire Caters. Richard Williams, 1; H. Meadows (conductor), 2; E. Booth, 3; C. Williams, 3; J. Moore, 5; J. Brown, 6; W. Booth, 7; T. Hammond, 8; Robert Williams, 9; R. Diggle, 10. Also for evening service, 600 of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Richard Williams, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; W. Woodhead, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Brown, 6; W. Booth, 7; E. Booth (conductor), 8; T. Hammond, 9; Robert Williams, 10.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, June 16th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26½ mins. F. Hotchkiss, 1; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 2; W. Bird, 3; R. Round, 4; A. H. Bassano, Esq., 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Grandsire Minor, in 13½ mins. J. Townsend, 1; A. Parsons, 2; A. Mason, 3; C. W. Bassano Esq. (conductor), 4; J. Prestige, 5; R. Bird, 6. Messrs. C. W. Bassano, A. H. Bassano, W. Bird, A. Parsons, A. Mason, and R. Bird hail from Old Hill, the rest are local men.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, June 21st, at the parish church, 720 of Stedman Minor in 26 mins. H. Holdcroft, 1; E. Glover, 2; G. Walker, 3; J. Baddeley (conductor), 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Wood, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. W. Brough, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Wood, 3; J. Baddeley, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; G. Walker (conductor), 6.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 12th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of College Single, in 27 mins. W. Green, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; W. Bird, 3; H. Mason, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. Also on Saturday, June 18th, a 720 Oxford Bob, in 28 mins. W. Foxall, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; H. Mason, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method, and obtained at first attempt. And a 720 of Plain Bob, in 28½ mins. C. W. Bassano, 1; W. Foxall, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; H. Mason (conductor), 5; W. Bird, 6. Also 720 of Place Minor, in 27½ mins. W. Bird, 1; *A. E. Parsons, 2; *C. W. Bassano, 3; *W. Foxall, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 29½ mins. W. Foxall (first 720 in the method), 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; H. Mason, 4; W. Bird, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. And on Monday, June 20th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. Palmer (first 720), 1; W. Bird, 2; C. W. Bassano, 3; W. Foxall, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 28 mins. W. Green, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; W. Bird, 4; H. Mason, 5; A. H. Bassano, 6. Conducted by C. W. Bassano.

PIMLICO.—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, June 15th, by eight members of St. Stephen's band, at the residence of Mr. Bell, upon handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. R. Newton, 1-2; *E. Duff, 3; *H. S. Ellis, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; *R. T. Bell, 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7-8. *First quarter-peal on handbells.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday morning, June, 21st, in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee the local company met at the Parish Church, at four o'clock in the morning, and fired ten bells for twelve times, fifty times, with rounds between each fifty, that being the number of years and months of Her Majesty's reign, also a 336 of Grandsire Triples and a 448 in the same method, and afterwards some more firing with two plain courses between, after which the bells were fired down. A. Trigg, A. Gwinnet, W. Ryland, D. Marment, J. Everett, J. Wager, J. Powell, T. Wright, T. Ireland, M. Ireland, W. Hale (conductor). The Painswick bells are all being rehung and fitted, they have been silent now some four months and are now only temporary rang for the Jubilee. The work of rehanging is being done most satisfactory by Messrs. Morris, bellhangers, sons of the late John Morris, one of those renowned Painswick Youths that rang in the long peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques.

THE JUBILEE PEAL AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY.

Eight members of the St. James's Society who rang the Jubilee peal at this church, were entertained at Supper at the "Goose and Gridiron" Hotel, St. Paul's churchyard, by Mr. Churchwarden Benningfield, who took the chair, and was supported by Mr. Ex-Churchwarden Chretien, the Rev. R. A. England, and Mr. J. R. Haworth, etc. The loyal toasts having been drunk with musical honours, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Haworth, Weatherstone, French, and Barry.

The CHAIRMAN, in the course of an interesting speech, referred to the St. James's Society, wishing it prosperity, and to the interest he had begun to take in the art of change-ringing, thanking Mr. Haworth for the insight he had given him. He took greater interest in this performance as it was rung on the last day of his churchwardenship, and nothing could please him more than to be connected with anything that related to the church and the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry. He also referred to the great pleasure it gave him to see his old friend, Mr. Chretien, and he asked the company to drink his health.

Mr. CHRETIEN responded, and said how pleased he always was to hear of anything going on concerning the parish of St. Lawrence, and happy to be in the midst of it. He also referred to the long connexion of his family, who were also deeply attached to St. Lawrence, his father's name appearing in the parish book as far back as 1816. Mr. Chretien was warmly applauded when he announced that he intended to ask the sanction of the Churchwardens to erect a tablet in the ringing-chamber to record the event of the Jubilee peal being rung.

After supper, the table and room being elegantly decorated, some pleasant tunes on the handbells were played by Mr. G. R. Banks, and courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were also rung by them, the latter being greatly applauded. Miss Alice Banks and Mr. F. Cockayne performed some fine duets and selections on the pianoforte with great taste, and songs were given by Messrs. Making, Haworth, Barry, French, and Weatherstone, the Rev. R. A. England reciting Father Prout's "Bells of Shandon." Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE SHEPLEGH BELL.

[From the *Dartmouth and Brixham Chronicle*.]

The fine old tenor bell, which has been at Sheplegh Court since 1877, has been removed to Dartmouth. This bell has a history attached to it, having been originally the tenor bell for St. Mary Church, Torquay, which Church was re-built in 1851-61, after designs by Hugall, at a cost of £10,000. The old tower remained until 1871, when a loftier one was erected with an entire new peal of bells to the memory of Bishop Phillpotts, who lies interred in the churchyard. Some difficulty arose in utilising the tenor bell in the new peal, and it was ultimately sold. It was cast in the year 1707, is 44 inches in diameter at the mouth and weighs upwards of 15 cwt. It bears the following inscription in Roman characters round its upper part:—"J. A. Salter, Vicr., F. R. Tapley, Sol. Smerdon, Wardens. I. E. (followed by a shilling of William III.), I. B. (another shilling), I. G. (another shilling) I (bell) P. s I (bell) P. l. Four Fleur de lys. 1707: John Leer, Esq., followed by a half-crown of the same reign." Unlike many large bells it has never been chipped to regulate the tone, but is as perfect as when it was cast, 180 years ago. Its tone is fine and clear in the key of E. It is supposed to contain a considerable per centage of silver, which in the early days of bell founding was thought to improve the tone. Later experience in the fusion of metals has however proved that this was not the case. The presence of silver is more likely due to the fact that in the days when the transit of heavy weights over the Devonshire hills, it was the practice to cast the tenor bell on the spot—frequently in the churchyard—and by way of increasing the interest which such an occurrence would naturally create in a rural parish, it was held to be a "good work" to aid in the casting by contributions of money or metal utensils which were brought by the parishioners and by themselves thrown into the melting pot. The reign of Queen Anne was remarkable for a revival of the silversmiths' art in this country; and, doubtless, much of the silver of the earlier and less decorative period went in this way. The half-crown and shillings referred to as forming part of the inscription were doubtless the gifts of the lord of the manor and churchwardens, and must have been placed in their positions at the time of casting, before the bell had completely cooled. It would form a splendid Jubilee bell for a public clock to strike on, or for a chapel of ease. It is for sale. For particulars apply to Mr. R. Cranford, Dartmouth.

SALISBURY.—WATERLOO DAY.

Amid all the busy preparations for the forthcoming Jubilee the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo (June 18th), was not forgotten at Salisbury. The bells of St. Martin's church pealed forth merrily in commemoration of this event, and several flags were seen floating in different parts of the city.

DEDICATION OF A PEAL OF BELLS AT OXHEY, HERTS.

The parish of Oxhey presented an animated appearance on Saturday last, June 18th, that being the day devoted to the commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. It was determined some time since that the form the memorial should take for Oxhey was that a peal of bells should be hung in the tower, in the place of one which had hitherto been used. The work of collecting subscriptions, and pushing forward all necessary accessories for the thorough carrying out of the scheme, have been pursued with energy, the result being that all was in readiness for the dedication service which took place on Saturday. Complete preparations had been made to make the proceedings as enjoyable as possible, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. Bushey was well to the front in the matter of decorations, the principal feature being a triumphal arch, decorated with evergreens, flags and streamers, whilst suspended from the centre, stretching from side to side of the arch with the inscriptions "Victoria, whom God preserve," and "God Save the Queen." Lines of flags were also to be seen across the streets in different parts of the village, whilst to the tops of many of the houses were affixed flags and streamers. Numerous inscriptions also met the eye, among others being: "May God preserve our Queen," "Victoria 1837-1887," "Long may she reign," "Victoria our Queen," and "God bless our Queen." With the prospect of the dedication sermon by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, of St. Albans, a large congregation assembled at five o'clock in the church. The service was fully choral. The processional hymn was the well-known one commencing—

Lifted safe within the steeple,
Now our bells are set on high,
To begin their holy mission,
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

and was powerfully rendered by the choir to a setting by H.R.H. the late Prince Consort. The choir, in this, as also the other hymns, were accompanied by the organ, which was effectually handled by Miss E. M. Savill, and by the Watford Town Band, under the conductorship of Mr. T. Mullett. The Psalms were 122, "I was glad when they said unto me" H. Leslie, and 150, "Praise ye the Lord" (Grand chant). The *Nunc Dimittis* being sung to Goss in A. The Rev. H. F. Hogson, of Abbot's Langley, read the lesson (Luke ii. 8-15), the other surpliced clergy present being Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, Rev. Newton Price, Vicar, Rev. H. Burchell-Herne, Rev. Canon Townsend, and Rev. Gregory Nicholl (Leavesden Asylum).

The sermon was preached by Archdeacon Lawrance from Exodus xxviii. 33, 34, 35. "And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. And it shall be unto Aaron to minister; and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the Lord, and when he cometh out, that he die not." He said:—

Seventy-two years ago this very day that great victory was won which finally and completely broke the power of Napoleon, and which set every bell in all the belfries of the kingdom ringing with sounds of jubilation. We are met on this occasion on the eve of a different kind of jubilation, of a more peaceful triumph, and you, the members of this congregation, may well congratulate yourselves and thank God that you will hear your new bells ring on the eve of that great jubilee week which is kept throughout all the vast dominions of our most beloved Queen, and that during the ensuing week, when you hear the melodious notes of those bells, you will bear in mind what a blessing her reign has been to this country, and also what a priceless blessing has been her example. I have chosen these words of the text for the few thoughts I shall put before you this afternoon, because they seem to point out to us the origin of bells in churches. Those golden bells on the robe of the High Priest, which gave forth their sweet sound as he went into the holy place, and at one and the same time warned him of the sacredness of the office he was about to discharge, and told the listening worshippers outside that he was entering upon his duties as their representative to God, are in all probability the origin of the use of bells in the Church for the purpose of calling the people to worship. Widely differing both in their composition and construction from the large bells which we associate with churches the idea is the same. With those large bells which we associate with churches the use is the same—that some special sound should arouse the attention and remind the hearer that something special was about to take place in which he either personally or as in the Mosaic ritual, by deputy was to bear a part, as it is said in Ecclesiasticus, "He compassed him with many golden bells round about, that as he went there might be a sound, and a noise made that might be heard in the temple, for a memorial to the children of his people." Those little hammered bells of gold performed in their time a similar function to that which is discharged nowadays by our great cast bells of copper and tin, without one or more of which no church in the land would consider itself properly equipped. For nearly fifteen centuries those large bells have been used, and twelve centuries ago, in 680, Bede tells us of a bell being used at Whitby, and in 870 we hear of a ring of six at Croyland of which Ingulphus says there was not then such a ring of bells in all England. I am reminded, speaking in this church, so closely once connected with the great neighbouring Abbey, of the good gentleman who sold many sheep to purchase a bell for the mighty tower then new, and as he listened to its melodious voice, said, "Hark! how sweetly my lambs do bleat." Bells have been employed not merely in their primary office of ringing or tolling for divine service, but in other ways which the imagination of earlier ages assigned to them. If there were a pestilence, or a thunderstorm, or a gale of wind, the bells were called on to play their part in abating them. Side by side with these uses of which I have spoken were the more natural ones of ringing an alarm on the approach of an enemy, or the outbreak of a fire, or as recorded in a beautiful modern poem, of the advance of the devastating high tide on the Lincolnshire coast in the 16th century. Strange stories, too, gathered round the belfries of the ancient churches, and a special sanctity was supposed to cling to them; as at Durham, where in the year 1429, on the feast of Corpus Christi, the belfry was struck by lightning and set on fire, but although the flames

ranged all night and till the middle of the next day the tower escaped serious damage and the bells were uninjured. To this day, I believe, the fact is commemorated by the singing of the *Te Deum* on that day in the tower by the choristers. When in the general spoliation of church property which took place in the reign of Henry VIII. bells were sold as mere metal many strange things were said to happen. The ships that bore them across the sea foundered. Fourteen of the Jersey bells were wrecked at the entrance of the harbour of St. Malo, and people fancy they hear them ringing still when the wind blows. A certain Bi-hov of Bangor who sold the bells of his cathedral was stricken with blindness when he went to see them shipped, and many similar stories attest the devout regard in which bells were held from their connexion with the more prominent events of life and with its ending. But the purposes more directly and closely connected with divine things were naturally the most abiding, and it is such uses of the bells that gives a meaning to our short service of dedication to-day. With the increased attention paid not merely to the fabric but to the services of our churches in this generation, there has grown up an increased interest in all the accessories of divine worship, and the belfry has naturally come in for its share. The reaction from the superstitious use and exaggerated reverence of bells had produced in puritanical quarters a dislike to their very sound, in connexion with worship as seeming to savour of Popery, whilst their use, though continued after the Reformation, was greatly restricted. And in the laxity of religious observance and the low tone of Church life from which we are now happily recovering, the bells were frequently rung on most unfitting occasions, such as elections and even races, and the belfry was too often a scene of drunkenness, disorder, and profanity. Now it is coming to be regarded as what in truth it is, a part of the house of God. The ringers are not the idle and dissolute of the parish, but take their place as Church workers, doing their part in divine service as a choir do theirs—the one to call the faithful together to worship, the other to lead their prayers and praises when so assembled. There is surely therefore every fitness in a service such as we have held—first, as a reminder to the present band of ringers and to those who shall succeed them of the part they have to play in divine worship, and of the message that the bells have to tell to the people around, when rung on different occasions of solemnity, of joy, and of sorrow. Bell-ringing, as is pretty well known now, is an art, and by no means an easy art when properly carried out in what is called change-ringing; for it demands no little skill and practice and no small strain on the eye and memory, but those who have attained proficiency in it describe it as a fascinating pursuit, and one of a distinctly instructive and intellectual nature; and I believe I am correct in saying that in no other country has this art reached the perfection it has arrived at in England, largely owing to the unremitting exertions of the good old clergyman, Mr. Ellacombe, who helped to ring in the new year in his Devonshire parish at the age of 91, and who has lately passed to his rest at 95. But this service is also a reminder to us who take no active part in the work of bell-ringing. The bells that ring for worship tell us of the duty we all owe to our Heavenly Father of assembling ourselves together in His courts; and they are a sign to those who do not come, of blessing offered, and despised or disregarded. Or should sickness keep us away, they tell us at what time we may join in spirit with those who are within God's house, and when we may mingle our supplications with theirs. The joy bells at a marriage may waken many memories—thoughts, perhaps, of the time when they rang for us, and may draw forth a prayer for those about to enter together upon the untrodden path now open before them. The bells that ring at Christmas or at the close and opening of the year have their special melodious burden for our ears, and the connexion of their voices with the news which they from year to year proclaim, celebrated by countless poets, has a deepening significance for us as we grow older, and look back, in our midnight meditation, on the increasing number of departed Christmas times, and years once so full of promise, yet carrying into the irrevocable past their story of so much undone, and so much less time left to do it in. And the bell that sounds, not indeed as once for the parting, but for the departed soul, must, as we listen, forewarn us of the hour, unknown but certain, when it shall tell out to those who hear the tidings that one more life has gone over to that "majority" which is always increasing, one more spirit has returned to the God who gave it, and that spirit is our own. It is something, therefore, deeper than a mere sentiment which gives church bells their importance even in these latter days. They have, from immemorial custom, been so blended with the various and more important events of human existence, that we value them as performing offices which must otherwise have no outward record. This new ring of bells may, I trust, long occupy the place to which they have been lifted, and worthily perform the duty which will be laid upon them, for those who still live, and for those who shall in this place come after them. It is the sacredness of their function which is the reason of their continuing use in our churches; it is the sacredness of their function which has given all its meaning to our service of to-day, and although it be but a mechanical voice that speaks through them, it is a voice that we do well to heed, for it tells us of a spiritual world in which we have a share, it bids us to adore Him through whose blessed Son and sanctifying Spirit alone we can hope to enter the house not made with hands, of which all these houses of God, how great soever their dignity and beauty, are but poor and humble types, and the richest harmony of bells, or of organ, or of choir, are harsh and untunable when set beside the song of the redeemed.

On the conclusion of the sermon the hymn

Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him;

was sung, a procession at the same time being formed, consisting of the clergy and choir, who made their way to the principal entrance of the church, where the dedication of the bells took place, both before and after the service the Ven. Archdeacon tolling the tenor three times. On the conclusion of the service the bells rang out their first peal merrily, under the manipulation of a band of ringers from Langleybury Church, the hymn commencing

Hark! hark! the bells do loudly peal,
Our thankful hearts inviting.

being sung by the choir and congregation, while a collection in behalf of the Bells Fund was taken.

The work of casting and hanging the bells has been carried out satisfactorily by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, the key being A b. The weight of the whole is 40 cwt., the tenor being 9½ cwt. Owing to the limited space the bells have necessarily been hung somewhat close together, and it would also be a considerable advantage to the ringers if more space had been left between some of the ropes in the belfry. One or two matters also need attention being paid to them—to obtain more ventilation for the belfry, and to insert a trap door in the floor between the belfry and bells, thus preventing a volume of sound assailing the ears of the ringers. It was at first intended that the ring should consist of six bells only, but upon the advice of some practical change-ringers, it was decided to have eight,

and there is now, therefore, a peal which will enable the ringers of the parish, when they understand the art of change-ringing, to treat the inhabitants to some fine melody, as the bells are exceedingly pretty in tone. Great assistance in the preliminary details and carrying out of the work has been afforded by Mr. R. A. Fowler and Mr. H. S. Waddington, of the St. Albans Cathedral society, the former having visited the place daily to see how the work was progressing. On Saturday, after the Langleybury band had concluded their ringing, the following members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, with Messrs. Gibbard and Downer, of Oxhey, rang touches in various methods. R. A. Fowler, 1; —, Gibbard, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; A. Barnes, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; H. L. Waddington, 7; —, Downer, 8. The bells which gave great satisfaction to all who heard them, and upon the possession of which the parish is to be highly congratulated, bear the following inscriptions:—Treble, "Glory to God in the highest, R. R. Carew gave me." 2nd, "On earth peace, Mrs. R. R. Carew gave me." 3rd, "Goodwill towards men, T. F. Blackwell gave me." 4th, "We praise Thee, S. J. Blackwell gave me." 5th, "We bless Thee, Mrs. Eley gave me." 6th, "We worship Thee, in mem: W. A. Tooke, given by his mother." 7th, "We glorify Thee, Jubilee year, 1887, Newton Price, Vicar." Tenor, "We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, David Carnegie gave me." If the inhabitants of the parish are to be congratulated upon the possession of the bells, they are likewise equally so upon the fact that the whole amount required has been subscribed or promised. Previous to the collection on Saturday, the financial position was as follows:

Estimated cost of bells and expenses	£405.
In hand	£214 8 0
Promises	£165 10 0
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	380
	£25

From six to seven o'clock the Vicarage grounds were kindly thrown open by the Vicar, a large number accepting the invitation to be present. The proceedings were enlivened by a selection of music excellently rendered by the Watford Town band, and a feature of great interest was the handbell ringing by Messrs. A. Barnes, G. W. Cartmel, E. P. Debenham, and W. Battle, who gave a touch of 336 of Grandsire Triples. Subsequently a supper took place in the Board school, Bushey, when a large number sat down, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, the vice-chair by Mr. G. Biggs. On the conclusion of the repast,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the health of "The Queen." It was not necessary for him to say one word in commendation of the toast, as all present being churchmen it followed they were loyal. He did not say that others were not loyal, but as a matter of fact, churchmen must be, and moreover they were determined to the utmost of their power to uphold the throne and institutions of the country. They were very proud of the personal character of the Queen, and in this respect she stood foremost among the sovereigns of the world. Some articles had recently appeared in the newspapers as to the growth of the kingdom during the past fifty years, and remembering that the Queen during that long period had been the head of our race and our sovereign, he was sure they were hearty and sincere in the wish that day that God would spare her to reign over us.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, a verse of the National Anthem being sung.

Mr. TALBOT having appropriately proposed "The Prince and Princess of Wales and all the members of the Royal Family,"

Mr. SAVILL, one of the churchwardens, proposed the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." As to the Bishop, he would say that he was one of the best they could possibly have, whilst of the clergy they had had a specimen in the gentlemen who gave them the discourse at the afternoon service. In his remarks in that sermon he mentioned the jubilee, and also the battle which was fought at Waterloo on June 18th, 1815. He (Mr. Savill), remembered the battle of Waterloo most distinctly, and he also remembered that it was stated the guns could be heard even at Harwich, though he rather doubted the accuracy of the statement. Even at the risk of wandering from his subject, he would wish success to the bells. He thought that so far as they had tried them they appeared to be a beautiful set, of which they might well be proud. They had been talking that day of what had happened many years ago, and he might mention that in 1815 the only way a light could be obtained was by the use of the tinder box, flint, and steel, as matches were not then in use. Again, when he first went to business in London, there were no steel pens, and every morning before he commenced his duties, he had to spend about three-quarters of an hour mending his fifty quill pens. At that time the postage from London to Watford was fourpence, London to Birmingham ninepence, and to Manchester and Liverpool elevenpence. There were then no telephones, or telegraph, neither railways, the first one not being opened in London until the year 1834 and within a week of the opening of the London and Greenwich lines

he had a ride on it. They would then see even by his mentioning these matters, that their progress had been really wonderful. He had great pleasure in submitting his toast to them, with which he coupled the name of their respected Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, observed that it was a matter of regret both to themselves and to the Archdeacon, that he had been unable to remain. As to the Bishop they all knew that he was generally respected, having endeared himself not only to the clergy, but also to the laity in his diocese. He was also glad to observe that the laity cordially assisted the clergy in the work the latter had to perform, always being ready with counsel, and otherwise to promote the interests of the church. There was much work in connection with the church to be performed, and he would desire that Sunday-school teachers, and the choir, should always remember this. To the bell ringers also he would say they were engaged in church work, as they spoke to people about things that were pleasing or solemn as the case might be, and he should be very proud also to become one of the band of bell ringers. The work of the church was becoming more and more organised, and the great thing for them to do was to work together.

In proposing the toast of the "Band of ringers from St. Albans Cathedral," the CHAIRMAN remarked that he hardly knew what he should have done to have carried on operations in connection with the work had it not been for the kind assistance afforded him by Messrs. Fowler and Waddington, two of the members of the band, who had attended that day. The bells were now up, and he hoped would be used among other things for change-ringing. The science or art of change-ringing was little known in west Herts, and in no belfry, except Aspley End, was it practised, for even at Rickmansworth, Watford, and Tring, where they had magnificent peals, the highest style of bell ringing was comparatively unknown. They intended, however, to have change-ringing at Oxhey, and in their St. Albans friends they had those who could and would teach them how to perform this.

Mr. FOWLER, in reply, said he need hardly mention that anything they could do to forward the adoption of change-ringing throughout the country would be most willingly performed, and, in fact, it was their endeavour and pleasure to do so. They were pleased to have been present that day, because they took a great interest in introducing the art of change-ringing where it was so little practised, and they hoped it would soon be in full swing where it had been neglected so long.

Two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by the St. Albans ringers on handbells between the toasts, each touch being heartily applauded.

Various other toasts were given during the evening, the proceedings being of enjoyable character.

THE SNOWDON MEMORIAL.

We are requested to acknowledge the following additional subscriptions:—

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The Registrar General reports that 2513 births and 1390 deaths were registered in London last week. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 358, and the deaths 43, below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last ten years. The annual death-rate per 1000 from all causes, which had been 19.0, 17.9, and 17.5 in the three preceding weeks, further declined last week to 17.2. During the first eleven weeks of the current quarter the death-rate averaged 18.3, and was 2.3 below the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the ten years 1877-86. The 1390 deaths included 113 from measles, 8 from scarlet fever, 16 from diphtheria, 66 from whooping-cough, 1 from typhus, 7 from enteric fever, 2 from ill-defined forms of continued fever, 20 from diarrhoea and dysentery, and not one from small-pox or cholera; thus, 233 deaths were referred to these diseases, being 3 above the corrected average weekly number.

On Wednesday morning, the Queen paid a visit to the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace. In the afternoon Her Majesty received a deputation of noble ladies, who presented the Women's Offering—seventy-five thousand pounds, subscribed by three millions of women. It was accompanied by an address, which Her Majesty graciously acknowledged. The Queen afterwards received numerous presents from foreign Sovereigns, as well as from all parts of the country, and after inspecting them with interest, thanked the donors.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

CANON WIGRAM'S SERMON.

SIR,—May I venture to suggest that extracts from the excellent sermon in your issue of the 18th inst. should be printed in larger type, on a fly-leaf, and enclosed in a number of "THE BELL NEWS," or sold separately, as the principles laid down are so exceedingly sound, and would indicate so strongly the direction of reform in many belfries, were they hung, framed. I should be much obliged if you would ask, in your columns, some one to send me a lead of Canterbury Pleasure and Arnold's Victory with bob and single of each.

Haden Cross, Old Hill, Staffordshire.

A. H. BASSANO.

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT BIRMINGHAM.

SIR,—Mr. Henry A. Hopkins expresses a wish that "this matter may be settled to the satisfaction of all concerned." That is impossible. If the peal is to be held as true, it will be a decision not satisfactory to Henry A. Hopkins' friend, Joseph Cattle, evidently. Mr. Hopkins lays claim to being the "first person in London that knew of the achievement." I take his own words. His friend Mr. Cattle wrote to inform him that it was good ringing throughout, but in the last course the bells were fired round. Now what is the meaning of this, Messieurs Cattle and Hopkins? If in the last course the bells "fired," how could that be "good ringing throughout?" I do not suppose that Mr. Cattle will be taken as any authority, or the letter he sends to his friend be regarded as of any consequence. But it seems strange that these clever people did not at the time make known the fact of this "firing-out." And upon that ground I say their statements at the present time should be very lightly esteemed. Mr. Cattle heard the bells "fired round." He at once relates to Henry A. that they "fired round," and for seven years they both lock this important secret of "firing-out" in the inmost recesses of their bosoms. Mr. Hopkins was the first person in London to hear of this "firing-out." But as he knows so well the idiosyncracies of his friend Cattle, may be he thought that Cattle himself had been "firing-out" just previously, and had got into some confusion, mixing up his own calling of a fireman with that of firing as applied to ringing. Whether the peal was "fired round" or not, it is not at all creditable to either Messrs. Cattle or Hopkins to have held their peace all this time. There is one resource open to the men of Birmingham. They can abandon their claims to regard their performance as a "peal," but republish it, calling it 9000 and odd "revolutions" of the bells. This suggestion will be thoroughly understood by Messrs. Cattle and Hopkins.

Birmingham, June 21st.

FAIR PLAY.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Monday, June 13th, the Annual Meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Tonbridge, the Gravesend and Swanscombe bands travelling thither in a waggonette. Leaving Swanscombe shortly after 5.30, and journeying to Gravesend where the local band was waiting, they proceeded to Meopham, where a halt was made for a few minutes, to condole with a member of the Gravesend band who was working there and unable to accompany them. Wrotham Hill being reached, a number of them walked down the hill to enjoy the beautiful valley. Wrotham Hill, by the way, is part of a range running from Shakespeare's Cliffe, Dover, through Kent into Surrey. At Wrotham another halt was made, and two members of the Association belonging to the Ash band joined the company. A proposition to ring there was negatived by some of the Wrotham ringers, who thought the time, 7.45, too early, so it was agreed to call coming back. Travelling onward through Boro' Green to Ightham, everybody got out and walked up a steep hill, about a mile and a half long. Having reached the top of the hill, where the waggonette was waiting, a long gentle descent through avenues of trees, which threw a grateful shade, the sun by this time making his power felt, brought them to the foot of Shipbourne Hill, up which they walked into the village. Here another stop was called to give the horses breathing time, and also to wash the dust out of the ringers' throats. By the kindness of the Vicar, who is an honorary member of the Association, they were permitted to ring on the bells, and also to look over the church. The church was built in 1879 by E. Cazalet, Esq., on the site of an old one, and consists of nave, transept, and chancel, the tower being at the intersection. At the west end of the nave are stalls for the ringers, who are thus enabled to take their places without disturbing the congregation. Ascending the belfry by the spiral staircase, an attempt was made for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, but without success, so touches of that method, Bob Minor, and Grand-sire Minor, were rung to enable all to have a pull. Time being called, on they went to Tonbridge, getting there just in time to enable two

Committee-men to attend the Committee. Service being held in the church at twelve, they all attended, and then went to the old Town Hall to dine. After dinner they went to the steeple, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples with other bands, and it being very warm, it was decided to have an hour on the river. Having had that, it was time to have tea, so they took a coffee house keeper by surprise, he not expecting to have sixteen thirsty souls wanting tea at a minute's notice. But he rose to the occasion, and tea was made and drank with very little delay, as the time for starting for home was more than up. Getting away from Tonbridge at 6.30, they went to Hadlow, and the constable stationed there having been stationed at Swanscombe, he was well known, and being in sight, a stoppage occurred in order to shake hands with him. On again, through East Peckham to Mereworth, where there being a steep hill, a walk was called for, then on to Wrotham. The ringers there being assembled, thought the time 9.10 rather too late to start ringing, and the visitors thinking so as well, an adjournment was made to the "Crown and Anchor," and the handbells being brought out, a merry half hour was passed, winding up with the company rising and singing the National Anthem with heads uncovered. On getting outside, it was discovered that the waggonette had gone on to climb Wrotham hill, so all had to walk it. The freight having been made up, and the horses having had a rest at the foot and top of the hill, started off, and home was reached about 11.30, everybody being pleased with the day's outing.

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The bells of the above parish church rang merry peals on Tuesday, June 21st, to announce, as numberless other peals were doing, the joyful news of the full completion of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The first peal (only humble set changes), starting at 7 a.m., consisted of the time honoured "Queens" after rounds, and then firing fifty times. One of the band, Mr. George Cecil, taking part in the ringing, as he did for the accession and coronation of Her Majesty. On those occasions, however, George Cecil was a hale and strong little man, but fifty years having been added to his life, finds him all the worse for the toiling of the past, and while expressing himself pleased to have the opportunity of again ringing at his old parish church, stated that it would be his last time, as his strength now fails him for such exertion.

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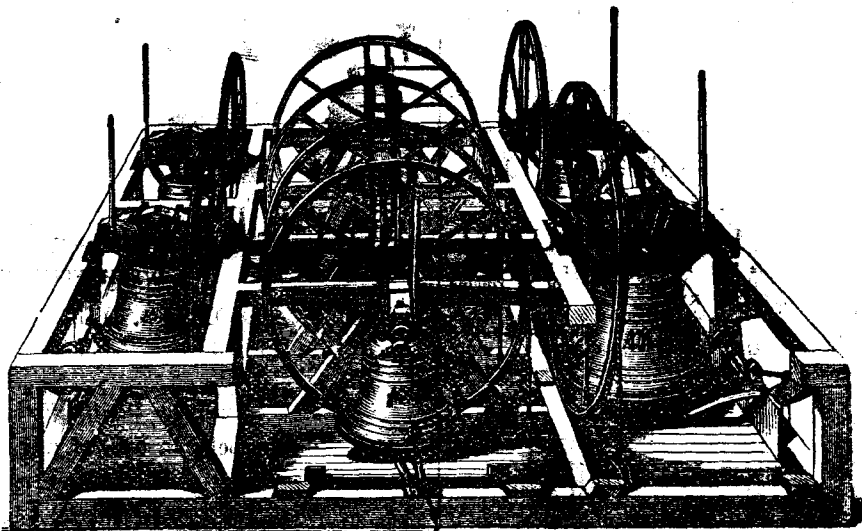
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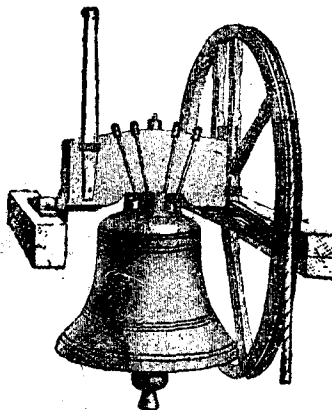
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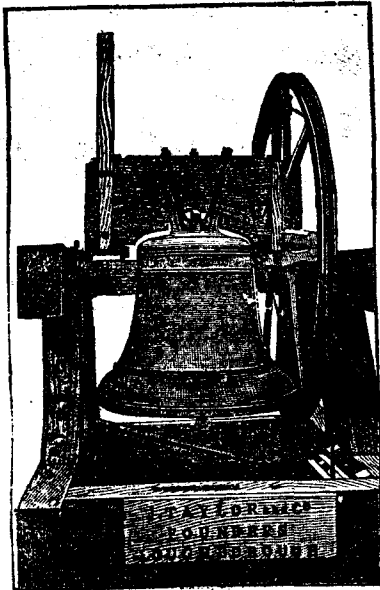
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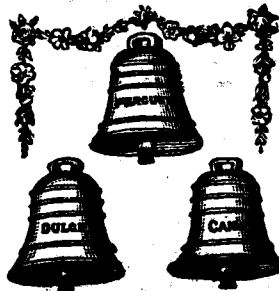
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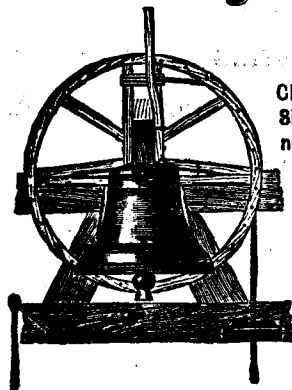
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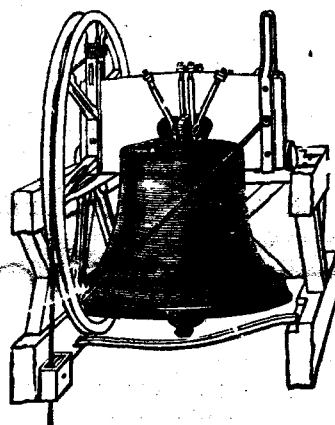
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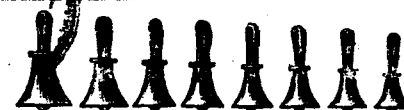
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XIII.—CONCLUSION.

In the foregoing papers is contained a full description and explanation of the new method which I have brought before the Exercise. An apology is due to the readers of these columns for the amount of valuable space that has been occupied in the minuter details of proof and composition, without which, however, a professedly exhaustive treatment of the subject would have been incomplete. Mr. Snowdon's *Treble Bob* is the only published attempt to deal thoroughly with the anatomy of a method, and the value of his mode of treatment has been so constantly brought home to me that I have endeavoured in the present papers to give, like him, the reasons for every step, although I am unable to approach his power of condensed expression. The soundness of this way of procedure cannot be disputed, for if it be argued that the deeper parts of such a subject come within the comprehension of but few, the answer is ready, that it is not necessary on their account to deprive of the fullest information those whose keener powers are sure to make them probe matters to the bottom. Till Mr. Snowdon wrote, no attempt had ever been made to bring the wonderful results of the work of successive composers within proper arithmetical laws. As a consequence of this, the writings of every previous author were surrounded, in the estimation of all but a few privileged masters of the art, with a halo of mystery, the more impenetrable that a partial explanation was generally given. Nor is the work that Mr. Snowdon began by any means completed. How few composers, for instance, in Stedman Caters or Cinques appear to have a clear comprehension of the requisite proof. Yet, although there are here certain circumstances which introduce special liability to falseness, the careful analysis of a course will bring every possibility under definite and absolute rules; and in no method is it safe, till the principles have been formulated and wholly grasped, to attempt abbreviated modes of proof.

Thus much, then, in vindication of the detailed explanations I have entered into in regard to "Duffield." As to the method itself, I do not propose again to go into an elaborate summary of its merits, for I will ask those whose interest has been aroused to once more peruse the two first articles of this series, when it will be gathered how far what was there indicated has been achieved. No other method, so far as I am aware, exists in which it is possible to keep the 6th, in addition to the bells above it, at home throughout a peal. The principle of thus making the 6th a fixed bell instead of, as in most other methods, the treble, must from a musical point of view be admitted to be sound. The beauty of continuous double dodging is likewise incontrovertible, as is also the advantage of never parting the heavy bells. It will therefore, I think, be freely conceded that the title of "A musical method" has been fairly justified; the intention being to meet a want the nature of which was fully set forth in the introductory paper. How long the method may be in becoming generally known and practised it is impossible to surmise, but I entertain no doubt that the intrinsic merits of the system will, in the present rapidly advancing state of the art, eventually bring it into notice. I should wish to be allowed again to disclaim any credit for the method as an "invention" of my own; I look upon it as the natural outcome of a careful enquiry into the defects of the even-bell systems generally. If any person with a knowledge of method building had had placed before them the four distinct conditions on which to set to work which were given in article No. II., it is most probable they would have arrived at an

exactly similar result. For this reason I feel no diffidence in speaking strongly as to the musical and other qualities, nor in forecasting the ultimate acceptance of the method.

It has been a pleasure to learn how many bands have already rung a few courses, but as this is, to a good company, a very easy task from the simplicity of the work, it is not to my mind necessarily an indication that any have taken the method up in earnest, nor do I expect that such is likely to be the case at present. In the course of the year I hope to issue these papers in cheap pamphlet form, when the whole subject will be presented in a more concrete manner, freed from the disjointedness which is inseparable from all periodical publications. I am bold enough to believe that, as in Stedman is found the perfection of odd bell ringing, so in this new method, or in some kindred variation on the same basis, will be found the most musical and pleasing even bell system possible of attainment. I now leave the result of my studies in the hands of the Exercise with all confidence that the motto of "Excelsior," which in these days of progress is the resistless mainspring of every art, will not long allow our beautiful science to lag behind its fellows, and that new ideas will freely receive such consideration as they merit.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.

ON Thursday, June 16th, a dedication service took place at the parish church. The six lower bells have been re-hung, and two upper ones added. The work has been carried out by Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, and the new bells were cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons. The bells are placed in the south tower, and the south transept has to be utilized as a ringing chamber, an arrangement which will we fear prove inconvenient alike to the ringers and congregation. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Metcalfe, and the Rev. A. Scott (curate), the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote (secretary of the Devon Guild), the Rev. A. A. Hunt, and Archdeacon Sanders, assisting, whilst the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Coleridge, of Cadbury, who chose for his text, "I will accept you saith the Lord," Ezekiel xii. 27. The preacher spoke strongly of the improvements that were taking place in belfries, and the increased interest in the bells and bell ringers, which was being taken by clergy and laity; he urged ringers to rise to the full appreciation of the sacred character of their work, and asked them to try and be like a good bell—harmonious, true, with no flaw or crack in it, and with no uncertain and faulty ring about it. A public luncheon at which the Vicar presided, was given at the Town Hall, and after the service a Jubilee touch of Grand-sire Triples, composed by Miss E. Cruwys Sharland, of Rose Bank, Tiverton, was rung by members of the Tiverton branch of the Devon Guild. J. Grater, jun., 1; E. Munday (conductor), 2; T. Harvey, 3; R. Grater, jun., 4; L. Mackenzie, 5; J. Grater, 6; J. Babbage, 7; S. Hoare, 8. Several shorter touches were also rung, the weather proving too hot for any attempt at a peal. Some touches of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells on the vicarage lawn, where the Tiverton ringers were hospitably entertained by the Vicar. We hope before long to hear that a change-ringing society has been started in Ottery, and with such a peal of bells much pleasure to ringers and inhabitants will be sure to follow.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ON Jubilee day, June 21st, the ringers of the above church met in the tower at 7 a.m., to send their share of national joy from the bells of the above church with short touches of Grand-sire, etc., and firing. There was also a special service at 11 o'clock a.m. Dinner was also provided for nearly 400 of the aged of the parish, also tea for the school children, who were also presented with a Jubilee medal. The old folks were on their leaving the schools presented with a beautiful Jubilee plate. The ringers were not forgotten by the churchwardens; breakfast, dinner, and other refreshments were provided by them throughout the day. During the dinner of the aged, the band rang a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1260 changes). *H. Mills, 1; S. Jesson, 2; *E. Goodreads, 3; W. R. Small, 4; *A. Hill, 5; W. Pardoe, 6; G. Hughes (conductor), 7; *B. Starkey, 8. The above are all members of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The bells are now in good ringing order, they having been put in proper condition, with new gudgeons and brasses, and other repairs requisite, by the newly appointed tower-keeper, Mr. W. R. Small. The band would be pleased with a visit from any brother string. Practice night on Monday, 7.30 p.m. *Longest touch of Grand-sire.

A CURIOUS PEAL, OR RING OF BELLS.

THE city of Catania, a large seaport in the island of Sicily, lies at the foot of Mount Etna, at a distance of fifteen miles from the central crater of the huge volcano; being over two miles (10880 feet) high, and of nearly a regular slope from its summit to its foot resting on the sea, the apex of the cone appears to be much nearer when viewed from the city, than it really is, and at the times of active eruptions presents a grand and sublime, but withal a very terrifying spectacle to the inhabitants.

History records the destruction, or partial destruction of Catania by its overwhelming neighbour no less than fourteen times; at the present day many of its streets indeed are cut through solid lava to a depth of twenty to thirty feet, and the houses built on the rock and approached by stairs cut out of the lava, while the sea coast to the north is in many places, sheer, black horrid rocks of the all pervading material.

But the Catanians revenge themselves upon their dead and cold enemy, by quarrying and cutting him into shapely blocks, and trampling on him, or building their prisons, palaces for princes, and hovels for the lazzaroni; a massive breakwater to the harbour is in course of construction, and three thousand years ago the Grecians, who then held the eastern parts of Sicily, built them a modest theatre, capable of seating thirty-two thousand spectators, all of lava. But in the latter case the luxurious Hellenes coated, as was their custom (the shoddy and speculative builder being then unknown), the entire structure of the auditorium with slabs of many-hued marbles of Sicily, about one and a half inches in thickness.

About one-eighth of the circle of this enormous amphitheatre is still in excellent preservation, containing fragments of the great chair or throne sacred to the use of the governor of the province or city. The massive staircase and arched galleries that provided means of entrance to the auditorium, lesser galleries built on an inclination instead of with steps, for the use of the attendants and fighting beasts, aqueducts which conveyed, and still convey the cold, clear, mountain streams from Etna into and through the arena, and so to the sea, all stand as clear cut as on the day the mason placed them, for lava suffers nothing from the atmosphere in thousands of years.

The Cathedral of St. Agatha, too, is built upon the remains of a Greek temple dedicated to Bacchus. Descending a steep lava staircase immediately under the western porch, the visitor finds himself, by the aid of lantern, surrounded by cyclopean Græco-Romano masonry, many of the huge blocks of lava being of several tons weight each, and as far as can be seen, built without mortar, but exquisitely jointed. Especially noticeable are the semi-circular arches of about seven feet span, and three or four feet through, each arch being composed of but five blocks of suitable shape. In places, a frieze in basso-relievo, the figures about twenty-five inches high, representing the worship of the wine-God, is still very visible, showing the indestructible nature of the material. A clear cold stream from Etna's snowy sides runs through this, now, crypt, and there are remains of baths, one indeed being nearly perfect as the day whereas in it laved and purified his body, the last priest of the temple, previous to administering the rites of the rosy God, who was, doubtless, the remote ancestor of Sir Wilfrid.

Preserved too as mementos of those shadowy times, are sarcophagi baths, and querns or corn-mills, some of the latter very large, with a square socket cut deep in the running stone, for a wooden shaft or spindle to be driven by oxen; others, small affairs, suited to the strength of the women whose task it would be to grind the corn for the day's supply of bread to the household; the last have the running stone and handles, by which to grasp it, all cut out of one solid block of lava. The excessively hard nature of the material, combined with its extreme porosity, rendered it eminently fit for grinding purposes.

But, says Campanalogius, what has all this stuff to do with bells? Don't be impatient, my friend, the course end will turn up all right, presently.

As I said before, Catania has been many time a heavy sufferer from the effects of molten lava, and a few of these little fiascoes have occurred since the Roman see held sway in Sicily. As you know, Campanalogius, or should know, if you read your "Bell News" regularly (I

mean buy it and read it, not borrow it and skim it, and so miss all the interesting bits), bells, or at least Church bells, were invented by Paulinus, Bishop of Campagna, about the eighth century, and it was quickly discovered that the ringing of bells was a powerful means of averting evil, that is, provided the threatened party duly paid the fees, a scale of which, graduated to suit smaller and greater calamities, was drawn up by a clever and aspiring lay brother (he eventually obtained the hat), who was serving as clerk in the Roman treasury.

Of course, the first time that Father Etna began kicking up a dust, and belching forth rivers of molten lava, the new remedy was tried, but with a by no means remarkable amount of success, as some 22000 people, with a corresponding amount of houses and lands, were destroyed upon this occasion. Still there was something to show as of the City Fathers who had actually paid the fees (out of the coal and wine dues), not one had suffered in person, although several of them whose property lay in the tract of the fiery streams had lost heavily in real estate.

After a time it was found that the efficacy of the remedy bore a certain fixed ratio to the rapidity with which the bells were rung; now as it is obvious that large bells cannot be rung very quickly, it was a fortunate as well as curious coincidence when it was discovered that the size of the bells was a matter of no moment whatever.

As no College Youths who could ring peals, two in hand, without calls, or Cumberlands who could ring Stedman four in hand, or even a solitary Keeble to knock about six in hand existed in those times, some other method of rapid manipulation had to be sought, and as it has ever been in the world's history that the occasion produced the man, so now a genius stepped forth from the ranks of mediocrity, and put no less than sixteen bells, of three or four inches diameter, upon the periphery of a wheel with the mouths extended outwards; then a spindle through the centre of the wheel, and a crank handle at one end of the spindle, with gudgeons to run in, behold a machine capable of striking sixteen hundred blows a minute, without any very great exertion upon the part of the conductor (and ringers), of the peal, surely enough, one would suppose, to stop the mightiest stream of lava that old Etna could pour forth.

The scale of fees was now re-constructed (and considerably enhanced), and the next eruption awaited with the calm fortitude of conscious power. It came, and a strong armed, but rather thick headed brother (he was only a tenor man), who could be trusted to stick to his post, was told off to perform on the crank, while the rest of the brethren busied themselves packing up all the portable property, in view of possible eventualities.

It was very unfortunate that the inventor of the wheel, or ring of bells, was but a self-taught genius, had he gone through the curriculum of the Crystal Palace school of Engineering, or been sufficiently advanced after he had passed the fifth standard, to have obtained a Whitworth Scholarship, he would have been acquainted with the laws of centrifugal force; which force acting upon the clappers of the bells, the faster the wheel was rotated, the more impossible it became for them to strike a single blow. The terror of the faithful but thick-headed brother intensified as the lava approached, and he strained every muscle and nerve to get some sound out of his machine, but it was not until the molten mass had nearly engulfed him that he dropped the crank and ran for his life, and then the bells as they gradually decreased in speed, struck a few blows.

The stream of lava was nearly cold, and as the building was situated on the edge of a deep valley, the destruction was stayed within a few yards of the ring of bells. Full credit was claimed for the stoppage, but a council was called to devise means to cause the bells to strike, be they revolved never so fast.

It has been shown by the historians, that Catania is the "besieged city of Æsop's writings, writings that were for many ages erroneously supposed to be mere fables. Richard Porson showed conclusively, after spending five consecutive days and nights in a Fleet Street tavern, that the Greek in the original does not justify the vulgar translation of "cobbler," as applied to the patriotic individual, who is responsible for the axiom that "there is nothing like leather"; on the contrary, this gentleman was in a large way of business as a currier and leather

manufacturer, with a branch establishment at Bermondsey, and at the time of which I am now writing, a descendant still carried on the business. His tanyards lying in the southern suburbs had escaped damage, but as several thousands of people had been swallowed up, naturally a disturbance of trade resulted.

Having large stocks of leather on hand, and having in his mind his ancestor's lucky *coup* on the market when he succeeded in obtaining the contract to preserve the city walls from a tanning by covering them with his wares, he cudgelled his brains for a scheme to enable him to work his goods into the saving business. He at length conceived the idea of a sort of wreath or circular brush of leather, composed of a quantity of strips, the ends of which overhang and pointed to the centre, and of such a diameter that the ends just touched the bells as they revolved, thus causing every bell to strike an infinite number of blows in the course of one revolution. It would require an extended multiplication table to show how many blows to the minute could be struck, with the crank in the hands of an energetic ringer, one like F. E. Dawe, or Samuel Wood, for example.

There are no records existing of the actual amount of benefit obtained by this now perfected machine, but good reasons are extant for computing it to be at least equal in extent to that which has been gained by the use of the Hindoo praying cylinder.

However, new inventions continually thrust aside those of an earlier age, and during the last eruption, that of May 1886, a picture, or image of the Virgin Mary, was successfully made use of to divert the lava stream that was threatening to overwhelm the town of Nicolosi, situated some miles higher up the mountain side. Of course no stream of lava, of well regulated mind, would injure the likeness of a lady, be it a picture or image, whereas it might allow its native hot temper to so far get the better of it as to totally ignore the ring of bells.

Be that as it may, every church, chapel, and monastery, in and around Catania, contains just such a peal as I have tried to describe to you, used now I believe at certain portions of the regular services.

There you are, Campanalogus, there is the connection between lava and bells, that you were worrying about, and I hope you are satisfied. If not, I can't help it; it is much too hot here to try to write sense; sense requires a prodigious effort, rarely effective, while nonsense comes naturally forth. When the weather gets cooler, I will perhaps tell you something about some of the big bells of

TRINACRIA.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The fifth anniversary of this society was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. About fifty members were present from all parts of South Staffordshire. The steeples of the Cathedral, St. Mary's, and St. Michael's, were open, and various touches were rung during the afternoon and evening. Subscriptions were paid, and the Committee Meeting was held in the Cathedral belfry at 4 p.m. A special service was conducted in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 p.m., by the Rev. Prebendary Scott, who gave an address to the ringers. Tea was served in the Coffee House at six, after which the General Meeting was held, the Rev. J. R. Keble taking the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the President, Archdeacon Iles. The report and balance-sheet were read and approved, and the Rev. C. H. Joberns was re-elected Hon. Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Rev. J. R. Keble and Mr. S. Reeves were re-elected Hon. Secretaries. Members of the society have rung during the past year two peals of Grandsire Caters, two of Stedman Triples, seven of Grandsire Triples, and twenty-five peals of Minor in eight various methods. The next meeting will be held at Tipton on October 1st.

RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT HARKSTED.

On Sunday, June 19th, the bells of this rural village were re-opened after having been rehung with new stocks, wheels, and gun-metal bearings, and put in good ringing order in memory of the Queen's Jubilee, the work being entrusted to Mr. H. Bowell, of Ipswich. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired the local company being the first to handle the ropes. On Sunday, five members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society paid a visit to have a pull and hear the bells which four of the company had never heard before, and rang several 120's of Doubles. W. Lines, 1; H. Bowell, 2; I. Alexander, 3; J. Motts, 4; W. Motts, 5. Tenor 10 cwt.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.

The following additional letters have appeared in a local paper relative to the silence of the bells, mentioned in our issue of the 18th:—

"THE CHURCH BELLS.—Mr. Editor, Sir,—I can't agree with what Captain Preston says about the ringers being volunteers. We all know the handsome way in which the ringers are treated, and I think that the ringers ought to be on a level with them. No one would think of an organ blower, or the church cleaner, or the organist doing their work for nothing, and why should the ringers any more than these. If one is to believe one's ears, however, there are signs of the breach being healed. I for one hope that this may be the case and that the men will be well paid, as they richly deserve.—Yours truly, SUBSCRIBER."

"OUR SILENT BELLS.—To the Editor, Sir,—As I am the only person who has taken an active part in ringing the Church Bells of Gargrave, from the time they were first made a ring of six, I feel entitled to say a word on this subject. At the outset allow me to tender my thanks to your correspondent 'Subscriber' for first addressing you on the subject, and both to him and Captain Preston for their kind expressions concerning myself, though in any glory there may be my comrades in the work have an equal share with me. Of course we all sympathise with the churchwardens on the question of Church finance, but with that we have nothing to do further than to remark that, as in this case, so in ours, the vicar is the only one who has stood by us from first to last. Captain Preston says, 'The ringers were the people who, when we had only six bells, grumbled that they were unable to keep up with the ringers of other churches, and when it was said that the ringing of the bells could not be kept up, and that the ringers, when the novelty ceased, would allow them to fall into disuse, the very idea was scouted.' Now the ringers can't accept the 'grumbled,' but are quite ready to admit that they were first to moot the idea of the bells being increased to eight, and in doing so they consider they have nothing to be ashamed of, but rather the reverse. And so far as novelty is concerned I contend that the ringers are the very persons with whom the novelty has not ceased, for, during the first few years we were frequently visited in the belfry by some one or other of the principal residents, and these visits were conducive of very good results. This however, has all ceased, and we have been left to fight our way as best we could. Nobody has come near us with a word of encouragement or advice, and had the novelty not remained, I think there would have been nothing worth fighting for. By the sentence I have quoted I take it that Captain Preston means one of two things,—either (1) that if we had at present only six bells they would be rung voluntarily; or (2) that if we had at present only six bells the churchwardens would be willing to pay for the ringing of them. Now suppose it is to be the former, is there any guarantee that this would be the case? or if the latter, is it at all likely that they would be rung for less than £12? Beside all this the ringers have many things to complain of beside the "hitch" alluded to, but as these have already been pretty well aired *privately* they need not be mentioned here. I am, however, strongly in favour of the machine and its attendant independence, though I doubt whether volunteers could be found for that. In conclusion, allow me to say that if the churchwardens had met the ringers as they were requested, to talk the matter over (and however short of funds they were that need have cost them nothing), I doubt not an arrangement would have been come to, and this (so-called) strike, and the consequent silence of the bells would not have been heard of, for I assure you, sir, that throughout the affair we have been totally misunderstood. I may just add that this letter is not written in any offensive spirit. I trust, sir, you will find a corner for it in your pages, and believe me to remain, respectfully yours, J. McKELL.—Gargrave, June 14th."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

May I ask those members of the above Association whose subscriptions for the year 1886-7 ending at Whitsuntide last are still in arrear, to forward the same *at once*, if they wish to continue their membership. Circulars to this effect have already been sent to them, but have apparently not reached their destination. The subscription for the current year 1887-8 became payable (see rule vii.) on Whit-Monday last.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

WISHFORD, WILTS.

A new fourth bell is being hung in Wishford tower by Mr. T. Blackburn, who is repairing the fittings of the rest of the peal. The new bell was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and is inscribed "The Jubilee Year of the Queen's reign, V.R., 1887." The other bells were cast by James Burrough, of Devizes, in 1751. The tenor is inscribed "Finis coronat opus."

WOBURN, BEDS.—DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT OF
ROUND-RINGERS.

[Communicated.]

Ever since the introduction of scientific change-ringing was made in Woburn in 1865, there has been on the part of a few individuals, some hostile feeling shown to the practitioners of the noble art, and on several occasions this hostility has been openly manifested by mean and petty acts of annoyance, such as removal of stays, sanding the gudgeons, etc. The local company of change-ringers met on the evening of the 20th (Jubilee Eve), and after a short practice, made arrangements for the morrow's ringing to commence at eight o'clock in the morning, and leaving the bells up. About four o'clock in the morning, a ladder was procured and the window of the belfry forced, and six persons commenced bad rounds for about half an hour, leaving the bells up and sneaking away. Just after eight o'clock on the morning of the Jubilee day, the local company ascended the tower and struck a well executed touch of 352 of Bob Major, but after the dirty trick of the morning, rang again no more on that day. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, rector of Milton Bryan, very kindly congratulated Mr. C. Herbert upon the success that had attended his efforts to promote change-ringing in the county of Bedford, and assured him that he would stand by him in the cause. Mr. W. Chibnall and other ringers of Aspley Guise, near by, also accompanied the change-ringers to the tower, and strongly protesting against the mean and petty harassing tricks of idle men, devised only for the purpose of hindering the good work which was progressing, declared their intention of supporting the practice of change-ringing in the neighbourhood. Strange it is that these round-ringers should say how much they like ringing, when they are *never* seen at the tower on a practice night, and although repeatedly implored to come and join like men, they never turn up, and should the company lack one of the required number to make eight, they would delight in keeping aloof, however much pressed to take part. There is no doubt but that the progress made in change-ringing in the neighbourhood, by members of the Bedfordshire Association has again revived the old jealousy with which its introduction was met some twenty years ago, and Mr. Herbert being the Hon. Secretary of the Association, is singled out for petty personal annoyance. Mr. Thomas North, F.S.A., in his work on "The Church Bells of Bedfordshire," says at page 32:

"In 1801 we find a record of the society of College Youths ringing 5040 of Grandsire Triples at Leighton Buzzard, but it is evident that the love of change-ringing had then waned in Bedfordshire. Since that time, and until quite recently, the bells of the county—speaking generally—have been much and sadly neglected. Many of the rings have been allowed to fall into a deplorably dilapidated condition. But, as it may be accepted as an axiom that whenever real ringing is unknown, dirt and neglect of all matters connected with the bells and belfry reign supreme, it is satisfactory to know that a Bedfordshire Association of change-ringers has recently been formed. It has been originated mainly by the exertions of Mr. Charles Herbert, of Woburn, who has spared neither time or energy in endeavouring to bring about a better state of things in the belfries of his county. Being himself an enthusiastic ringer, he has imbued others with a love for bell music, and also by inculcating the proper use of bells as ornaments of the Church, he has enlisted—as he well deserves to do—the sympathy and co-operation of very many of the clergy and gentry of Bedfordshire in the welfare of the new society, which will, it is hoped, be the means of reviving that love for change-ringing which we have seen was so well understood here two hundred years ago." Comment is needless.

THE JUBILEE DAY AT SALISBURY.

During this day the bells at St. Thomas, St. Martin's, St. Edmund, and St. Paul's, were rung, and the ringers dined at the public dinner in the Market Place. After the first pull at St. Thomas's at 6.30 a.m., the following members of the city company were photographed in a group outside the tower: Messrs. T. Blackburn, C. A. Clement, J. R. Jerram, W. M. Lush, C. Gaisford, G. Devonport, W. Higham, and J. Short, of St. Thomas's; and Messrs. W. W. Gifford, W. E. Tyde-man, H. D. Adams, and A. W. Barquis, of St. Martin's. The photo is a very good one, and was taken by Messrs. Witcomb and Co., Catherine Street. An attempt at a peal of Grandsire Triples was made at St. Martin's on Tuesday, June 21st. It proved abortive after ringing nearly half of it.

OPENING OF THE JUBILEE BELLS AT ST.
SAVIOUR'S, BACUP.

The above bells were formally opened on Monday, June 20th. They were set in full swing a little before nine o'clock by the Christ Church ringers, who rang several touches on them. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Hardman, 2; Z. Lord, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6; A. White, 7; W. Ormerod, 8. The dedication service was commenced at 9.30, the preacher being the Rev. H. W. Jones, of Ramsbottom. Immediately after the service, the Newchurch company entered the belfry, and rang 504 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part peal. G. Pickup (conductor), 1; G. Harrison, 2; H. Nutter (Ramsbottom), 3; T. N. Pickup, 4; G. B. Taylor, 5; G. Lord, 6; J. L. Stott, 7; J. Kershaw, 8. Then followed the ringers from Waterfoot Church, who rang 720 of Plain Bob. G. Bolton (conductor), 1; W. Maden, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; G. E. Whittaker, 5; W. Whittaker, 6. The ringers were then entertained by the churchwardens to a first-class dinner, over thirty partaking of the things provided. After dinner, the ringers returned to the belfry and rang Taylor's bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), which was recorded in our last week's issue. After the ringing of this peal, the ringers adjourned to the "George Inn," where a jovial evening was spent, the chair being taken by James Ashworth, and the vice-chair by Mr. W. Mitchell. Songs and recitations were given by those present, and selections were played upon the handbells. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. G. Oliver, the bell-hanger, and to the Churchwardens, and bell committee. Great praise has been bestowed on Mr. Oliver for the manner in which he has carried out the work, by the various ringers from different parts of the neighbourhood, and they are described by the ringers as being well hung, and of good tone. The bells will be rung to-morrow, when a special sermon will be preached by the Vicar.

QUINTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Her Majesty's Jubilee was celebrated here in true old English fashion. Months ago the landowners of the district had determined that the bells of the parish church, which had so long been in an unpealable condition, should undergo a complete restoration, and lend their aid in the general rejoicing and celebration of this auspicious event. The services of a band of skilled ringers under the leadership of that well-known conductor, H. Bastable, were obtained from Birmingham by Mr. T. C. Hiatt, of Upper Quinton, and in order that the day's ringing might start early, they took up their quarters in Quinton the night previously. At early dawn the village was astir, and the ringers after a quiet walk in the fresh morning air, and viewing the roasting of a fine young ox, with other preparations for the day's feasting, at the stroke of six once more gladdened the ears of the inhabitants by the sound of their beloved bells. Ringing for service and at short intervals took place throughout the day, and besides bringing round two 720's, which will be found in our miscellaneous column, the ringers performed several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, touches of Plain and Treble Bob Minor, with the usual amount of firing, rounds, and cross changes. The ringers feel that they cannot speak too highly of the liberal hospitality extended to them by Mr. T. C. Hiatt, and the parishioners generally. Their every comfort was evidently most carefully studied, and they will ever look back to their entertainment at Quinton as one of their most pleasurable experiences. It may be mentioned that the work of restoration, which included an entirely new frame, new fittings, and re-tuning, has been carried out by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, in such a thorough manner as to make the bells in every way an easily handled and enjoyable ring of six.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, June 21st, the Queen's Jubilee was celebrated in a right royal fashion by the ringers. The bells having been raised in peal at 6 a.m. the local company rang short touches of Grandsire Triples until eight o'clock, and then a service was held. A 5040 was started for, but something being wrong with the tenor it came to grief after 1800 changes had been rung, in 1 hr. 6 m. ns. John Goodman, 1; David Bruce, 2; William Mills, 3; Samuel Bunn, 4; William Johnson, 5; Robert Schofield (conductor), 6; Joseph Devenport, 7; Albert Screen and John Flavell, 8. Tenor 19 cwt 3 qrs. Mr. William Johnson is instructor to this company, and hails from Darlaston.

* * The publication of several reports, which arrived late, are unavoidably postponed till next week.

A JUBILEE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

2600.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2 1 3 4 6 5 7 8

2 1 3 4 6 5 7 8 Start into changes
 1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8 at hand stroke.
 2 1 4 3 6 5 7 8 These eight changes make the first treble lead.
 2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
 1 2 3 4 6 5 7 8
 2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8
 1 2 4 3 6 5 7 8
 1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

M. B. W. H.

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

This touch contains 2600 changes, being the number of weeks the Queen has reigned on her Jubilee day.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chatterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

This peal has the 5th and 6th each twelve times wrong and 24 times right.

Rung at Manchester Cathedral, on April 16th, 1887.
 Conducted by A. Ed. Wrecks.

DATE TOUCH OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

1887.

By WILLIAM WALMSLEY, *Macclesfield*.

2 4 3 5 6 1 4 5 6

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

* 2 4 3 6 5 8 7. Produced by a bob at 1, and a single at 5, rounds coming up at the 79th change from this.

This touch has the 5th and 6th respectively eight and sixteen times wrong, the second never in 5-6.

As will be seen 3-4 lie still on going off.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1260.

By A. J. PERKINS, *Romford*.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Twice repeated.

Has the twelve 6-7's, Whittingtons, Queen's, and Tittums.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5080.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

B 2 4 5 3 6 1 2
 2 5 3 4 6 1 2
 4 3 5 2 6 2 2
 6 2 5 3 4 1 1
 3 5 2 6 4 2 2
 5 4 2 6 3 1 2
 4 3 2 6 5 1 2
 3 4 5 6 2 2 2
 6 5 4 3 2 2 2
 5 4 3 2 6 1 1

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

5040.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

* Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

This peal has the 5th the extent in 5-6, and the 4th and 6th each six times each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5280.

By J. MOTTS, *Ipswich*.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

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

This part five times repeated, with a single called at 11 in the 27th course and the 54th course will produce rounds.

This peal contains the 5th twelve times wrong and eighteen times home at the course end. Also the six twelve times wrong and right.

A DATE TOUCH OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR.

1887.

Taken from Hubbard's *Campanalogia*, pp. 69 1876 edition.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

From which 5 6 7 8 4 3 2
 6 8 3 2 5 4 7
 6 8 2 4 3 7 5
 6 1 4 7 2 5 3

Round at hand at five leads.

For 1888 date touch: let 3-4 lie still at going off, use the same calling as for 1887 for fifteen courses as above, which will produce:—

3 5 2 6 4

From which 7 8 4 2 6 3 5
 7 8 2 3 4 5 6
 7 8 3 5 2 6 4
 7 8 5 6 3 4 2

Round at four leads.

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES.

5004.

By G. LINDOFF.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Five times repeated. Single at the 3rd and 6th part-ends.

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J. W. ROWBOTHAM.—We think such an explanation hardly necessary.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1887.

THE discussion about the Birmingham long peal of Stedman Cinques after such a long interval becomes painful in the extreme. Whether the writer of the letter casting doubt upon its authenticity was anxious to immortalise his name, or to gain an unenviable notoriety, we know not, but whatever object he had in view, we think he may be complimented upon the acquisition of the latter possession. The letter from three gentlemen who took part in the peal, which appears in this number of "THE BELL NEWS," will doubtless be considered satisfactory and conclusive by the Exercise at large.

The right of criticism upon any ringing performance is not to be questioned, but it is absolutely necessary that such right should be exercised only at a proper and reasonable time. And seven years and upwards is rather beyond the period which is considered reasonable for a discovery of the truth or falsehood of any performance. It would be a pertinent question to ask of Mr. Cattle why all this time he kept quiet the allegations he now makes. As a writer plainly hinted, there must be some reason for this. The question is one which ought to be answered without any reserve or equivocation. Until he assigns the real reason for his long silence, his action in the matter will appear something very like contemptible, and whether the peal is worth anything or not, his position will not be materially altered.

These attempts to blacken and destroy the prestige of good performances cannot be too greatly discouraged by ringers. Let us have criticism as sharp and acute as possible, and when it is necessary to speak the truth, even at the sacrifice of a lengthy performance, let the truth be uttered. But it should be uttered at the time, and questioned in the light and by the aid of the memory when green and fresh. There is no trouble to do this; no complicated mode to be adopted with reference to the

publication of any such criticisms. The doings of the Exercise are circulated week by week through every quarter of the globe, and full opportunity to its youngest member to ventilate his grievances and his opinions is given. There is not, so far as we can see, the least shred of an excuse for this charge against the Birmingham peal being nursed so long. A limit must be placed upon such gossiping statements, or else the spirit of envy or bitterness, or something worse, will be able at any period to invent statements inimical to other performances which we at the present time regard as clever, and depend upon their genuineness.

This week Mr. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD completes those chapters which for several weeks have interested our readers, and what may be considered his valedictory address on "DUFFIELD" may be read in another column. We do not think that any apology is due from him on account of the space in this journal which his observations have occupied; in fact our readers will rejoice that the subject under treatment has been dealt with in such a lucid manner. Those who prefer not to practise the method will not be able to plead ignorance of its principles unless it be they who never by any means purchase a copy of this paper, and are content to remain ignorant of all ringing matters which are going on around them. The author of "Duffield" has in his treatment of the subject brought several important facts prominently before the Exercise, and has also exposed more than one favored error which has hitherto been adhered to tenaciously. By his researches we find the sixth bell divested of a certain amount of power which in the minds of many composers it has always enjoyed. Thus we learn that that bell "her extent wrong and right," ought not to be regarded always as a *sine qua non* of musical composition, but in many instances the reverse. Mr. HEYWOOD is evidently well acquainted with what is known in music as counterpoint and harmony, and this knowledge has enabled him to give in his papers the best lessons we have ever read or heard upon musical composition as applied to the construction of peals. It is with satisfaction we read that the talented author intends to re-issue his remarks in pamphlet form, and as we have been interrogated more than once as to the possibility of such a determination on his part, we are pleased to find that the wishes of our readers in this respect will be fulfilled. We hope Mr. HEYWOOD will not yet be content to lay down his pen. But while we give vent to such a hope, it ought to be borne in mind that such work is not of a light or easy character. To perform the task effectually demands time and patience, not always to be secured. And this perhaps is the chief cause why we are not not treated oftener to a knowledge of the researches of those gentlemen who, like Mr. HEYWOOD, have now and again taught and interested us.

The Metropolis.

PUTNEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 25, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL†..Treble.	HENRY R. NEWTON.. .. 5.
HENRY LANGDON 2.	RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD* .. 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER 7.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN.. 4.	SAMUEL HOW .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. Mr. Newton's first peal in the method.

The Provinces.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES: IN SIXTEEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON FIVE BELLS.

Calender, Penelope, Place, Hudibras, Dream, St. Simon's, Stedman's Slow Course, Antelope, St. Clements, Canterbury, St. Dunstan's, New Doubles, Sunshine, Hempstead Delight, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

ALFRED BARKER.. ..Treble.	JOHN T. BARKER 3.
HENRY GOWERS 2.	EDWARD HYNDY 4.
EDWARD CLAYDON.. .. ..	.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD CLAYDON.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

Jubilee Peal.

On Monday, June 27, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON .. ..Treble.	HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 6.
EVAN MORETON 2.	GEORGE HINGLEY 7.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	ALFRED ROBINSON 8.
JOHN HOWE 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 9.
WILLIAM HICKLING .. 5.	JOHN SEAL .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This is the first peal on the bells since the addition of the two trebles, and the first in the method by all but the conductor.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, July 9th, 1887, at Chapel-en-le-Frith. The draw for priority of ringing in the cup competition will take place at the house of Mr. Joseph Thornhill, "Bull's Head" Inn, at 10.30 a.m., where the committee will sit. The first company to enter the tower at 11.30 a.m.

Dinner will be provided at the above house at 5.0 p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each, when ringing will cease for an hour. Those intending being present at dinner must signify the same, on or before Thursday, July 7th, to Mr. George Ford, Terrace Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Members are requested to note that the levy of 1s. per member is due, and the president and secretary will attend in the committee room to receive same, also back subscriptions and entrance fees of new members.

JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

I would remind all members of the above Association who have not yet paid their subscription for this year to do so before the 31st of July next, or they will cease to be members and their names will be consequently struck off the roll. I would ask those who have taken part in ringing peals since August 1st last, will kindly see they are sent in at once in order that they may be entered in our next report.

W. WHITAKER Hon. Sec.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in Eb.

JAMES KAY .. ..Treble.	JOHN HARRISON 5.
ALBERT SCHOFIELD 2.	FRANK BIRTWISTLE 6.
JOHN MILLETT 3.	GEORGE HOYLE 7.
C. J. BUTTERWORTH.. .. 4.	W. R. BARRETT .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BIRTWISTLE.

Messrs. Hoyle and Birtwistle hail from Rochdale; G. J. Butterworth from Durham, who is a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and was elected a member of the above previous to starting for the peal. The rest of the company belong to Heywood.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, June 25th, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. D. TAYLOR, Esq. ....Treble.	S. SMITH 5.
C. SMITH 2.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. 6.
G. DRAYCOTT 3.	W. BIRKINSHAW 7.
J. HARDY 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. ....Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by

J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., Esq.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ..Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
FREDERICK FIELD 2.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, Esq. .. 6.
BENJAMIN BARRETT 3.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD.. .. 7.
THOMAS SHORT 4.	JESSE AVERY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal of Stedman ever rung in Cambridge, although the birthplace of the author of this beautiful method.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BRIGHTON BRANCH.)

Birthday Peal.

On Wednesday, June 29th, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN JAY .. ..Treble.	GEORGE F. ATTREE.. .. 5.
CHARLES TYLER 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER* .. 3.	HARRY WESTON 7.
JOHN REILLY 4.	HORACE CORNWALL.. ..Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned).

*First peal with a bob bell. The above peal was rung in honour of the 50th birthday of C. E. Kemp, Esq., through whose instrumentality the peal of five bells was augmented to a peal of eight as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at Birmingham. The tower of St. Philip's (ten bells), will be open during the afternoon. Business meeting to be held at the "White Swan Hotel," Edmund Street, at six o'clock. Members are particularly requested to attend this meeting as important business will be transacted.

King's Health.

JOHN WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

Date Touches.

DISS (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, June 12th, on handbells retained in hand, a date touch of Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins. E. Hayward, 1-2; E. Broom, 3-4; J. Souther (conductor), 5-6; J. Rudd, 7-8. This is the longest touch ever rung on handbells by the Diss company. The above touch was composed by B. Francis.

LEEDS (Yorkshire).—On Monday evening, June 20th, the St Peter's Society announced to the inhabitants of the town the commencement of the Jubilee festivities at the parish church, by firing, Queens' Tittums, etc., and closed the days' ringing with a well-struck date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 1 hr. and 20 mins. T. Lockwood (composer and conductor), 1; W. Pawson, 2; H. Hubbard, 3; J. Hutchinson, 4; W. Walker, 5; J. Woodhead, 6; H. W. Needham, 7; T. West, 8; R. Binns, 9; G. Fothergill, 10. Also on Tuesday morning, June 21st, ringing commenced at 6 a.m. prompt, with fifty fires exact, and a few minutes of rounds and other merry call changes. Six courses of Stedman Cinques were then rung. T. Lockwood (conductor), 1; H. Hubbard, 2; J. Hutchinson, 3; W. Pawson, 4; H. Lockwood, 5; P. Snowden, 6; W. Walker, 7; J. Woodhead, 8; H. W. Needham, 9; T. West, 10; R. Binns, 11; George Fothergill, 12. Tenor 36 cwt. The twelve bells were rung at intervals during the day, and concluded with firing, etc. at a late hour at night.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, June 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; H. Ellis, 3; W. B. Lloyd, 4; W. Ellis, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; J. Pilkington, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, June 16th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. T. McLaughlin 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also on Monday, June 27th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Sunday morning, May 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Smith, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 360 of Double Court. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; E. Lewin, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday morning, June 21st, being the Queen's Jubilee, a 720 of College Single in 22 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; E. Lewin, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, June 26th, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Bob in 22 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; W. Chibnall, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.—On Wednesday evening, May 15th, for practice at the parish church, 360 of College Single. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

WOBURN.—On Monday evening, May 13th, for practice at the parish church, 352 of Bob Major. W. Smith, 1; W. Mynard, 2; A. Morrison, 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. E. Turney, 5; J. Carwell-Cooke, 6; M. Lane, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. And on Monday evening, June 27th, for practice, 360 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Mynard, 1; C. Herbert, 2; M. Lane, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, at Christ Church, a 720 of Oxford Bob. R. Smith, 1; W. Wilkinson, 2; F. J. Pattison, 3; A. Sharpe, 4; W. Holmes, 5; R. Oliver, 6. And on Thursday 26th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, it be the first 720 in the method by all. W. Wilkinson, 1; F. J. Pattison, 2; W. Holmes, 3; A. Sharpe, 4; R. Heron, 5; R. Oliver, 6.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Jubilee day, Tuesday, June 21st, at St. Hilda's church, four parts of Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins. And an attempt was made to ring a half peal of the same, but failed after ringing 2492 changes in 1 hr. 22 mins. R. Hopper, 1; John Moffitt, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. R. Wheldon, 4; James Moffitt, 5; J. T. Gibson, 6; Jos. Hopper, 7; J. Crawford, 8. Conducted by John Moffitt. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Jubilee Day, June 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and 336 of Grandsire Triples. The following took part in the ringing. J. Brown, G. L. Richardson, R. Mackman, C. Neaverson, J. W. Jarvis, R. Jarvis, E. Jarvis, G. Skeef, J. R. Mackman. Conducted by G. Skeef.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Jubilee day, June 21st, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob, starting at five o'clock in the morning. Also 720 of Kent, and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, for the service, and 360 of Bob Minor after the service. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Turban, 5; W. J. Piper, 6. The following is the ringing done by the Widford band, occasionally assisted by friends from Galleywood and Writtle, from April 1886 to April 1887. Kent Treble Bob, 17,380; Oxford Treble Bob, 12,332; New London Pleasure, 10,264; Plain Bob, 9,144; Double Court, 2,628; Grandsire, 990; Cambridge Surprise, 360.

WRITTE (Essex).—On Jubilee Day, June 21st, the bells were rung and fired at 5.30 a.m., and at 12 o'clock, after some 120's of Grandsire Doubles with 4, 6, 8 behind, the bells were fired fifty times, and then called for a few minutes into the "Queen's change." It had been intended, if one ringer from a neighbouring tower could have been spared, to ring a date touch of Grandsire Triples, but the local company are one short for this. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5; G. Fitch, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. At 5.30 p.m. C. Denison and W. Emery occupied the place of G. Fitch and R. Wood.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROSS (Herefordshire).—On Thursday evening, June 23rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing twelve 7,4's, twelve 4,6's, and twelve 6,7's, with Queen's and Tittums, in 50 mins. C. H. Hancock, 1; J. Clark, 2; J. Atkins, 3; J. G. Wall, 4; A. Bird, 5; H. Bird, 6; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 7; R. Clark, 8. Tenor 35 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On Whit-Sunday, May 29th, at St. Paul's church, a 720 Bob Minor was rung at 6 a.m. in 25 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. On Tuesday, June 21st, being the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, the bells of the parish church were rung and a special service held at 11 o'clock. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. Heath, M.A., Vicar. Before service a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Potter, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BROWN EDGE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, May 29th, a 720 of Court Bob, in 25 mins. G. Wood, 1; J. Baddeley, 2; J. Wood, 3; J. J. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; G. Walker (conductor), 6.

BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, June 4th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. J. Moss, 1; M. Moss, 2; W. Baddeley, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; S. Moss, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24½ mins. T. Turner (first 720 in the method), 1; J. W. Brough, 2; A. Cattrell, 3; W. Baddeley, 4; S. Moss, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIRK ELLA, NEAR HULL.—On Monday, June 20th, being the day appointed for Her Majesty's Jubilee in Hull and its districts, six ringers from Hull paid a visit to this picturesque village, and at St. Andrew's church rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. Charles Jackson (conductor), 1; John W. Stickey, 2; William Southwick, 3; Henry Jenkins, 4; Harry Cutter, 5; Charles Bennett, 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

BAWTRY (Yorks).—On Monday, June 20th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25½ mins., to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. W. Handy, 1; G. Lacey, 2; W. Pickering, 3; A. Morton, 4; W. Marrison, 5; H. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, June 26th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 216 of Grandsire Minor. W. West, 1; C. West, 2;

C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. R. Howard, 5; H. King (conductor), 6. Also on Monday evening, June 27th, for practice, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Sargeant, 1; H. King, 2; W. West, 3; D. Green, 4; C. R. Howard (conductor), 5; J. Trueman, 6. W. Sargeant hails from Turvey, and has never before attempted to ring changes, going through his first 120 at the first attempt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday morning, June 21st, at the parish church at 6 a.m., in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, a 720 of Bob Minor, and 360 of Court Single. And during the day several 360's. Also for Divine Service at 2 p.m., 360 of Bob Minor, and after service 360 in the same method; also at 10 p.m. 360, and a course of Bob Minor. The bells were fired several times during the day in honour of Her Most Gracious Majesty. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 4th, for evening service, a 360 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; J. Salmon, 2; G. Hill, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; H. Gibson, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mackett, 8. Also on Sunday, June 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; — Allfrey, 2; — Fuller, 3; — Salmon, 4; — Hill, 5; — Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7. Time 43 mins. Also on Thursday, June 16th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; W. Allfrey (conductor), 2; — Fuller, 3; — Biggerstaff, 4; — Gibson, 5; G. King, 6; A. Bennett, 7; — Mackett, 8. And on Sunday, June 26th, for evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. — Eves, 1; — Salmon, 2; — Hill, 3; — Biggerstaff, 4; — Gibson, 5; — Allfrey, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; — Mackett, 8.

CARLETON (Monmouthshire).—On Wednesday evening, June 15th, an attempt was made to ring Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 2506 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins. A. Weston, 1; H. Shern, 2; W. Arnold, 3; E. Davies, 4; L. Stafford, 5; W. Rees, 6; F. Green (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8.

DISS (Norfolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, June 26th, 672 of Bob Major. J. Rudd, 1-2; E. Broom, 3-4; J. Souter (conductor), 5-6. B. Francis (composer), 7-8.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 26, being feast Sunday, the above village was visited, by ringers from Staveley, Killomash and Beighton, but the day was very hot and ringing was more like work than pleasure, a 720 of Violet, for morning service. H. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Shaw, 4; G. Norman (conductor), 5; G. Marsden, 6. Also for evening service, a 720 of Violet. — Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; W. Worthington, 5; H. Maiden (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Oxford, rang to accommodate T. Watson, who is 83 years of age and rang the 2nd bell. And a 720 of Duke of York. A. Worthington, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Shaw, 4; H. Maiden, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Kent. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; W. Worthington, 4; H. Maiden, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, June 21st, Jubilee day at the parish church, the local company met at 6 a.m., and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. T. G. Gillett, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Barnard, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Arnold, 7; H. Hogben, 8.

GRUNDISBURGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, June 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Button (conductor), 1; W. Button, 2; T. Sadler, 3; A. Cracknell, 4; C. Parker, 5; J. Ward, 6. Also 360 in the same method. E. Sadler (aged 13), 1; W. Button, 2; C. Parker, 3; F. Clark, 4; J. Button (conductor), 5; J. Ward, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. The Messrs. Sadler hail from Winesham.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday morning, June 21st, at St. Peter's church, for Jubilee service, the first half of Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes (called reverse way), in 1 hr. 25 mins. Richard Calland, 1; Edward Prescott, 2; Edward Brown, 3; George Harrison (Wigan), 4; Edward Kay, 5; Thomas Tickle, 6; Joseph Prescott, 7; George Lang, 8. And in the evening, with A. Hodgkinson, of Westhaughton, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples was rung, in honour of the opening of the Leyland free library and park. The above were conducted by Joseph Prescott. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, June 21st, at Christ church, at six o'clock in the morning, the local company rang three courses (672 changes) of Cumberland Exercise, to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. They also rang several touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and fired the bells at intervals during the day. J. W. Lang, 1; J. Knott, 2; Luke Illingworth (conductor), 3; S. Goodall, 4; H. Brooke, 5; M. Ramsden, 6; A. Briggs, 7; W. Collins, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, June 28th, being the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, three 6-scores of Grandsire

Doubles, each called differently. W. Ellis (conductor), 1; R. Ellis, 2; H. Grindon, 3; R. Prosser, 4; H. Merrett, 5; R. Gardiner, 6. Also a 720. H. Merrett, 1; R. Ellis, 2; D. Browning, 3; R. Prosser, 4; H. Grindon (conductor), 5; E. Harris, 6. Also four 6-scores with 6-8 behind. H. Merrett, 1; R. Ellis, 2; R. Prosser, 3; H. Grindon, 4; D. Browning, 5; E. Taylor, 6; E. King, 7; E. Harris, 8. The above were conducted by H. Merrett and H. Grindon. Also a plain course of Triples. T. Brown, 1; W. Prosser, 2; R. Prosser, 3; R. Ellis, 4; W. Ward, 5; E. King, 6; H. Merrett, 7; D. Pockett, 8. On Tuesday, June 21st, Jubilee Day, six members met at five o'clock in the morning and rang short touches and fired fifty times.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Friday evening, June 24th, at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Wooldridge (first 720), 1; A. Folkes, 2; H. Mason, 3; F. Davis, 4; G. A. Hatton, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. Messrs. Parsons and Mason hail from Old Hill. Tenor 3½ cwt.

MATSON (Gloucester).—On Tuesday evening, June 28th, a mixed band rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Wicks, 1; S. Romans, 2; R. Brunsdon, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; G. Brunsdon, 5; B. Etheridge (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method, and probably the first on bells.

QUINTON (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, June 21st, on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. C. Stanbridge, 1; H. Bastable, 2; T. Miller, 3; S. Reeves, 4; J. Buffery, 5; A. Thomas (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Plain Bob Minor. S. Reeves, 1; H. Bastable (conductor), 2; C. Stanbridge, 3; T. Miller, 4; J. Buffery, 5; A. Thomas, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. in ff.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 21st, for the Queen's Jubilee, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. G. Croucher, 1; F. Hoad, 2; W. Bone, 3; F. Linter, 4; E. Moses, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Argent (conductor), 7; J. Howard, 8. And a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes) in 45 mins. W. Bone, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; G. Croucher, 3; T. Fuller, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; E. Kenward, 7; J. Steadman, 8. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; G. Croucher, 3; W. Argent, 4; T. Brown, 5; W. Webb, 6; E. Moses, 7; J. Steadman, 8. And a 377 of Grandsire Triples. T. Fuller, 1; F. Hoad, 2; G. Croucher, 3; E. Moses, 4; T. Brown, 5; W. Argent, 6; W. Webb (conductor), 7; J. Howard, 8. Also a 504 of Union Triples. J. Howard, 1; G. Croucher, 2; T. Fuller, 3; E. Kenward, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; W. Webb (conductor), 7; J. Steadman, 8. And 550 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, 1; F. Hoad, 2; E. Moses, 3; T. Fuller, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Webb (conductor), 7; J. Steadman, 8.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, June 20th, at All Saints' church, 720 Grandsire Minor. On Thursday, June 23rd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, 720 Bob Minor, and 447 in the same method. James Hartley, 1; Robert Whittles, 2; Joseph Crossley, 3; Thomas Stoot, 4; Albert Crossley (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 26th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), and after service another 720 (forty-two singles). James Hartley, 1; Robert Whittles, 2; Byron Bamford, 3; Joseph Crossley, 4; Thomas Stoot, 5; Albert Crossley (conductor), 6.

ROTHERHITHE (Surrey).—On Saturday, June 25th, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 37 mins., with tenor as cover. H. W. Groult, 1; W. Pead, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; T. Rose, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. Foreman, 8. Also about 900 of Grandsire Triples. H. W. Groult, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 3; W. Bedwell, 4; T. Rose, 5; F. Bate, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. Foreman, 8. The above touches were rung to celebrate the election of Mr. William Pead as steeplekeeper, and the placing of a tablet in the belfry recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on November 12th, 1885, conducted by Frederick W. Thornton. The tablet was kindly presented by Mrs. William Foreman, who rang the tenor to the peal.

SAWERIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Sunday evening, June 26th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 546 of Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. N. W. Tarling, 1; G. Kemp, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. Morris, 4; F. G. Newman (conductor), 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; H. Saban, 7; P. Springham, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, June 18th, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Prior, 2; W. Prior, 3; H. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. W. Watts, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Composed by J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks. On Sunday, June

19th, for Evening service, a 720 of College Single, in 24½ mins., and 300 Plain Bob Minor. G. Gray, 1; H. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. After service a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (4th the observation), in 25 mins. C. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, June 21st (Jubilee Day), a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. Isaac Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single, in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; H. Prior, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 of Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. C. Prior, 1; G. Prior, 2; W. Prior, 3; J. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Composed by E. Francis of Diss. And 720 Double Court Bob, in 24½ mins. G. Prior, 1; H. Prior, 2; Isaac Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. W. T. Prior, 1; J. Mumford, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 of Grandsire Minor (Mr. Hammond's 720 reversed, thirty-eight bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Prior, 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, June 26th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. Prior (composer and conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Luckey, 1; I. Hammond, 2; H. Prior, 3; C. Gray, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ST. ALBANS.—Chiming.—On Sunday, June 19th, for Divine Service at the Cathedral by the cathedral society, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also on Sunday, June 26th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1; F. Mitchell (first 504), 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; A. Barnes, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (composer and conductor), 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills, 8.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Sunday, June 19th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Broom, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Saxby (Crayford), 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

SUCKLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, June 11th, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. *T. Tyler, 1; H. Ballard, 2; *T. Huband, 3; W. Watkins, 4; J. Howells, 5; G. Cleal (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

WOLLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, June 26th, for Divine Service at St. James' Church, 360 of Grandsire Minor. A. Parkes, 1; W. Pryer, 2; J. Parkes, 3; C. Baggot, 4; J. Lewis, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of Grandsire Minor. *W. Pryer, 1; *J. H. Parkes, 2; J. Lewis, 3; *C. Baggot, 4; G. Howells, 5; †H. Dakin (conductor), 6. *First peal; †first 720 as conductor.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.—THE JUBILEE PEAL AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

On Thursday, June 16th, the ringers of the above peal were invited to supper at "The Shakespeare" Hotel, Wych Street, Strand, the meeting house of the Society, by Herbert Hayes Twining, Esq., who took the chair, and has been churchwarden for three successive years. After ample justice had been done to the inner man, the Chairman proposed the health of the Queen and Royal Family. A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on the handbells by Messrs. Weatherstone, Haworth, French, Mitchell, and George. The Rector, the Rev. J. Lindsay, D.D., ex-churchwardens and other gentlemen were present, one of them remarking how pleased he and his friends were to be at such a meeting of the parochial ringers, especially as he and some of his friends could remember when boys, more than forty years ago, listening to the beautiful peal of bells at St. Clement Danes.

The Chairman in response said he was very gratified to be present and to be in company with men whom he was sure were above the average, both in intellect and strength, when they could ring such a long peal as 5147 changes, in three hours and twenty-five minutes, at the first attempt. There was much more applause when the Chairman announced his intention of placing in the ringing-chamber a tablet to record the fact that a jubilee peal had been rung during his wardenship, to commemorate the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's reign. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, finishing up with some more handbell ringing, and songs by Messrs. French, George, etc.

CANTERBURY PLEASURE AND ARNOLD'S VICTORY.—Mr. A. H. Bassano is very much obliged for the prompt answers to his enquiry for leads in these methods.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

For upwards of 200 years the old tower of this church has been the home of a ring of five bells, dating from 1573 to 1682, the tenor weighing about 18 cwt. It was always hard work to ring anything in the way of changes upon the bells, owing to the long draught (the ropes hanging to the floor of the church), and also the bells not being tucked up. For several years the question of rehanging and augmenting the peal had again and again been raised, but the necessary funds could not be obtained. At length, however, C. E. Kempe, Esq., churchwarden of the parish, gave his attention to the matter, and followed up his suggestion by offering to give three treble bells, costing about £100, providing the parishioners responded sufficiently to have the whole peal rehung, and if necessary to recast any of them. A general meeting was called in January to consider what steps should be taken to celebrate the Jubilee. Various schemes were brought forward, viz: A general feast for all, purchasing allotment grounds (about four acres), planting of trees in the village, and on the large common, erecting a Town Hall and Free Library in the village, and the church bell scheme as stated above. The whole of these ideas met with general approval, except the bell movement, which fell through at the time. Several weeks afterwards, however, Mr. Kempe called another meeting of the inhabitants, and that gentleman having in the meantime obtained plans from Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, was able to fully explain what really ought to be done to the bells, so that they should be a credit to the parishioners and a pleasure to ringers to ring them. On this occasion hearty support was given to the movement, Wm. Sturdy, Esq., of Pax Hill Park, offering to pay the expense of recasting the old tenor, she being condemned as a bad bell, and very soon subscriptions and promises of support came in from all sides. Nevertheless the spirit of opposition crept about, and a certain section thought that it would not be advisable to interfere with the old tenor, for various reasons, which need not be repeated here, as they were for the most part trivial; however, on Mr. Sturdy hearing that the Lindfield folk were so attached to the bell, that gentleman most handsomely said he would give them an entirely new tenor, costing £115. The work was then put into Messrs. Taylor's hands; the five bells were taken down, four of them sent to Loughborough to be tuned, and the old tenor remaining on the floor of the church. During the past few weeks, the work of putting in the new timbers, etc. to carry the frame has been completed by Mr. Anscombe, builder, of Lindfield. The bells have been hung five on a level in a iron frames, and three above. They were rung for the first time on Jubilee day, by the local ringers; in the morning with rounds, and in the afternoon the first peal was rung on them by members of the Sussex County Association, as reported in the peal column last week. It is the unanimous opinion that they are a splendid peal, and the ease with which they can be rung reflects great credit on the contractors. The ringing chamber has been raised, and when another floor is put in under the bells, and deadened, it will be better, as the volume of sound is rather too much to hark the calling.

JUBILEE DAY AT LINDFIELD.

Lindfield was early astir on the eventful morning of the 21st, putting the finishing touches to the decorations which were very profuse and tasty. A splendid archway of evergreens, occupying the site of the old toll gate in the centre of the village, had an imposing appearance, bunting was flying from nearly every house in the little township, "The Queen, 50 not out" met the eye on entering the village by the pond. At 5 o'clock a.m. a smith's salute was given on the anvils and was repeated at 1 o'clock. The new bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers for the morning service, which was conducted by the vicar, the choir singing the National Anthem as a processional. The church was crowded. The old Lindfield blind organist, Mr. Thos. Creser, played the Coronation Anthem as a voluntary in his usual excellent style; despite the old gentleman's age he is still a first-rate performer on the organ. After service the bells again pealed forth, and the congregation marched in procession, headed by the Brighton Drum and Fife and Bugle Band to the common, where trees were planted by Miss Sturdy and Master Dudley Sampson. An excellent luncheon was provided, to which about 700 sat down, and later on a free tea to all parishioners. A long programme of sports was gone through, including a donkey race, which was very amusing, and a two mile steeplechase, which was won in capital style by Manvill, who ran well throughout. Mr. Sturdy gave an ox to be roasted whole, and this was cut up and given away during the evening.

TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE
TRIPLES.

The following touches are a continuation of those compiled some time ago by our friend Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham.

1260.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

2 5 3 7 4 6 P. LEAD
5 7 3 2 4 6 - -
7 3 5 2 4 6 - -
3 5 7 2 4 6 - -
3 2 5 4 6 7 - -
2 4 5 3 6 7 - -
4 5 2 3 6 7 - -
5 2 4 3 6 7 - -

Twice repeated.
Contains twelve 4-6's and twelve 6-7's.
J. CARTER.

1260.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

5 7 3 2 4 6 - -
7 2 3 5 4 6 - -
2 3 7 5 4 6 - -
2 5 3 4 6 7 - -
5 4 3 2 6 7 - -
4 3 5 2 6 7 - -
3 5 4 2 6 7 - -

Twice repeated.
Contains the twelve 4-6's and twelve 6-7's.
H. REEVES.

1260.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

2 5 3 6 7 4 - -
5 6 3 2 7 4 - -
6 2 3 5 7 4 - -
2 5 3 4 6 7 - -
5 4 3 2 6 7 - -
4 3 5 2 6 7 - -
3 5 4 2 6 7 - -

Twice repeated.
H. HUBBARD.

1260.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

5 7 3 2 4 6 - -
7 3 5 2 4 6 - -
3 5 7 2 4 6 - -
2 6 5 3 7 4 - -
6 3 5 2 7 4 - -
3 5 6 2 7 4 - -
3 5 4 2 6 7 - -

Twice repeated.
Contains twelve 4-6's and twelve 7-4's.
H. REEVES.

1260.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4

2 3 7 5 4 6 - -
5 6 3 2 7 4 - -
6 2 3 5 7 4 - -
2 3 6 5 7 4 - -
5 4 3 2 6 7 - -
4 3 5 2 6 7 - -
3 5 4 2 6 7 - -

Twice repeated.
Contains twelve 7-4's and twelve 6-7's.
H. REEVES.

1260.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2
6 2 3 5 4 7 - s
3 2 4 6 7 5 - -
4 3 2 6 7 5 - -
2 4 3 6 7 5 - -

Five times repeated.
H. JOHNSON.

All the following by Mr. Carter.

1260.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
2 5 3 7 4 6
5 7 3 2 4 6 - -
3 5 7 2 4 6 - -

3 2 5 6 7 4 - -
2 6 5 3 7 4 - -
5 2 6 3 7 4 - -
5 3 2 4 6 7 - -
3 4 2 5 6 7 - -
4 2 5 3 6 7 s - -
5 2 4 3 6 7 s - -
Twice repeated.
Contains nine 4-6's, nine 7-4's, and twelve 6-7's.

1344.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
4 5 3 2 6 7 - s
3 2 5 4 6 7 - s
5 4 2 3 6 7 - s
5 4 2 3 6 7 - -
3 4 2 5 6 7 s - -

Five times repeated. Bob instead of a single at the first course of the third and sixth parts.
Contains the twenty-four 6-7's.

1344.
2 3 4 5 6 7 2 3
3 5 4 2 6 7 - -
4 2 5 3 6 7 - s
5 3 2 4 6 7 - s
3 4 2 5 6 7 - -

Five times repeated. Single instead of a bob half way and finish.
Contains all the 7-5-6's, 7-4-6's, and 6-7's.

1344.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
3 5 4 2 6 7 - -
4 3 5 2 6 7 - -
5 4 3 2 6 7 - -
4 2 3 5 6 7 - -

Five times repeated, single instead of a bob, halfway and end. Has twenty-four 6-7's.

1344.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
3 2 4 5 7 6 - -
2 4 3 5 7 6 - -
4 3 2 5 7 6 - -
3 5 2 4 7 6 - -
5 3 2 4 6 7 - -
3 4 2 5 6 7 - -
4 5 2 3 6 7 - -
5 2 4 3 6 7 - -

Twice repeated.
Contains twenty-four 6-7's.

1344.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3
3 2 4 5 7 6 - -
2 5 4 3 7 6 - -
4 2 5 3 7 6 - -
5 4 2 3 7 6 - -

4 3 2 5 7 6 - -
3 5 2 4 7 6 - -
2 3 5 4 7 6 - -
5 2 3 4 7 6 - -
2 4 3 5 7 6 - -
4 5 3 2 7 6 - -
3 4 5 2 7 6 - -
5 3 4 2 7 6 - -
Repeated.
Contains twenty-four 6-7's.

1316.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
3 4 5 2 6 7 s - -
4 5 3 2 6 7 - -
5 3 4 2 6 7 - -
3 2 4 5 6 7 - -
2 5 4 3 6 7 - -
5 4 2 3 6 7 - -
4 2 5 3 6 7 - -
2 3 5 4 6 7 - -
3 5 2 4 6 7 - -
5 2 3 4 6 7 - -
2 4 3 5 6 7 - -
4 3 2 5 6 7 - -

Repeated. Contains twenty-four 6-7's.

1344.
2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4
3 5 4 2 6 7 - -
5 2 4 3 6 7 - -
4 5 2 3 6 7 - -
5 3 2 4 6 7 - -
2 5 3 4 6 7 - -
5 4 3 2 6 7 - -

4 5 3 2 7 6 - -
5 2 3 4 7 6 - -
3 5 2 4 7 6 - -
5 4 2 3 7 6 - -
2 5 4 3 7 6 - -
5 3 4 2 7 6 - -

4 2 3 5 7 6 - s
2 3 4 5 7 6 - -
3 4 2 5 7 6 - -
4 3 2 5 6 7 - -
3 2 4 5 6 7 - -
2 4 3 5 6 7 - -

3 2 4 5 7 6 - s
2 4 3 5 7 6 - -
4 3 2 5 7 6 - -
3 4 2 5 6 7 - -
4 2 3 5 6 7 - -
2 3 4 5 6 7 - -

Twenty-four courses of 6-7's; all the 5-7-6's and 5-6-7's a back stroke.

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Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

WILTSHIRE BELFRIES.

SIR.—The correspondent who sent you an account of Aldbourn bells last week omitted to give the inscription on the tenor. As it is rather important, I give it here: *In tonat e celis vox campanae Michaelis, Deus propicius esto diaboli Ricardi Goddard quondam de Upham, Elizabeth et Elizabeth uxorem ejus ac diaboli o' im liberorum et parentum suorum qui hanc campaniam fieri fecerunt, anno dui MCCCCXVI.* This inscription is in old English black letter. The bell is 48 inches in diameter and weighs nearly 20 cwt. With regard to the sixth bell, may I ask your correspondent whether the last word but one is not "pussima," not "dulcima," which would not make sense. I cannot even find such a word as the latter in the Latin language.

J. R. JERRAM.

W. A. CLARKE'S VISIT TO THE WEST OF ENGLAND.

SIR.—We observe in the interesting account of Mr. William A. Clarke's visit to the West of England it is stated that the grand and heavy peal of eight in Wells Cathedral were rehung by us in 1877. This is not the case. The recasting of the 7th and tenor bells was executed by us but the hanging was done by a west country firm. We may inform your correspondent that we did new hang the peal of eight at Glastonbury as well as add two new trebles to complete the octave and recast the tenor.

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SIR.—Seeing in last week's issue of your paper that the bells of St. Martin's Sarum were ringing on June 18th in honour of the battle of Waterloo, I, as one of the ringers of that steeple, beg to state that the person who wrote the paragraph must have been misinformed, as the bells were only ringing for the usual practice, which takes place every Saturday evening.

C. A. CLEMENTS.

THE LONG PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT BIRMINGHAM.

SIR.—I think your correspondent "Fair Play" (who I presume is ashamed of his name), might have been a little less sarcastic in his remarks. I don't know who he is, but I question very much whether he is one of the gentlemen to whom I appealed to in my last letter. "Fair Play" asks my friend Mr. Cattle and myself "What is the meaning of this (he alludes to the ringing being good throughout), with the exception of the last course which was fired round." Surely he cannot be so devoid of common sense as not to be able to understand it. I may inform him that I gave the letter word for word as it is written, so if it is not explicit enough for "Fair Play" he must blame the writer not me. He goes on to say "I do not suppose that Mr. Cattle will be taken as any authority, or the letter he sends to his friend be regarded as of any consequence." I can only say, as far as he is individually concerned, he is quite at liberty to please himself. I am content to leave that part of it to those who I consider are more capable of judging than "Fair Play," whether Mr. Cattle is an authority or not. As regards "locking this important secret in the inmost recesses of my bosom," your correspondent is entirely mistaken. I first made this known at a College Youths Meeting and in the presence of the late Mr. Haley the same evening as I received the letter from Mr. Cattle, I told them it was a rough coming home. I certainly did not know until recently that the "firing" was of so serious a nature. This has been no secret ever since, as they can testify. In conclusion allow me to say that I think your correspondent's letter is anything but to the point, but simply one mass of sarcasm from beginning to end. I must now decline to hold any further discussion on the subject, but leave it to those who are as well acquainted with this matter as myself.

H. A. HOPKINS.

SIR.—We beg to submit to you the result of a communication between us the undersigned in respect to the unwarrantable and untruthful assertions made by Mr. Cattle in connexion with the above subject. We almost feel too disgusted to reply to all his shifty and evasive remarks, but we are unanimous in stating that the peal in question is worthy of recording. We should have thought that the explanation given by Mr. Thomas a few weeks ago (who is secretary to the St. Martin's company), would have been sufficient to have established the honour of the band and the confidence of the remaining

few who were led to doubt the accuracy of its performance by one who has gained for himself such an unenviable position as Mr. Cattle. We hope this letter will be accepted by our friends, and trust we have not lived too long for its contents to be doubted.

(Signed) HENRY JOHNSON, SEN.

WILLIAM HALLSWORTH.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

A GOOD IDEA.

SIR.—Having been a reader of "THE BELL NEWS" since its commencement, I have seen many subjects concerning bells, ringing, and ringers, discussed in its pages, but never a word upon the branch contained in my letter, though I have often thought it would be exceedingly useful where it could be carried out. Considering the great difficulty experienced in many places in keeping up a good company, I have often wondered the reason why gentlemen, clergymen, and tradesmen, who are ringers and employers of labour, do not gather into their employment men of good character, and who are ringers, thus avoiding the difficulty and disappointment often experienced in teaching young hands. In nearly all places the clergyman if not an employer of labour himself, has influence with local employers, and might use that influence to get good ringers imported. Then again various mechanics, etc., being ringers, knowing situations of work, might intimate the same to the Art, by which means hands could be made up, and ringers taken from idleness to usefulness in the art, and bands made up to further proficiency, and saving much time, trouble, and anxiety, I do not think it could be practicable in all cases, but might in many, but I have thrown out the idea in hopes that some one more able will take the matter up and prepare a plan, so that "THE BELL NEWS" could be used more extensively on an enlarged scale. I have known several young men this year that would gladly have migrated to ringing districts if such information could have been conveyed to them.

EAST ANGLIA.

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The three bells of this parish have just been rehung and a new treble bell added by Mr. Harry Stokes, church bell-hanger, of Woodbury, who has put in new oak beams and floor, and hung the four bells in a new oak frame with new fittings, and fixed the Ellacombe chiming apparatus. The new bell was cast by John Warner and Son, London, and was dedicated by Archdeacon Earle at the service that was held at the unveiling of a beautiful carved oak reredos, the gift of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Smith.

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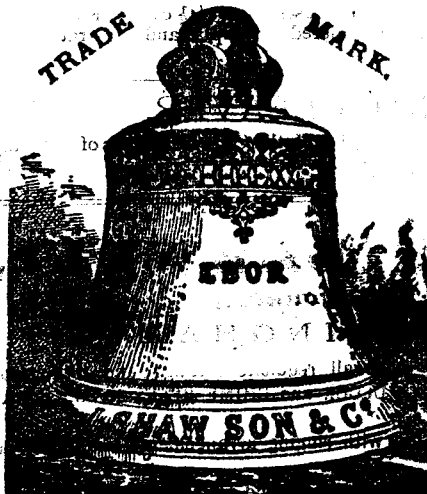
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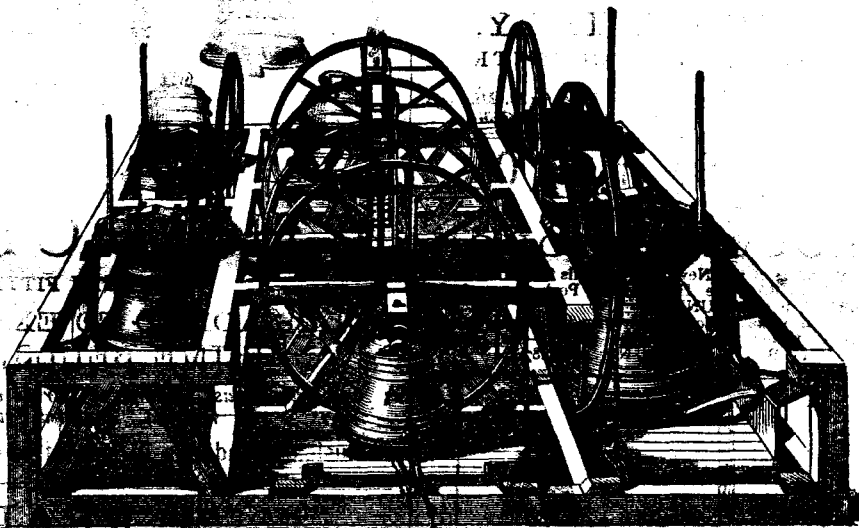
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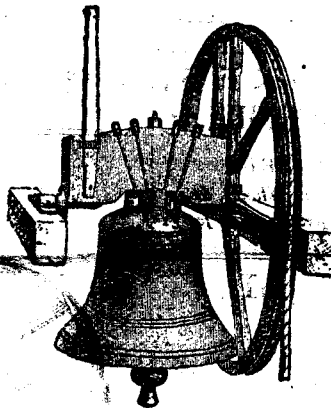
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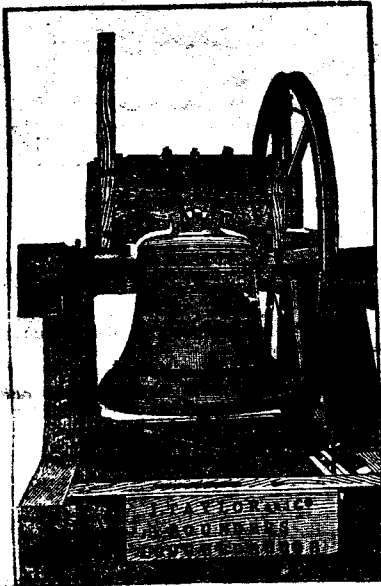
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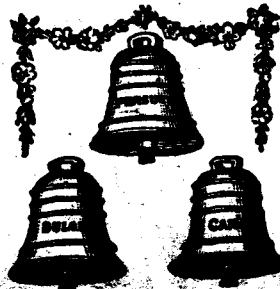
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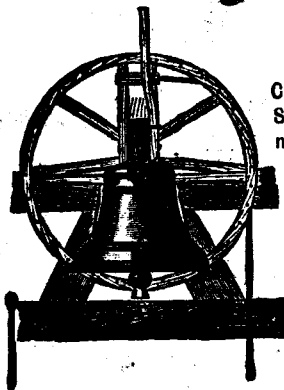
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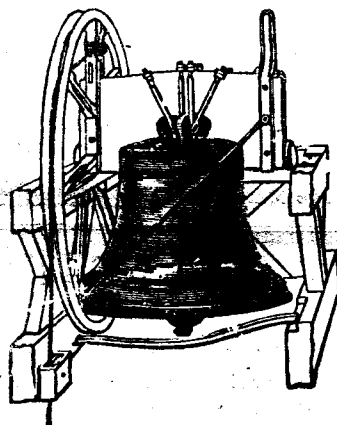
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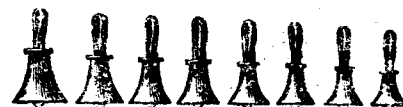
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ST. MARTIN'S CLOCK, BELLS, AND CHIMES.

It has been suggested to us that as St. Martin's, Birmingham, has lately received some attention, the following brief account of the clock, bells and chimes therein, taken from the *Midland Counties' Herald* of May 19, 1859, will not be inappropriate:—

When, at the Easter Vestry Meeting for St. Martin's parish, the Rev. Dr. Miller, the rector, alluded in congratulatory terms to the completion of the new clock, and the renovation of the bells and chimes, as having followed upon the restoration of the tower and spire of the venerable mother church of Birmingham, he only uttered sentiments which, we are quite sure, will find an echo in the breast of every native of the town, to whatever religious sect or political party he may belong. The clock contributes very materially to the convenience of the public both by day and night, while the music of the bells and chimes awakens so many associations, that it is listened to with pleasure at all times and all seasons. For confirmation of this opinion we may recall to the recollection of our readers the zeal with which the project for renewing the one and rendering the other efficient was taken up, and the readiness with which the necessary funds were contributed. The friends of the movement met for the first time at the Public Office, on the 31st of March in last year, and, including a donation of £20 from the Mayor, the sum of £200 was subscribed on that occasion. A few days later a committee, of whom Mr. Morris Banks was chairman, and Mr. W. B. Mappleback, honorary secretary, was appointed to canvass the borough, and by April 16th the contributions amounted to £550, some further additions being made at a subsequent period. A very strong and natural desire having been expressed in many quarters that the bells should be ready to ring out a merry peal on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to open Aston Hall and Park, an estimate of Messrs. Mears and Son to supply the framework and other appliances was accepted, and that loyal object, as our readers are aware, was happily attained. Meanwhile the response to the appeal made by the committee was so liberal and spontaneous that they determined to incur the expense of providing an illuminated clock in the tower of the church, and of repairing the chimes. Various estimates for the work were sent in, and that of Messrs. Smith and Sons, the eminent clock makers, who offered to perform the whole for £360 was accepted. After some delays, which were quite unavoidable, the undertaking has been carried out to the unqualified satisfaction, we believe of the committee, who placed the fullest reliance, and, as the event has shown, justly so, in the integrity as well as ability of that firm. The subscribers and their friends will be invited, as early as possible, to inspect the results, so far as the interior of the sacred edifice are concerned, but we may supply a few details for the information of such persons as may be unable to avail themselves of the opportunity.

It will be proper to observe, in the first place that the committee, from a praiseworthy desire to discharge their duties in a satisfactory manner, resolved to obtain a clock of the highest quality and best construction. The lighting of the several faces was regarded as a great desideratum, but it was found impossible to supply it in the usual way without endangering the structure, and some modifications were accordingly adopted. Messrs. Smith and Sons have introduced some novelties of their own into the construction of the dials, and in the mode of illumination. The consequence is that the numerals and hands are remarkably distinct, and the time may be easily ascertained at a greater distance than would be otherwise possible. The dials are secured in wrought-iron drums, which contain the gas lights; but as those individuals who care to incur the trouble, may form their own judgment on this point, we will proceed to give a brief description of other parts of the horological

apparatus. The frames, we may observe, are massive, and so constructed that, while giving all the necessary length of barrel for lines, the upper portion is considerably narrowed. We understand the advantages of this contrivance to be that all the arbours are reduced in length, while accuracy and strength are thus obtained without any increase in the diameter of the pivots, and the friction is greatly lessened. The frames, moreover, are so constructed, that particular works may be removed for cleaning without disturbing the whole. Each of the bosses or bearers is fitted and secured with screws, and all the bosses and wheels are of gun metal of the same composition as that used in the manufacture of cannon. The large wheels are twenty-four inches in diameter. The escapement is on the principle of Graham's dead beat, the same as is generally used for first-class regulators or astronomical clocks. It has moveable flanges, consisting of parts of a turned solid steel hoop secured by steel bolts and screws so constructed that the flanges may be removed or adjusted to the greatest nicety. The pendulum rod is of prepared pine, about fourteen feet long, coated and finished with polish. It is set in beat by a traversing screw with large nuts, and it has also a small regulating sliding weight. The ball is we believe the heaviest which has yet been applied to any turret clock at present completed. It is a sphere; this form being recommended by Messrs. Smith and Sons as the best, on account of its being less affected than others by draughts of air, as well as more steady in its motion. The striking hammer weighs fifty-four pounds, and is lifted from the second wheel, bringing out the tone of the fine old tenor bell in good style. The four quarter hammers are lifted from a gun-metal barrel, in which are secured forty conical shaped steel pins working into the tails of the hammer levers, which are steeled and tempered and partly hollowed to suit them. The times of striking, and quarter trains, which have two flies, are regulated by altering the angle of the moveable fans or sails. There is also attached to the movement of the clock, a contrivance to turn on the gas as well as for the discharging of the chime barrel, which is placed in the centre of the clock room, after the quarters. Every three hours the chime barrel is released, and plays on twelve bells one of seven old favourite tunes. The truth and accuracy of the workmanship generally, is proved by the fact that although the clock goes over eight days with once winding, the motive power, or going weight, is not much more than one-third the weight of the pendulum. The dials are connected with the clock in the ordinary way, by means of bevel wheel and universal joints. The dial-motion work is large, and all of gun-metal.

As regards the dials themselves, we have to add that they are of different sizes. The old ones were thought sufficiently large for the east and west sides of the tower, and they have accordingly been retained with some embellishments. The diameter of both is six feet; while the diameter of the one on the south or Smithfield side, is nine feet, exclusive of the gilt moulding which surrounds it. The adoption of this enlarged scale was a very judicious step on the part of the committee, owing to the wide extent of the district which it is specially intended to accommodate. The remaining dial on the north side is only eight feet in diameter, and had the committee been desirous of increasing its dimensions, they would have been precluded by the window immediately underneath. Such a restriction did not exist on the south side. The figures on the north dial are thirteen inches in length, and one inch and three quarters in width. The length of the hour hand is two feet four inches, and of the minute hand three feet nine inches. On the south side the figures are sixteen inches long, and two inches across. The length of the hour hand is two feet eight inches, and of the minute hand four feet one inch. The figures on the old dials were only eight and a half inches in height, the hour hands being two feet, and the minute hands two feet eleven inches in length. The bells, as some of our readers are probably aware, are twelve in number, and remarkably sweet in tone. The tenor alone weighs 36 cwt. The whole weighs 7½ tons. Originally the peal was composed of only ten bells, which were cast in 1758 by Messrs. Lester, Pack, and Chapman, of Whitechapel, London. Twelve years later, in 1770, the number was increased to twelve, the ninth bell being recast in 1790 by Messrs. Mears and Son, the predecessors of the present firm bearing that name. On a board lately removed from the walls of the belfry,

and about to be replaced, it is recorded that the following peals have at various periods been rung by the St. Martin's company, and the particulars entered in the books of the society:

			H.	M.
November 19, 1758	5040 Grandsire Caters,	in	3	22
August 28, 1768	6210 Grandsire Caters,	in	4	26
June 3, 1773	5324 Grandsire Cinques,	in	3	30
October 25, 1779	5280 Bob Maximus,	in	3	56
December 5, 1789	8027 Grandsire Caters,	in	5	25
April 8, 1793	6000 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus,	in	4	22
April 27, 1813	5104 Grandsire Cinques,	in	3	36
June 12, 1815	5040 Grandsire Maximus,	in	3	30
March 17, 1817	5040 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus,	in	3	40
December 28, 1822	5016 Grandsire Cinques,	in	3	40
January 29, 1827	5040 Kent Treble Bob Maximus,	in	3	44
December 13, 1830	5040 Stedman Triples,	in	3	10
May 18, 1846	5040 Stedman Triples,	in	2	53

The chimes were made, as an inscription on the metal frame informs us, by W. Worton, in 1751. They have been adjusted and thoroughly repaired by Messrs. Smith and Sons. They play every three hours, namely, at three, six, nine, and twelve o'clock. A change of tune takes place each day, as will be seen from the subjoined list:

Sunday	"Hanover"—104th Psalm.
Monday	"Portuguese Hymn."
Tuesday	"Rule Britannia."
Wednesday	"Haste to the Wedding."
Thursday	"God save the Queen."
Friday	"Easter Hymn."
Saturday	"Blue bells of Scotland."

The quarters are struck on four bells, according to the following arrangement:

First	5, 6, 7, 8
Second	8, 7, 6, 5
	5, 7, 6, 8
Third	6, 7, 5, 8
	8, 7, 5, 6
	7, 6, 5, 8
Fourth	7, 5, 6, 8
	6, 5, 8, 7
	8, 6, 7, 5
	6, 5, 7, 8

A SHORT HISTORY OF YORK MINSTER.

It was a wooden church, founded in the year 627, and in 642 it was constructed in stone, but in 741 it was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt by Archbishop Egbert, and was demolished by the Danes, together with a great part of the city. In the year 1137, the building was destroyed by accidental fire, together with St. Mary's Abbey, which had been rebuilt by King William Rufus, and thirty-nine parish churches. The Cathedral after this event lay in ruins for more than thirty years.—On February 2nd, 1829, part of the interior of the Church was destroyed by fire. The two west front towers are 196 feet high (or 65 yards), the central tower is 188 feet high from the pavement, and sixty feet square. The eastern window is beyond dispute the finest in the world, the painted glass represents the first eight Archbishops and eight Saints of the church. It is seventy-five feet in height, and thirty-two in breadth; it was began to be glazed in 1405; John Thornton, of Coventry, contracted to glaze it for his own work at four shillings per week, and was to finish the whole in less than three years. On May 20th, 1840, the south-west front tower, and part of the nave was again destroyed by fire, together with a fine peal of ten bells, tenor 53 cwt in C. In 1842 it was again restored to its beauty, and a fine-toned peal of twelve bells put up, tenor 53 in C. In 1845, the great bell was cast expressly for York Cathedral at an expense of £2000. It was the largest bell in the United Kingdom, its weight is 12 tons 10 cwt., the tone F sharp, is exceedingly grand. It is 7 feet seven inches in height without the stock, and its diameter 8 feet 4 inches, being heavier by five tons than Old Tom of Oxford, previously the largest in England. This and the peal of twelve were cast by Messrs. Mears of London. The Cathedral has been four times fired, and once demolished.

RE-OPENING OF ST. ANDREW'S BELLS, COLEBROOKE, DEVON.

Wednesday, June 15th, was the occasion for much rejoicing among the inhabitants of the parish of Colebrooke, near Crediton, consequent upon the re-opening of the bells of the above church, after having been entirely rehung, and a new treble added to the peal of five bells previously in the tower. A little over twelve months ago the tenor became cracked, and remained so until last December, when A. O. Silifant, Esq., of Coombe, generously came forward and offered at his own cost to restore the whole of the bells, have a new frame made, and add a new treble to the peal of five already in the tower. The work of restoring the bells was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, who has carried out the work in a most satisfactory manner. The new treble was cast by John Warner and Son, of London, and the old tenor, note F, was recast by the same firm. In the ringing chamber is a brass plate fixed by the ringers of the parish, as a slight recognition of the munificence of Mr. Silifant, bearing the following inscription:—"These bells were restored, and the tenor recast, and a new treble given, forming a peal of six, by A. O. Silifant, Esq., of Coombe, and Gertrude his wife, July 15th, 1887." The dedication service, which was full choral, commenced at eleven o'clock. Previous to the singing of the hymn "Now at length our bells are mounted," the ringers rang a short touch on the bells. The sermon was preached by the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, rector of Upton Pyne, from the 4th and 5th verses of the 12th chapter of St. Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians. In connexion with the re-opening of the bells, the Guild of Devonshire ringers, of which the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote is Hon. Secretary, had a District Meeting, and during the day bands from St. Sidwells, and St. David's (Exeter), Crediton, Kenn, Lapford, Cheriton, and Whitestone, arrived in the village, and rang the bells. The scientific bands went through some six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, while the other bands rang some rounds and call changes. During the evening the whole of the bands sat down to a tea laid in the Board School, and provided by the Guild. Altogether the day was a most enjoyable one, and passed off without a hitch.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The General Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Grimsby, under very favourable circumstances, on Saturday last. Every possible preparation had been made by Mr. D. Seamer, the conductor of the St. James's company of ringers, and there being a good attendance of visitors, the gathering could not be regarded otherwise than a great success. Several of the ringing brethren arrived during the earlier part of the day, excursion trains bringing a fair contingent from Lincoln and Market Rasen in the afternoon. Ringing commenced on the splendid ring of eight in St. James's church tower about one o'clock, and was continued at intervals throughout the afternoon, various methods being practised by mixed bands. Subsequently four of the Hull members of the Yorkshire Association, including Mr. C. Jackson, came upon the scene, and received a hearty welcome.

At five o'clock an adjournment was made to the Ship Hotel, where a capital tea was provided. The Rev. S. W. Andrews, rector of Claxby, and vice-president of the Market Rasen local centre, presided, being supported by the Rev. Canon P. Young (vicar of St. James's, Grimsby), the Rev. J. Spawforth (vicar of St. Andrew's, Grimsby), C. S. Barton, Esq. (solicitor, Grimsby), and upwards of thirty ringing members, representing the Cathedral, St. Peter's-at-Arches, St. Peter's-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's (Lincoln) societies; the Gainsborough society; the Market Rasen Society; the St. James' Society (Grimsby), etc., etc. After justice had been done to the bountiful spread, the CHAIRMAN opened the business proceedings by remarking that he thought such meetings as these were very good indeed for a variety of reasons; he was pleased to state that this Association of Church Bell-ringers, like many other associations, in spite of much opposition, was progressing satisfactorily; it had now become thoroughly established, and he believed every year would show that its good and interesting work was increasing and extending, and being more thoroughly appreciated. A quantity of correspondence was read, amongst which were

letters from the President (the very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln), the Rev. Precentor Venables, S. F. Hood, Esq. (vice president of the Lincoln centre), and Mr. F. F. Linley (vice-president of the Gainsborough centre), regretting their inability to be present, and wishing the Association every success. The hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Lunn) reported that he had, in accordance with the resolution passed at the annual meeting at Lincoln, attended a conference of the officers of the various Lincolnshire Ringers Associations, held at Boston, with a view to having a united Jubilee ringers' meeting at Lincoln, and forming an amalgamated association for the diocese. The proposed Jubilee meeting had unfortunately fallen through, but there was a decided feeling in favour of amalgamation, especially between the East and North Lincolnshire Associations, and he (the Secretary) had good reasons for believing this happy idea would ere long be consummated. Thanks were given to the Secretary for attending the conference. It was unanimously resolved that the next Quarterly Meeting be held during the month of October jointly at Market Rasen and Claxby, Mr. T. B. Gibbons remarking that the peal of bells at the former place had just been augmented to eight in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. Six new probationary members were enrolled, the Rev. J. Spawforth stating that he had no doubt the ringers at his (St. Andrew's) church would join the Association at the next meeting. The Rev. J. Spawforth, and C. S. Barton Esq., both expressed their willingness to become honorary members of the Association, such announcements being productive of great cheering. A desire having been expressed that a new rule should be made enabling non-residents to become life members of the Association on payment of the sum of 5s., it was decided to recommend the adoption of such a rule. Messrs. C. Jackson and W. Southwick (of Hull) were elected non-resident members. On the proposition of Mr. T. Gibbons, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the clergy and churchwardens of Grimsby, for their kindness in granting the use of the church bells to the members of the Association for the day. The Rev. Canon Young, and the Rev. J. Spawforth acknowledged the vote, the former commenting upon the increased interest taken in bell-ringing in late years, and the desire manifested to uphold the character of the ringers, and to advance the art and science of good ringing; the Rev. J. Spawforth hoped he might become an efficient as well as a honorary member, and said this particular form of church music was much more appreciated, studied, practised now than it used to be, and he trusted one result of this Association would be to further the attainment of good and skilful ringing. He had deferred the opening of the new peal of bells in St. Andrew's church tower until this day, and hoped that after tea the ringers would give them a good peal. A vote of thanks was tendered to the visitors, a similar compliment being paid to the honorary members. A vote of thanks to the Rev. S. W. Andrews for coming at considerable personal inconvenience to preside on this occasion, brought the meeting to a close.

The members then proceeded to St. Andrew's church where the new and musical ring of eight bells were raised in peal, after which several touches were nicely rung, the principal method being "Grandsire Triples." A very enjoyable day's programme closed about nine o'clock. The Committee desire to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered by Mr. D. Seamer, and also sincerely thank the clergy of Grimsby, together with their churchwardens, for so kindly contributing towards the success of the meeting by granting the use of their respective bells.

FESTIVITY AT LEICESTER.

Mr. Chater, one of the late sidesmen of St. Saviour's church, has recently given a late dinner to the ringers and sacristan. The Vicar, owing to excessive duties, was prevented from being present. After ample justice was done to the good things, the good old church was given, to "Church and Queen." The health of Mr. and Mrs. Chater was heartily joined in, and the health of the Vicar, Mrs. Stocks, and family, coupled with the Churchwardens. They all deeply regretted to hear of the sad accident which befel C. F. Harris, Esq., the late Vicar's warden. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Chater for their hospitality, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

ST. DUNSTAN'S-IN-THE-EAST, LONDON.

As early as the year 1667, says an old document, the worthy inhabitants of St. Dunstan's began the good work of raising their church from its ruins.

On October 20th, 1671, it was agreed that six parishioners with the churchwardens, "doe attend Doctor Christopher Wrenn about the money ordered by the Lords Commissioners to this parish, for the rebuilding of the Church, out of the moneys arising from the imposition layd upon coales by Act of Parliament, for the rebuilding of Churches burnt down in the Citye of London."

From this date Sir Christopher Wren had the superintendence of the repairs; and he has left us in the tower and spire, which were built from the ground, and are the only parts remaining of his building, undeniable proofs of his architectural taste and great mechanical skill. The elegant and airy spire is supported on four arched ribs springing from the angles of the tower. There is a tradition that the plan of this admirable work was furnished by the daughter of the architect. We have no authentic record of this circumstance, nor is it to be found even hinted at in the *Parentalia*, compiled by the son, and published by the grandson of Sir Christopher Wren. Yet there is something pleasing, and not improbable in the story. This great man who was styled "the miracle of our age and country," conducted the building and restoration of fifty-four London churches, besides St. Paul's, "all which," says he, "were executed during the fatigues of my employment in the service of the crown." His only daughter Jane died in 1702, at the age of twenty-six, and was buried in a vault under the choir of St. Paul's. A Latin inscription on her monument describes her, as possessed of her father's talent, a lover of literature, pious, benevolent, fond of home, highly accomplished in the art of music. It is not, perhaps, assuming too much to suppose that a person so gifted as she was may have rendered the essential help to an honoured relative in his labours, heavy as those above mentioned must have been, in addition to his avocations as Surveyor-General of all the royal buildings, President of the Royal Society, &c. The date of the completion of the tower and spire of St. Dunstan's, A.D. 1698, is not unfavourable to the notion which, however vaguely, has assigned to this lady the most tasteful part of the undertaking. In the catalogue of Wren's churches, given in the *Parentalia*, the following is the description of this structure:

St. Dunstan's-in-the-East is situated in the middle way between Tower street north, and Thames street south, in Tower ward. The church was only repaired, and new beautify'd, but the steeple was erected as it now appears, in 1698. The windows and steeple are of a modern Gothic style, but the pillars and arches within are Tuscan. The altitude of the steeple, consisting of a stone tower and spire at each corner of which tower are four neat smaller spires, and the fifth or principal, erected on four Gothic arches, is seventy-five feet.

It is said that after the dreadful hurricane, in November 1703, Wren, on hearing that the steeples in London had suffered severe injury during the night, said that he felt sure of finding St. Dunstan's perfectly safe. Sir Christopher died in 1723, aged ninety-one.

"DOCTOR, IS MY HEART ALL RIGHT?"—A Family Doctor tells the following amusing story in the July number of *Cassell's Magazine*. Professor Blank, of E——, devoted a whole week of the session to his students on the subject of heart diseases. He had a private apartment opening off the class-room, to which he was wont to retire after he had finished his discourse, in order to take off his gown, and enjoy a little meditation by the fire. On the afternoon of the second day, a modest knock came to the door. "Enter," said Professor Blank. And, bat in hand, appeared one of his students, looking somewhat worried and pale. "What can I do for you, Mr. M.?" "Nothing, I fear," was the reply. "Nothing on earth can aid me. I have the very symptoms that you were to-day describing. Sound me and see, sir." The "sounding" was soon performed. "You're in perfect health as regards your heart." That was the verdict. And Mr. M. went away happy. But hardly had the kind old professor resumed his seat before another knock resounded on the door. "Come in. Well, what's the matter with you, Mr. C.?" "I'm a dead man," gasped Mr. C., looking wildly round as if he wanted to clutch something. "I've got heart disease, as sure as a gun." "Not quite as bad as that, I trust. Take off your coat." Auscultation and percussion were speedily performed; then the professor laughed in C's face. "Sound as a bell, man," he said. "Go home to your dinner and don't be a fool." The doctor did not sit down again, however. No, he was afraid there would be more of them, so he hurried along through the quad, and got into his carriage. But he had two more visits at his residence on the same night, from frightened students, and every day during the remainder of that week he had a visit or two of the same kind. On the following Monday he got on to fevers, and the students completely recovered from their cardiac complaints.

WOBURN, BEDS.

At a meeting of the members of this society held previously to the ordinary practice at the tower on Monday evening the 27th ult., the recent case of a scrap six round ringers making a forcible entry into the tower and ringing rounds at 4 a.m. on Jubilee morning, thereby anticipating the company in the ringing, was discussed, and after a general expression of disapproval of the proceedings, a committee of five was appointed to take such steps in the matter as would in their judgment meet the case. The committee subsequently met and agreed to call the attention of the authorities to the matter. The following is the text of the letter addressed to the Vicar and both churchwardens, which will no doubt be read with interest by the members of the Bedfordshire Association and others interested in ringing matters in the neighbourhood.

Woburn, June 30th, 1887.

To the Vicar and Churchwardens of Woburn.

We, the undersigned members of the Woburn company of change-ringers, have been deputed by the company to lay the following facts before you, and respectfully to ask you to give them your kind and attentive consideration.

The Vicar having intimated to the foreman of the company his wish that the bells should be rung on the morning of June 21st on the occasion of the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, it was arranged that the company should meet for the purpose, and the bells were raised in readiness on the previous evening (being the regular practice night). But when the company assembled at the appointed hour on Tuesday morning, they were surprised to find that a forcible entrance had been previously effected into the tower (apparently by breaking a pane of glass in the window of the belfry, which was then entered from a ladder placed outside), and the bells rung by the intruders.

We feel that it is impossible to pass by such a flagrant breach of order without strong protest, and therefore ask you to take such steps as shall vindicate your authority.

The bells and their fittings are costly items of the Church property committed to your safe keeping, and liable to be easily damaged by ignorant or careless usage, and we think that those whom you place in charge of them have a right to claim that they shall not be subjected to the forcible and unauthorized inroads of irresponsible practical jokers.

May we respectfully remind you that the Woburn company of change-ringers was established in the year 1867 for the promotion of change-ringing, and the custody of the tower and bells (or ringing purposes), was entrusted to the foreman of the company, Mr. Charles Herbert, by the then Vicar, the Rev. S. F. Cumberlege, and Messrs. Thomas Bennett and John Gilby.

From that time to this the company has laboured to carry out the objects for which it was formed, and at the present moment, both in number of members and attainments is as strong if not stronger than at any previous time. It has been and is animated by an earnest desire at all times to carry out the commands and meet the wishes of the Vicar and churchwardens in the use of the bells.

We have also always endeavoured to maintain a conciliatory and kindly bearing towards all ringers, and we believe we can state with perfect truth, that during these years, no ringer, whether a change-ringer or not, has ever entered the tower without being invited to take a rope. Such being the case, we are at a loss to account for the present exhibition of illfeeling and bad taste. The incident in itself is not worthy of so much notice, but we regret to be obliged to state that it is but the last of a series of annoyances and interferences spread over a considerable period.

We therefore feel constrained to appeal to you to reaffirm the decision of your predecessors giving the use and custody of the bells for ringing purposes to our company under the leadership of Mr. Herbert, and to intimate to those concerned in the present disorderly proceedings, that such will not be tolerated in the future.

We have heard, but can with difficulty credit the report, that a letter of thanks for their ringing has been sent to these interlopers by the Jubilee Committee. If such be the case, their names are known to you gentlemen who were members of that Committee. It however, as we cannot but think, it is a false report, we are in a position to furnish you with them.

Should it seem good to you, we should have much pleasure in meeting any malcontents before you, and clearing up finally any supposed grievance. With apologies for the length of this letter,

We remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble servants,

(Signed)—FRED TANGHERAY.

W. E. TURNEY.

CHARLES HERBERT.

ALFRED MORRISON.

W. W. C. BAKER.

MR. GEORGE MARRIOTT.

Mr. Marriott was amongst the band of ringers engaged at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Jubilee day, and did his work like a Trojan. The bells were fired for the Jubilee number "fifty," and all the most musical and golden changes familiar to bell music were brought into active use, and thoroughly appreciated by the numerous and attentive audience who were privileged to assemble upon the roof of the favourite old church. Ladies and gentlemen, old and young, found their way thither, for the purpose of doing honour to the stately pageant of Queen Victoria's Jubilee visit to Westminster. Our hero is not a novice, he is about seventy-six years of age, has been honourably associated with ringers and ringing for sixty-three years. He took part in the ringing for Her Majesty's Coronation, and it is interesting to say that he has assisted in ringing for every successive anniversary during these fifty years. Mr. Marriott has been an excellent ringer in any of the practiced methods on any number of bells. He figures too as conductor of peals. He has been a member of the Royal Cumberland Society for many years. It is some satisfaction to know that Mr. Marriott remains in good health, and in his old age is surrounded by a large family of sons and daughters, and a host of grandchildren to comfort him. His old ringing friends wish him happy returns. After the ringing his health was drunk with musical honours, and response suitably came forth.

H. D.

RINGING JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT AYLISHAM, NORFOLK.

At this place about 1700 persons dined off cold meat, hot plum pudding, etc. The day commenced with merry touches on the peal of ten, which were rung at intervals throughout the day. A thanksgiving service took place in the church at 1.30, the sermon being preached by the vicar, the Rev. R. Hake. The day's rejoicings concluded with athletic sports, dancing, and fireworks on the grounds of W. Forster, Esq. During the day the ringers visited Hevingham and Cawston, and rang Jubilee touches, the former parish church consisting of a peal of five, and Cawston six bells, which had not been rung for several years owing to the third being cracked, but it was decided by the rector and parishioners to have the bell recast as a Jubilee memento, which was done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in a very satisfactory manner and rehung by Mr. Edridge, of Marsham. The ringers were supplied with refreshments by the Rev. T. He Marsh on the vicarage grounds, and promised when all the bells were in good ringing order there would be a general re-opening of the peal. The ringers were also invited to ring at Felmingham, but being unable to attend on Jubilee day, they went on the following Wednesday and rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. The vicar gave them a hearty welcome, and had the bells (a good peal of six), in ringing order. He also let them (the ringers) have the use of a new peal of handbells, No. 22, for use at the Marsham Jubilee celebration, which was held on the 28th, the Queen's Coronation. The peal of eight at Marsham were rung during the day. A good dinner of meat and plum pudding was given on the beautiful grounds of C. L. Buxton, Esq. The ringers rang on the handbells, after the Queen's health was proposed, a course of Grand sire Caters, which was highly appreciated. The day's festivities finished with sports, dancing on the lawn, and a good display of fireworks. The ringers who assisted in the ringing were *E. Fitt, *T. Greenwood, *C. Clements, *J. Edridge, P. Cushion, W. and R. Stackwood, A. Nale, G. May, J. M. Roberts, J. Matthewson, and H. Kidd. Those marked thus* rang for a similar celebration at Aylsham on the Queen's Coronation in 1838.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

The two new trebles added to the old ring of ring of six in the parish church, Melbourne, as a Jubilee memorial, will be dedicated on July 13th, by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lichfield. Service to commence at 1.30 p.m. The Melbourne Horticultural Society will hold their summer show close by the same day, and this will undoubtedly interfere with the ringing, but all ringers will be welcome.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at Birmingham. The tower of St. Philip's (ten bells) will be open during the afternoon. Business meeting to be held at the "White Swan Hotel," Edmund Street, at six o'clock. Members are particularly requested to attend this meeting as important business will be transacted.

King's Health.

JOHN WATSON, Hon. Sec.

A JUBILEE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

2600.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

21346578	
21346587	Start into changes
12435678	at hand stroke.
21436587	These eight chan-
21345678	ges make the first
12346587	treble lead.
21435678	
12436587	
14268857	
M. B. W. H.	
56342	1 2 2
45362	1 1
45623	- 1
54326	2 2
42356	1 -
53246	1 - 2
34256	1 -
52436	1 - 2
23456	1 -

This touch contains 2600 changes, being the number of weeks the Queen has reigned on her Jubilee day.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5160.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

23456	M	B	W	H
54326	2	2		
53246	1	2		
36245	1	2		
32465	1	2		
23564	2	2		
34562	1	2		
63425	2	2	2	
26354	2	2	2	
62453	2	2		
23456	1	2		

Has the 5th and 6th nine times each way.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	2	-	1	2
32654	-	1	1	
56234	1	-	2	
52364	1	-	2	2
24365	2	-	1	2
56342	2	-	2	1
25463	-	2	2	
53462	2	-	1	2
23645	2	-	1	
58436	-	2	2	
54326	1	-	2	2
64235	2	-	1	
25346	2	-	2	2
23456	1	-	2	2

This peal has the 6th its extent in all positions, also the 4th and 5th placed three times each way in 5-6.

This peal reverses to the same by commencing with the calling of the fourth course.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By JAMES S. WILDE, *Hyde.*

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	1		2	
34562		1	2	
63425	2		2	
35426	1		2	
24536		2	2	
32465	-	2	2	
64235		2	2	
62345		1	2	
46253	-	2		
42563		1	2	
23564	1		2	
53624	1	-	1	
26354		2	2	
52643	-	2		
25346	-	1	2	
23456		1	2	

The above peal contains the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL.

5220.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich.*

23456	1	3	8
64352	-	-	
43652	-	-	
65432	-	-	
54632	-	-	
63542	-	-	
35642	-	-	
64523	-	-	
45623	-	-	
62534	-	-	
25634	-	-	
63254	-	-	
32654	-	-	
26354	-	-	
35264	-	-	
52364	-	-	
23564	-	-	
56234	-	-	
21645	-	-	
36245	-	-	
62345	-	-	

The nine courses repeated completes the peal.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

5040.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston.*

23456	1	2	W	6	7	H
43256	-	-	-	-	-	†
25436	-	-	-	-	-	
42536	-	-	-	-	-	
53426	-	-	-	-	-	
45326	-	-	-	-	-	
34526	-	-	-	-	-	
23546	-	-	-	-	-	

Repeated.

† First half the tenors are 7-9-8-o's position, last half plain course order.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

23456	M	W	H
24536		1	2
36452	1	2	2
34562		1	2
42563	1	2	
23564	1	2	
32465	2	2	
34625		1	2
43526	2	2	
25346		2	2
23456		1	2

This peal has the 6th its extent in 5-6.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By J. J. PARKER, *Farnham Royal.*

23456	1	4	6
32654	-	-	
56234	-	-	
62534	-	-	
35264	-	-	
52364	-	-	
25463	-	-	
54263	-	-	
45362	-	-	
53462	-	-	
34562	-	-	
43265	-	-	
36245	-	-	
42635	-	-	
23645	-	-	
46325	-	-	
62345	-	-	
42363	-	-	
24365	-	-	
63425	-	-	
34625	-	-	
26435	-	-	
64235	-	-	
32465	-	-	

Repeated.

Each peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5120.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

23456	M	W	H
36452	1	2	
46532	2	1	
46325	2	2	1

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6144.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	2	-	1	2
62453	1		2	
56234	-		2	
32654	1	-	2	
36524		1	2	
23645	2	2	2	

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 4th 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1887.

AN occurrence, more remarkable than gratifying, has recently happened in the small town of Woburn, in Bedfordshire, an important rendezvous of the county Association. The particulars of the case may have been gathered by what appeared in our last issue, such intelligence is however made plainer by what may be found in another column of our present number. It would appear that the recognised body of ringers at the parish church, members by the way, of the above-named Association, had made arrangements to ring on the morning of the 21st ultimo, in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee. But on the company arriving at the tower, they were surprised to find that they had been forestalled, and that some unauthorised persons had previously gained admittance to the steeple in a surreptitious manner by breaking a window in the ringing-chamber, and by such means enabled to ring.

Our readers will not be surprised to hear that such proceedings has caused no small amount of indignation among our Woburn friends. And well it may. The local party strive with all their might to promote salutary reform, and progress in the art, but their work has not been altogether smooth. The "original" ringers of the town have not only withheld their co-operation, but have hindered, to the best of their ability, the good work commenced, until we find their actions have culminated in the dastardly behaviour we are now alluding to.

Such conduct as this we had hoped was for ever done for. It is true, we hear now and then of schemes in preparation having some preoccupation, or forestalling, for their object. Such designs, however, frequently meet with the treatment they deserve. But to burglariously enter a church through feelings of jealousy, spite, or bravado, surpasses all that we have ever read or heard of, and we should imagine that the perpetrators of the outrage have rendered themselves amenable to the law. In fact, unless some notice is taken of the offence by the church authorities at Woburn, it will be believed that such an unwarrantable trespass can at any time be committed

with impunity. It is absolutely necessary that wrongdoers of this sort must be taught in a forcible manner that such offences as breaking into a church will be punished with severity.

The memorial of the local company to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Woburn respecting this unfortunate affair is couched in temperate and charitable language. This of course could only be expected of such a body of gentlemen who, being Churchmen, are anxious for the proper and reverent usage of the bells. We are happy in believing that such an appeal will meet with due consideration, and if it be preferred that no steps should be taken to punish the offenders in this instance, yet we doubt not some provision will be made against the repetition of a similar occurrence.

Below will be found recorded the achievement of a peal of Grandsire Triples in which a ringer with only one arm took part. To say the least, this is a most extraordinary feat, and if the striking of the peal was fair we must certainly award to our afflicted brother-string a considerable amount of praise. Deprivation of one's limbs is generally understood to materially hinder the chances of earning a satisfactory living, but in this case we should say that Mr. HUGHES, though he labors under such a drawback, did not feel the loss of his limb so greatly as may be imagined. We hope at some time to have the pleasure of a pull with Mr. HUGHES.

The Provinces.

CHRISTLETON, LANCASHIRE.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, June 21st, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

H. ASTLE Treble.	R. WRIGHT 5.
R. LUNT 2.	W. MAYERS 6.
J. MAYERS 3.	T. WEAVER 7.
S. MAYERS 4.	W. HEWITT Tenor.

Conducted by W. MAYERS.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, July 2, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT HOBDAV Treble.	†GEORGE HUGHES 5.
OLIVER JAMES 2.	†ALFRED MOORE 6.
WILLIAM JAMES 3.	GEORGE HAYWARD 7.
THOMAS ALLBUTT 4.	GEORGE MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

*First peal with a bob bell.

†First peal as conductor.

The conductor has only one arm, and this is supposed to be the first peal conducted by a one-armed man. At the first jubilee peal in the county of Worcester, Mr. Moore-hall from Hanbury; Mr. Hughes from Apton; the 1st. 4th. from Woburn.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, July 2, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

W. TICEHURST*	Treble	E. WILLOUGHBY	5.
H. BENNETT	2.	T. LEWIS	6.
C. HARFFEY	3.	T. HART	7.
T. WILLOUGHBY	4.	*G. ADES	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HART.

*First peal, and hail from St. Saviours.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HIPKISS	Treble	CHARLES TIMMS	5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL	2.	WILLIAM SMITH	6.
WILLIAM COOPER	3.	REUBEN HALL	7.
JAMES HALL	4.	SAMUEL REEVES	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

* This is the eighth time S. Reeves has conducted the above peal, ringing a different bell on each occasion. W. Smith hails from Darlaston; the rest belong to West Bromwich.

STISTED, ESSEX.

On Sunday, July 3, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

5040 CHANGES: BEING SEVEN 720'S OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

ALFRED CHAPLIN	Treble	FREDERICK HAWKINS	4.
WILLIAM MOORE	2.	WILLIAM RADLEY	5.
ELISHA RADLEY	3.	NELSON HAWKINS	Tenor.

Conducted by NELSON HAWKINS.

This is the first 5000 by all except the conductor, and the first on the bells. The above are all members of the Essex Association except the rings of the 5th. W. Moore is also a College Youth, and N. Hawkins belongs to the Cumberland Youths. The brothers Hawkins hail from Belchamp Walter; Moore from Bocking; the rest are local men.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Monday evening, June 20th, at St. Paul's church, a 308 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allan, 4; H. Chapman, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also on Tuesday, June 21st, in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee, the local company met at five o'clock in the morning, commencing with rounds, and firing the bells fifty times, the number of years Her Majesty has reigned; afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but a shift course occurred after ringing over 1000 changes, this ended it before breakfast. The bells were rang at intervals during the day, when the following touches were brought round: 518, 336, 279 of Grandsire Triples. Also a 224 of Bob Major, the ringers that took part on this occasion were: W. Allan, J. Atkins, W. Biggs, C. W. Clarke, H. Chapman, F. Chasty, S. J. Cullip, J. N. Frossell, I. Hills, C. Pass, F. Keech. Also on Thursday, June 23rd, for evening service, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. M. Warwick (conductor), 1; W. Allan, 2; F. Keech, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also a 209, standing as before, C. W. Clarke, conductor. Also on Sunday, June 26th, for evening service, a 769 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. Biggs (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. Also a 209. F. Chasty, 1; H. Chapman, 2; I. Hills, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; J. A. Frossell, 6; W. Biggs (conductor), 7; A. Andrews, 8. Also a course of Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Keech, 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. Biggs, 5; H. Chapman, 6; T. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in D. And on Thursday, June 16th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). A. Barcock (first 720), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Biggs, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6. These bells were also rang on Tuesday, June 21st, in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee, by members of the Bedford company. *Handbell Ringing.*—Also on Tuesday, June 14th, at the house of Mr. A. Wheatley, on handbells retained in hand, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs, two singles). M. Warwick, 1-2; W. Biggs, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6. Also on Thursday, June 20th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs, two singles). M.

Warwick, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; W. Biggs (first time double-handed as conductor), 5-6. And on Tuesday, June 28th, at St. Paul's church, on the occasion of a wedding, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., containing the twenty-four 67's the right way throughout. *C. Pass, 1; W. Allan, 2; †F. Keech, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; H. Chapman, 5; T. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. *Longest touch on a changing bell. †Longest touch on a bob bell. Also on Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 518 of Grandsire Triples, being the fifth part of Holt's ten-part. J. Spencer, 1; W. Allan, 2; M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. Also a 548 in the same method. C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allan, 4; M. Warwick, 5; H. Chapman, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday evening, July 3rd, at St. John's church for service, 725 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. Little, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; J. H. Blakistow, 5; R. Moncaster (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, June 29th (meeting one short for Triples), a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung at the parish church, on the back seven, with the tenor covering. A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains, 2; R. Wood, 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper, 6; A. Bonnington, 7. And on Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, 559 of Grandsire Triples, taken from Shipway. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; W. Harvey, 3; F. Radley, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. Dennison, 8. Also 168 with Queens and Tittums, with J. Everard, 1; A. Edwards, 2. Messrs. Dains, Piper, and Tarbun are members of the Widdford company.

RAYLEIGH.—On Sunday, April 24th, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson (conductor), 3; J. Collins, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; H. Deal, 6. And on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; W. Jay, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. W. Jay hails from Rettondon. Also on Tuesday, May 31st, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; H. Deal, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by the treble and 4th. And on Sunday, June 5th, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, a 720 of College Single, in 26 mins. H. Deal (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. H. Brewer, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; F. W. Haslam, 6. And for practice, on Monday June 13th, 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, 240 of Kent Treble Bob and 240 of Plain Bob Minor. And on Friday, June 17th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And on Tuesday, June 21st, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee, ringing commenced at 4.30 a.m., some good touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor and College Single being struck. At 12 a.m. after morning service, 360 of Plain Bob Minor, 360 of College Single and 240 of Grandsire Minor and some good firing. F. W. Haslam, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 26th, for evening service, 240 of Plain Bob Minor and 240 of College Single. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs), in 27 mins. H. Deal (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. W. Haslam, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; F. H. Brewer, 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, June 21st, the local society commenced the day's festivities by ringing the Queen's changes, and firing on the ten bells from nine till ten in the morning, during which time the Royal Standard was hoisted. Also for a special thanksgiving service, 910 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; E. Paul, 8. And at two o'clock, 504 in the same method standing as before. And at nine o'clock, 559 in the same method, conducted by G. Latham. The bells were afterwards fired down. Also for practice on Saturday, June 25th, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal, and a 280 in the same method, stationed as before, and conducted by W. Hale. And on Saturday evening, July 2nd, a 714 of Grandsire Triples, and a 377, conducted by G. Latham. The bells were rang in the Queens, and fired on Tuesday evening being Coronation Day, and the Painswick bells were rang and fired at five in the morning.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—On Monday, July 4th, ten members of the above Association attempted to ring, at the Cathedral, a peal of Bob Royal, 5040 changes, but owing to the warm state of the weather and the tenor not in its usual form, "stand" was called after ringing 3140 changes, in 2 hrs. and 7 mins. Thomas Heald, 1; Thomas Thorpe, 2; Thomas G. Downs, 3; John E. Pollitt, 4; James Barratt, 5; George E. Turner, 6; Edward Cash, 7; James Thorpe, 8; A. Edward Wrecks, 9; John Eachus, 10. Composed by John Thorp, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and conducted by John Eachus. Tenor 25 cwt. The above was intended as a birthday peal for the conductor, he being forty-five years old on the above day. Messrs. Barratt and Cash belong to Eccles; and the rest to Manchester.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Whit-Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 1056 Bob Major. J. Flegg, 1; H. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; W. Button, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; T. Staulkey, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; J. Button, 8. On Whit-Monday morning, the company started for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), but after ringing about fifty minutes it came to grief. On the following Wednesday it was again tried, but after ringing 4032 changes in 2 hrs. and 20 mins., it had to be abandoned. T. Staulkey, 1; F. Lambert, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; W. Button, 6; R. Stannard (conductor), 7; J. Flegg, 8. F. Lambert hails from Halesworth; the rest are local men, it was the longest length as conductor by R. Stannard. On the following Saturday 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Taylor, 1; H. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; A. Lincoln, 4; A. Rodwell, 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Bob Minor. J. Flegg, 1; F. Wilson, 2; H. Button, 3; J. Button, 4; *A. Lincoln (conductor), 5; T. Staulkey, 6. *First 720 as conductor. Also on Tuesday, June 21st, for Jubilee service, about 800 Bob Major, and 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Button, T. Staulkey, 2; F. Wilson, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also in the afternoon, 700 Grandsire Triples by the above. On Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, 560 of Bob Major. J. Button, 1; A. Rodwell, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; A. Lincoln, 6; W. Button, 7; T. Staulkey, 8. And in the evening, for service, 686 Bob Major. W. Taylor, 1; A. Lincoln, 2; F. Wilson, 3; R. Stannard (conductor), 4; T. Staulkey, 5; J. Button, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday evening, June 30th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. *J. Goodman, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; *W. Pardoe, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And 360 of Plain Bob, in 13 mins. H. Mills, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. *First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell. Messrs. Pardoe and Mills hail from Tipton; J. Goodman from Dudley.

STOKE PRIOR (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 26th, six members of the above Association rang at St. Michael's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, in 30 mins. W. Rea, 1; G. Morris, 2; W. James, 3; A. Moore, 4; G. Hayward (conductor), 5; G. Moore, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. The brothers Moore hail from Hanbury, the rest from Bromsgrove. First 720 in the method on the bells.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOVE (Herefordshire).—On Tuesday evening, June 28th, at St. Mary's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently). H. J. Taylor (conductor), 1; W. Phillips, 2; J. Cartwright, 3; F. Voyce, 4; T. Phillips, 5; S. Amies, 6.

ROSS (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's church, 587 Grandsire Triples, in 28 mins., with Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons, and round at hand. J. G. Wall, 1; T. Clark, 2; B. Bussell, 3; T. Atkins, 4; E. Turner, 5; H. Bird, 6; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 7; R. Clark, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGMER (Sussex).—On Thursday, June 30th, the members of the Ringmer branch of the above association rang the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the Vicar's wife, who was interred on that day. The first touch was two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. H. Jones, 1; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 2; J. T. Rickman, 3; G. Washer, 4; A. Fuller, 5; E. Pelham tenor. This was followed by two more 120's. A. Washer, 1; J. T. Rickman, 2; A. Slarks, 3; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 4; G. Washer, 5; A. Fuller, 6. And another 120 with 768 behind. H. Jones, 1; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 2; A. Slarks, 3; J. T. Rickman, 4; A. Fuller, 5; E. Pelham, 6; G. Washer, 7; A. Washer, 8.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 19th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Poplett, 1; F. Sanders, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, June 21st, 720 of Bob Minor. F. Arnold, 1; the rest as before. Also on Sunday, June 26th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Sanders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And 240 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Sanders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, June 28th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 24½ mins. F. Sanders, 1; F. Arnold, 2; E. Moses, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And 120 of Double Oxford Bob, conducted by E. Moses.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, July 3rd, at St. Michael and all Angels, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). T. Watson, 1; J. Aust, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; *C. H. Howard, 4; S. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Composed by S. Hammond and conducted by C. H. Howard and is now rung for the first time. *First peal as conductor in any method.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, June 21st, being Her Majesty's Jubilee, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8, behind, by the following ringers: C. Bone, H. Brooks, C. E. Buckingham (conductor), E. Hollands, W. Broomsgrove, J. Harding, H. T. James, E. Matthews, W. Stedman and W. E. Warn. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHEAM (Surrey).—On Monday and Tuesday, June 20th and 21st, being Her Majesty's Jubilee, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, by the following: C. Bone, H. Brooks, W. Broomsgrove, C. E. Buckingham (conductor), C. Everest, J. Harding, E. Hollands, E. Matthews, and W. Stedman. The above are Carshalton ringers, Cheam being unfortunately without a band, owing to the ringers refusing to comply with the rules of the rector, which is a great pity, as they are a very pretty ring of six, the tenor being about 11 cwt., and in consequence of being so seldom rung they go rather heavily.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Jubilee Day, June 21st, at the church of St. Peter's, at 5 o'clock, two 720's of Bob Minor. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; Jno. Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, 4; W. Nickol, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. During the day several 360's were rung, and the bells fired.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Monday evening, July 4th, a mixed band met at the parish church to ring a peal of Bob Triples, but owing to the excessive heat of the belfry (partially caused through bad ventilation), the bells were brought round at half way (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 33 mins. G. A. Hatton, 1; A. Folkes, 2; J. Brooks, 3; F. Davis, 4; R. Bird, 5; W. Bird, 6; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 7; C. Beasley, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. Messrs. Hatton, Folkes, Brooks, and Davis, hail from Lye, and is their first half peal; C. Beasley belongs to the local company, the rest come from Old Hill.

EAST WRITTON.—On Wednesday, June 29th, for the celebration of the Jubilee Festival, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, at 6 o'clock in the morning. J. Croft, jun., 1; J. Jacques, 2; J. Sheils, 3; W. Craggs, 4; Wm. Peacock, 5; C. Buckton (conductor), 6. The ringers afterwards adjourned for breakfast. During the forenoon, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung, and the bells fired fifty times for the number of years our noble Queen has reigned. In the afternoon a 720 was started for, when on reaching the last bob, the ringers were called to join the procession round the village. In the evening, two old members visited the ringing chamber, the one, aged 85 years, raised a bell, and the other, aged 80 years, rang in a 360 of Bob Minor, in good style, they both rang in a peal of 5040 changes on six bells, on 25th March 1825. On Sunday, July, 3rd, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Croft, jun., 1; J. Jacques, 2; J. Shields, 3; W. Craggs, 4; W. Peacock, 5; C. Buckton (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, a 360 of College Single, standing as before.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 26th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; J. Hawkins, 2; F. Wyatt, 3; W. Saunders, 4; J. Easton, 5; R. Harding, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; G. Pederick, 8. And after service, 672 and 336 in the same method, conducted by R. Harding.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Tuesday, June 21st, Jubilee Day, at the parish church, a 1008 of Bob Major. Chas. Adams, 1; Chas. Lee, 2; Chas. Honeybell, 3; John Slater, 4; F. Wells, 5; R. Mingay, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. Also a 560 of Bob Major. C. Adams, 1; S. Slater, 2; Chas. Honeybell, 3; John Slater, 4; F. Wells, 5; Z. Slater, 6; G. Maxim, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. And on Sunday morning, June 26th, being the

Jubilee Service. a 1008 of Bob Major. S. Slater, 1; G. Lee, 2; F. Wells, 3; John Slater, 4; J. Lee, 5; Geo. Maxim (Foxearth), 6; Geo. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. Also after the Service, a 560 of Bob Major. G. Maxim (Foxearth), 1; C. Lee, 2; F. Wells, 3; J. Lee, 4; S. Slater, 5; R. Mingay, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8.

HIGHAM NEAR ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday, June 26th, at St. John's Church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 24 mins. H. Humphrey, 1; G. Cogger, 2; C. Waterman, 3; P. Doust, 4; G. Doust (conductor), 5.

HIGHER WALTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, June 28th, at All Saints' Church, by the local company, a 720 of Coronation Exercise, in 27 mins. G. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Horwood, 2; H. Hunt, 3; H. Brewer, 4; J. Eccles, 5; J. Mather, 6. Also on Tuesday, July 5th, the local company rang a 720 of Lancashire Delight, in 27 mins., it being the first 720 in the method of the bells. Geo. Thornley (conductor), 1; Jas. Heywood, 2; Hy. Hunt, 3; Hy. Brewer, 4; Jno. Eccles, 5; Jas. Mather, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Thursday, June 23rd, being the day fixed for the return of H. C. Martyn, Esq., the beloved son of the rector of this parish, the local company met at the parish church and rang a 560 of Bob Major, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, as a welcome to the above gentleman to this parish. Jno. Slater, Z. Slater, C. Adams, C. Honeybell, S. Slater, F. Wells, O. Garwood (conductor), H. Dews, J. Bird, Percy C. S. Scott.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, June 28th, at St. Alban's Church, the local company rang a Jubilee touch, containing 2609 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins., being the number of weeks in the fifty years of Her Majesty's reign up to June 21st. T. Adshead, 1; J. Tempest, 2; J. B. Howarth, 3; W. Nixon, 4; J. Adshead (composer and conductor), 5; J. Gressley, 6; J. Waugh, 7; W. Phillips, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, July 2nd, at St. Martin's Church, 518 of Grandsire Triples. S. Lawrence, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; A. W. Barkus (first touch), 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; J. K. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Afterwards on hand-bell retained in hand, 518 in the same method. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8. And on Sunday morning, July 3rd, for Divine Service, 518 in the same method, and a 518 for evening service.

ST. ALBANS (Herts.).—On Sunday morning, June 19th, at the cathedral, for service, 420 of Stedman Triples. T. Grant, 1; R. A. Fowler, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; W. Battle, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And on Friday, June 24th, for a special Jubilee Service, 882 of Grandsire Triples. A. Godman, jun., 1; R. T. Kent, 2; H. Lewis, 3; E. Hulks, 4; N. N. Hills (composer and conductor), 5; A. Godman, sen., 6; T. Waller, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Also on Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, 252 of Stedman Triples, and for afternoon service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1; E. Mitchell (first 504 inside), 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; A. Barnes, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (composer and conductor), 5; E. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills, 8. And for evening service, 224 of Bob Major and a course of Bob Triples. A. Barnes, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8.

ST. SIDWELL'S (Devon).—On Saturday, July 2nd, seven members of the local company met Dr. A. B. Carpenter, of Croydon, who is on a visit to Devon, at the parish church, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing for 1 hr. 8 mins., it had to be abandoned owing to the excessive heat, which made the back bells go very bad. F. Davey, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 4; W. H. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. J. Lake, 8.

WORKSOP (Notts).—On Wednesday, June 22nd, at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. D. Taylor, 1; S. Harvey, 2; D. Russon, 3; R. Knowles (conductor), 4; H. Watkinson, 5; *—Beeston, 6. *First 720.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

The Jubilee of our most Gracious Queen was noted in this parish by the ringing of the bells of the parish church on Tuesday, June 21st, this being all that was done that day, as the Rector was engaged at Westminster Abbey, being one of Her Majesty's Chaplains. 1008 changes were rung by the following band:—John Slater, 1; Chas. Adams, 2; E. F. Cole, Esq. (London), 3; S. Slater, 4; R. Mingay, 5; Z. Slater, Geo. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; A. Garwood (conductor), 8. Other touches were rung during the morning, and in the afternoon another touch of Bob Major (1008) was rung by Z. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2;

C. Adams, 3; S. Slater, 4; H. Dews, 5; F. Wells, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, June 22nd, being the day for the celebration of this glorious jubilee, the day commenced by the ringing of the church bells, when a well-struck touch of Bob Major (with fifteen bobs, from Banister) was rung by the band. Z. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; S. Slater, 4; H. Dews, 5; F. Wells, 6; J. Bird, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. Then, for the service, a touch of Bob Major (1680) was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 1456. Jno. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; S. Slater, 4; H. Dews, 5; F. Wells, 6; Z. Slater, 7; A. Garwood (conductor), 8. This was followed by another touch of Kent Treble Bob Major; the bells were then fired fifty times to denote the number of years of Her Majesty's reign.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—The Jubilee of our most gracious Queen was celebrated in this parish on Friday, June, June 24th, Midsummer day. Being the day of the annual fair, the proceedings commenced by the ringing of the church bells at 3.30 a.m., when the following programme was gone through:—First, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, by Joseph Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; Z. Slater, 4; S. Slater, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Second, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by the same band as before, conducted also by O. Garwood. Third, a 720 of Plain Bob, by Joseph Slater, 1; C. Adams, 2; F. Wells, 3; John Slater, 4; Slater, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Also, a 360 of Cambridge Surprise, 360 of Plain Bob, 240 and 120 of Kent Treble Bob was also rung during the day. Total, 3240 changes. On the next day two touches were rung at twelve o'clock; 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 240 of New London Pleasure. The Jubilee Service was held in the parish church on Sunday afternoon, which was well attended, the large church being well filled. The bells were rung on the occasion.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The following is the account of ringing done at Shire Oaks during the month of June. On Sunday, June 5th, for Morning Service at the parish church, 360 each of Duke of York and New London Pleasure. D. Taylor, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, 360 each of Violet and Kent, and 240 of Oxford, in the same order as above, with the exception of S. Tomlinson at the treble in place of D. Taylor. And on Tuesday, June 7th for practice, 240 each of Kent, Violet, and Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Sunday, June 12th, for Morning Service, 240 each of Violet and Kent Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. And for evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Harvey, 1; D. Taylor, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Tuesday, June 14th, for practice, 240 Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. And on Sunday, June 19th, for Morning Service, 360 Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Tuesday, June 21st, at half-past six, the ringers assembled and rang 360 of Violet Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. And a course each of Oxford, New London Pleasure, Kent and Duke of York, were rung during the day, with firing volleys between. Also on Sunday, June 26th, for Morning Service, 360 Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. And for evening service, 360 each of Violet and Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6.

OPENING OF THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S-WITH-OUT-THE-WALLS, CHESTER.—SPLENDID GIFT BY THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER.

HANDBRIDGE was brilliant with flags and decorations on Saturday morning, when the sun shone down with immense fervour upon the proceedings in connection with the opening of the new church of St. Mary's-without-the-Walls. About 11 o'clock the "nobility, gentry, and aristocracy" of Hough Green, Curzon Park, and Handbridge, with others of lesser degree, began to swarm into the church all with their best clothes, new gloves, and top hats on. A thousand delicate perfumes floated on the air, and in short, the whole affair was exceedingly genteel. Indeed it is not every day that a nobleman is either able or willing to practically give to the people an entire parish church (and that church of no ordinary character) with stained window, bells, and steeple, its churchyard, and a Rectory like a country mansion, and enlarged schools besides. The gift must represent in the total something between forty and forty-five thousand pounds, and is

splendidly complete. Everybody concerned was not only deeply grateful to the Duke, but also very proud of their new acquisition, which was only natural and proper. The new church will seat 700 worshippers. In addition to the generosity of the Duke of Westminster, for which the parishioners are exceedingly grateful, we have to record the gifts of articles of church use given by various private donors. The rejoicings in connection with the event were general on that side of the water. Flags were hung out of numerous windows, while the fine peal of bells which has been placed in the new tower rang out right merrily and gave proof of their beautiful and sonorous tone. Some other ancient church in the city is said in the old histories to have been a landmark and perhaps a beacon to mariners upon the Dee. That was no doubt the days when the river washed the foot of the Water Tower, and the kings of England despatched their troops to Ireland from this ancient port, on the principle of thrashing the Irish into loving obedience. The height of the tower is no less than 175 feet, which with its already commanding position on the top of the Handbridge rise, will enable it to be seen for many miles round. If ever we possess a navigation again, which is doubtful, the new and lofty tower of St. Mary's without the Walls may serve as a lighthouse for the ocean liners and other flats which shall in future be berthed in the newly projected docks. Failing that, let us hope that the church may prove some sort of moral beacon to both mariners and landmen.

The church is built of the sandstone of the district, the rough-cast walling being of Waverton stone, and the dressings of Runcorn stone. The architect is Mr. F. B. Wade, of 10, Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, London. The style adopted is the early gothic, slightly varied in places. For instance the nave and aisles have early gothic lancet-headed windows with trefoil heads, while the chancel is early geometric a little tracery being introduced characteristic of a later period. The timber work of the roof is open, and the pure and delicate tones of the interior produce throughout a delightful airy effect. The whole of the wrought iron work of the church, contrary to the usual custom, has been designed by the architect himself, and is marked by unusual beauty and clear cut character. The whole of the glass in the church, including the magnificent stained glass, is by Mr. Edward Frampton, of 110, Buckingham Palace Road, London. The east window, the position of which is strikingly and unusually lofty, consists of five lights containing the crucifixion, with the figures of the Virgin and St. John. St. Alban and St. George are shown in complete armour, and a wonderfully rich effect is obtained in ruby glass in the treatment of the Dragon. The Crucifixion is finely drawn. An angel holds a chalice at the foot of the cross, and a circle of cherubs is shown around the head of our Lord. The various figures are placed under canopies of very fine proportions and design. In the three upper central lights are small subjects—the Annunciation, the Nativity, and the Salutation. The chancel window on the south side is filled with stained glass containing a finely-conceived figure of St. Luke. The west rose window contains the figure of our Lord in Majesty with the emblems of the four evangelists and adoring angels—altogether a fine piece of design and colouring. The windows above-mentioned are all of them given by the Duke. The baptistry windows contain the following subjects: The baptism of our Lord, St. Philip baptising the eunuch, and Cardinal Beaufort baptising the infant son of Henry the Fifth in the Tower. These windows are exquisite in colour, design and detail. The transept contains three windows, containing the following subjects: The Pool of Bethesda, and seated figures of Moses and Elijah respectively. The former is especially noticeable for the power of adaptation Mr. Frampton has shown in dealing with a difficult subject. In this connection we may remark that Mr. Frampton has been commissioned by his Grace to design the great west window of St. John's as his jubilee gift to that church.

The following is a list of donors of special gifts: Mr. Robert Frost, clock (three dials); Mr. C. W. Potts, carved oak pulpit; Sir T. G. Frost, £50; Mr. John Gamon, £50; Mr. C. M. and Miss. Machell, £60; Miss Bryars, £20; Mr. and Mrs. Giles R. Griffith, carved oak lectern (in memoriam); Mr. Robert Roberts and family, stained glass window (in memoriam); children of the parish font and baptistry windows; a Friend, £2 2s.; Mrs. Freeman L. Bagnall, three prie-dieus; Mr. Joseph Oakes, £5; the Rector (Rev. H. Grantham, the altar; Miss Stittwell, shields for altar candles; Mr. S. Golder, brass altar desk; Mrs. Golder, litany book; Miss C. F. Smith, book markers (purple); Mr. James Gregg, brass and onyx altar vases; Mrs. and the Misses Revis, alms bags (purple); General Ingall, C.B., £5; Mr. T. Miller, £1; and many other gifts too numerous to mention.

The consecration service was conducted in the usual form, the Lord Bishop of Chester being accompanied by a very large body of clergy. Amongst the congregation were the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, who were welcomed at the church by the Rector, the Rev. H. Grantham, whose little daughter presented the Duchess with a lovely bouquet of stephanotis and other beautiful flowers. The new organ was presided over by Mr. E. S. Giles (the appointed organist) assisted by Mr. Timothy, of Eaton, and the music was efficiently con-

ducted by the picked church choir, assisted by the Eaton Choir. The responses were to Tallis, and the *Te Deum* to Martin in G; hymns 302, 165, 239, 166, and 379, and hymn after the sermon, 215. The processional hymn, "Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem," and the grand old melodies, "O God, our help in ages past," and "All people that on earth do dwell," were splendidly and solemnly rendered, proving the fine acoustic properties of the new church. After the consecration, the ordinary service was conducted by the Rector, the first lesson being read by the Rev. Canon Upperton, and the second lesson by the Ven. Archdeacon Gore. The Rev. W. T. Giles read the concluding prayers; the Ven. Archdeacon Barber and the Very Rev. the Dean severally read the epistle and gospel.

The Bishop preached a practical sermon from Isaiah lii., 1, and I Chronicles xxix., 14, "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem; and "Who am I and what is my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort, for all things come of Thee." In the course of his sermon, his Lordship said:—

We are met this morning to dedicate with thanks and prayers a very complete and most beautiful new church. It is very beautiful, everything in it and about it is full of voices, love, and of the careful desire to make it as beautiful as it can be made, a fit offering of deep and devout and intelligent devotion. This is not, indeed, a fitting time for personal congratulation or compliment. What a gift the magnificent heart of the Duke has given as the offering of a king to the service of the King of Kings, and what an encouragement and new spring of hope and blessing such a foundation is to those who have at heart the welfare of church and people, there cannot be a single person here who does not recognise with admiration and gratitude God loves the cheerful giver, and there is an abundant blessing in the gracious heart; the heart that has grace so to give. In such a feeling we accept and dedicate the church. The words of our founder and the words of David—"all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." The hand that gave the means gave also the heart to give. The expression of our thanks to Him to-day contains a prayer for blessing on the giver and his children to all generations of them that love God, whose is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty, for ever and ever. Why should a church be made beautiful? What a question! We might answer fairly with another—Why should it not? Or with a still further one—Why should not everything that can be made beautiful, be made so, after the pattern of God's own working, who hath made everything beautiful in His time? Or a still further one—What is beauty, and what the purpose and value of the gift of seeing and reproducing the beautiful?—and so on into the realm of vexed questions and calculations of the line of beauty, and the variations of the curve of taste. I will not presume this morning to enter upon such a disquisition. For us the matter is comparatively simple one. There is such a thing in us all as an idea of beauty. It is not the same in all, or in all ages, or in all minds of the same age, but it develops towards one ideal, and the higher the education the more refined the perception, so much nearer one ideal does the varied taste for beauty converge. It is not to be defined either by lines or colours or expression; it is not to be analysed in fitness or veracity, or utility, although certain lines and colour and expression are incompatible with it and it ought to combine with the kindred elements of the true and the good for all purposes of fitness, and of veracity, and utility. If it is a beauty after the fashion of God's creation it is an idea that should lead and draw those who have eyes to see with up to Him. Like all good gifts it is open to abuse, and woe to him by whom cometh the offence of perverting it to evil that which in its nature is very good. It is of the nature of a creature and liable to be made an idol, as all things are, which being made for man, have become ends in themselves to those who seek them. And such idols, knowledge, and good character and even good conscience itself, may become to those who do not recognise the fact that it is from God all such gifts come, and that they come to us that we may offer them again to Him in love. This truth lies at the basis of all relations between religion and art, whatever and of whatever value that art may be; music, poetry, painting, architecture all alike are under the same law; a natural gift, a refining and educating discipline, and a growing ideal to be perfected by and by, as we believe in the still more exalting consummation of all things when the times of refreshing come and the gifts and disciplines and ideals of this life shall stand, to the realities that shall be reached, in the relation of shadow to substance, fragments and germs, to a perfect and all glorious reality.

At the conclusion of the service the following address was presented to his Grace in the schoolroom.

"To the Most Noble Hugh Lupus Duke of Westminster, K.G.
"May it please your Grace. We, the Rector and parishioners of St. Mary's, Chester, desire to offer to your Grace our congratulations on the happy occasion of the consecration of the new parish church of St. Mary's without the Walls, for which, together with the new rectory and schools, we are indebted to your munificent liberality. The parishioners of St. Mary's will ever regard with gratitude this magnificent memorial of your Grace's zeal and interest in the welfare of the parish and of the city and neighbourhood of Chester. We pray that God's blessing may ever rest upon your Grace's labours for the good of those around you, and that you may be long spared to see the fruit of your work in the increase of Godliness, piety, and charity amongst us. May many years of happiness be in store for you and Her Grace the Duchess, whom we desire most respectfully to include in these our congratulations, good wishes, and prayers. Signed on behalf of the parishioners H., Grantham, rector; Alexr. McGregor, John Gamon, Churchwardens; Henry Faylor James Salmon, sidesmen. June 18th, 1887."

The Duke, in reply, and who spoke while labouring under deep emotion, sincerely thanked the rector and churchwardens and those whom they represented, for their very handsome address, so feelingly written, and said he received it with a thankful heart. He must be excused saying any more further than he hoped and prayed that the work they had begun that day might long continue, and that the church would ever open its gates to a devout congregation. He thanked them sincerely for all they had said and done, and the Lord Bishop most sincerely for the kind words he had used in his sermon.

We should add that the removal and rebuilding of the old cottages to open out the churchyard (which will not be used for interments) and the building by his Grace of a handsome sexton's house at the corner, completes a public improvement of the most valuable and handsome character. —*Local Paper.*

TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Compiled by JOHN CARTER.

1386.

234567	1	2	3	4
342567				-
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532467		-	-	
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563427	-	-	-	
246537	-	-	-	
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Contains twelve 7-4's, twelve 4-6's, and twelve 6-7's.

1638.

234567	1	2	3	4	5
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362457	-				-
265374	-	-			
652374				-	
526374				-	
342567			-	-	
452367	-	-	-		
524367			-	-	

Twice repeated.

Contains twelve 4-6's, twelve 7-4's, and twelve 6-7's.

1974.

234567	1	3	4	7
345276	-	-	-	-
453276	-	-	-	-
532467	-	-	-	-
324576	-	-	-	-
245367	-	-	-	-
452367	-	-	-	-
542376	-	-	-	-
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2352.

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435276	-	-	-	8
352467	-	-	-	-
524376	-	-	-	-
423567	-	-	-	2
235476	-	-	-	-
354267	-	-	-	-
542376	-	-	-	8
243567	-	-	-	8
345276	-	-	-	8
452367	-	-	-	8
253476	-	-	-	8
334267	-	-	-	8
432576	-	-	-	8
325467	-	-	-	-
254376	-	-	-	-
543267	-	-	-	-
342576	-	-	-	8
245367	-	-	-	8
453276	-	-	-	-
532467	-	-	-	-
324576	-	-	-	-
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523476	-	-	-	8
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Full extent, with the 6th and 7th together throughout.

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1638.

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265374	-	-	-	
635274	-	-	-	
356274				-
325467				
245367	-	-	-	
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Twice repeated.

Contains twelve 4-6's, twelve 7-4's, and twelve 6-7's.

JUBILEE DOUBLES.

12345	15423	31425	23451
21435	Bob	13245	32541
24153	51243	31254	35241
42513	15234	13524	53241
45231	51234	31542	53214
54213	15243	13452	35241
52431	12534	14325	53421
25413	21354	41235	54312
24531	23145	42153	45132
42351	32415	24513	41523
43215	34251	25431	14253
34125	43521	Bob	12435
31452	45312	52341	21345
13542	54321	25314	12354
15324	53412	52314	21534
51342	35421	25341	12543
51324	34512	23514	21453
15342	43152	32154	24135
51432	41325	31245	42315
54123	14235	13425	43251
45213	12453	14352	34521
42531	21543	41532	35412
24351	25134	45123	Bob
23415	52143	54132	53142
32145	52134	51423	35124
23154	25143	15432	53124
32514	52413	14523	35142
23541	54231	41253	13524
32451	45321	42135	31254
34215	43512	24315	12345
43125	34152		
41352			
14532			

W. G. CRICKMER, Earl Soham, Suffolk.

MORNING DELIGHT.

12345	45213	32145
21435	54123	23415
24153	51432	32451
42513	15342	23541
24531	15432	32514
42351	51342	23154
24315	53124	21345
42135	35214	Bob
41253	53241	12354
14523	35421	12534
14253	53412	21354
41523	35142	23145
45132	31524	32415
54312	13254	23451
45321	13524	
54231	31254	

Twice repeated.

W. G. CRICKMER.

What large family is there in which there is not one boy who wishes to go to sea? But parents and guardians are often doubtful as to the prospects—at any rate, of the mercantile marine—as a profession. The problem is a difficult one, but an answer to it is given in an article in the July *Magazine* on "The Merchant Service as a Profession."

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

"CHESHIRE BELLS."

SIR,—I am surprised that a large county like Cheshire, and possessing such numerous and excellent peals of bells, and judging from the reports in your valuable paper from time to time, it would seem that there are some excellent ringers to be found in the county. Take the city of Chester for example, with its Cathedral, possessing a fine heavy peal of eight bells, tenor 32 cwt., and having an excellent band of ringers; also St. Mary's without-the-walls, with its noble peal of eight bells, tenor 20 cwt., given by the Duke of Westminster, which with the church cost upwards of £30,000, and there are numerous other churches in the city of Chester possessing several excellent peals of six bells, tenors of various weights. I am of opinion if these two bands were to unite and form a committee to take the necessary steps to lead to the formation of a change-ringing association, some real practical work might be done, and the art and science of change-ringing would be extended throughout the city and county, and tend to raise a more satisfactory and agreeable *esprit de corps* than at present exists. By this means many excellent peals of bells would be brought more prominently before the Exercise. Also a word of advice in conclusion. I have always found in various parts of the country where an Association was in existence, that quality and salaries went hand in hand, the higher the standard, the higher the pay, and were recognized as men of skill and intelligence, which is a fact, that demands the careful thought and consideration of all ringers of every grade, both rich and poor. I am of opinion, that were the large ringing Associations to unite and form a friendly society for ringers only, it would meet the cordial approval and hearty support of all ringers throughout the country.

COLLEGE YOUTH.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Seeing a report of the ringing on Jubilee day, June 21st, in last week's "BELL NEWS," would you oblige me by correcting a slight mistake of the writer's, as I see nine names mentioned, but not the name of our respected captain, Mr. J. S. Wright, who was there to ring at 4.30 a.m. with the others of the company, also being connected with the ringing more than forty years at the parish church at Spalding.

ONE OF THE RINGERS.

W. A. CLARKE'S VISIT TO THE WEST OF ENGLAND.

SIR,—In your issue of June 18th, you publish a most interesting account entitled "A Whitsuntide Trip," signed by William A. Clark, Birmingham. As a constant reader of "BELL NEWS," allow me to thank Mr. Clark for the pleasure it afforded me to read the account of his trip, and I hope he will favour us again when he travels perhaps in another direction. Now I would suggest that all lovers of bell music should just take notes in their travels, and send you an account, for I feel sure it would be read with much interest if inserted in your valuable paper from time to time, and afford much pleasure and information to your readers. Such accounts as this makes your paper doubly valuable, because we cannot all travel over the same ground, therefore we should get most interesting accounts of different places and different things. I was so pleased with the information I gleaned, that it induced me to write to you. A LOVER OF CHURCH BELLS.

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SIR,—In overlooking back numbers of "THE BELL NEWS," I note in your issue for May 21st this year, the name of Mr. Robert Williams is attached to a 5040 of Treble Bob Royal. This peal was first rang in the year 1784, and first published in the year 1788. In your issue for July 2nd, the name of Mr. J. R. Pritchard is attached to a peal of 5000 Treble Bob Royal. This peal was first published in the year 1816, and first rung in the year 1818. Both compositions are in *Shipway*, pages 247 and 250, and both are also published in *Snowdon's Treatise*, page 105. It would be interesting to know how many times these old compositions have been reproduced since originally composed, and it may be interesting to state that about "eighteen variations" can be obtained from each original peal. I am aware that this is an unpalatable statement, but it is none the less true. In your issue of the 25th ult., my name is attached to a peal of Treble Bob Major, which I believe was recently rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. This peal was originally composed by my friend Mr. N. J. Pitstow, and first published in the Yorkshire Association's Report for

the year ending 1884. My friend has a good and extensive stock of Treble Bob compositions, but I am sure this excellent latter peal would easily be missed, and I am therefore anxious to restore it to the fold of the ninety and nine, where the report of performances in your paper appeared. I told the conductor it was not my peal, but some irresponsible person I presume sent you the bungling report, and so caused the necessity of correction.

H. DAINS.

CORONATION EXERCISE.

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5
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JAMES MATHER.

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM FRICKER.

Early on Monday evening, the 27th ult., the above member of the Exercise died after a very brief illness, extending only four days, at the age of fifty-five years. Deceased had previously enjoyed good health, and followed his usual occupation until seized by the fatal malady. Mr. W. Fricker was for many years leader of the Frome local company, but of late years had ceased to take an active part in the affairs of the Society. He was also the recipient of first prizes competed for by companies of ringers at Bruton and Ditchet, Somersetshire, respectively, when prize ringing was in vogue. He possessed a numerous collection of handbells, and displayed talent in tune ringing of which he held a monopoly. He will be greatly missed in his visits to neighbouring village churches, where he endeavoured to push on the course of change-ringing, more especially by the Nunney Society of Amateur change-ringers, of which we find his name frequently published in ringing touches of Grandsire Doubles with. Deceased was interred in Christ Church churchyard on the following Thursday afternoon, surrounded with many sorrowful relatives and friends, who were anxious to pay the last solemn respects to a devoted husband, father and friend. In the evening the ringers connected with the parish church of St. John-the-Baptist, Frome, rang on the fine old bells, half-muffled, as a tribute of respect of the deceased's former connection with them. It might be added that Mr. Fricker in response to an appeal from the pulpit of St. John's church, a few years ago, presented the muffles to the church, which was required on that occasion to ring out the old year with.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

There will be a Committee Meeting of the above Association in the Church Room, Stoke, on Saturday, July 16th, at 4.30. All members are invited.

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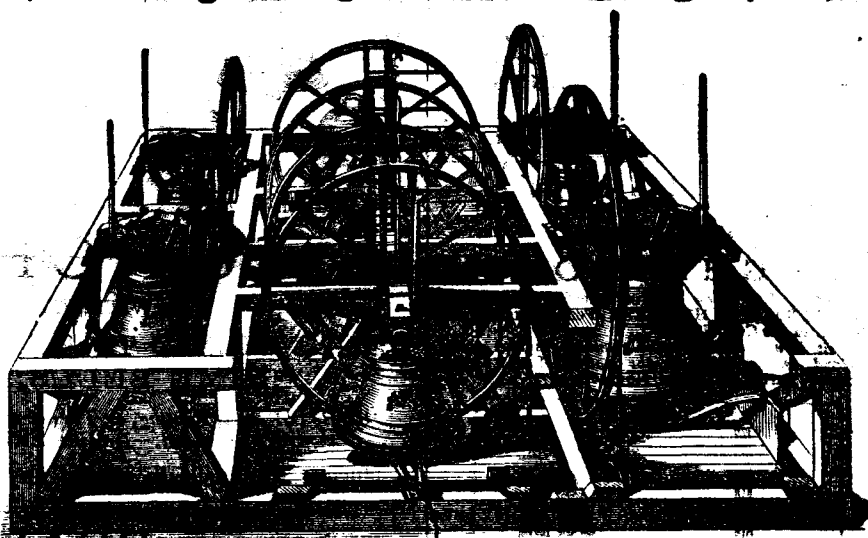


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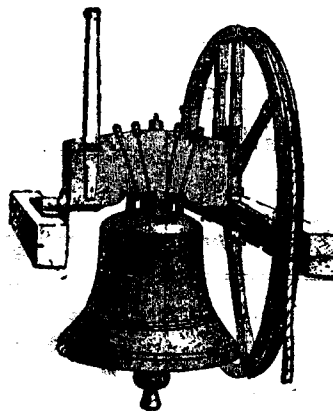
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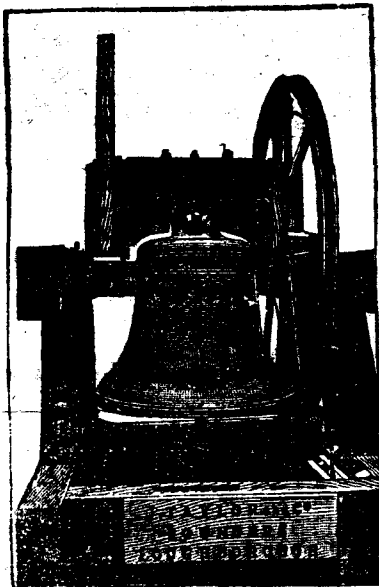
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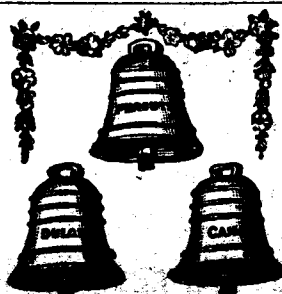
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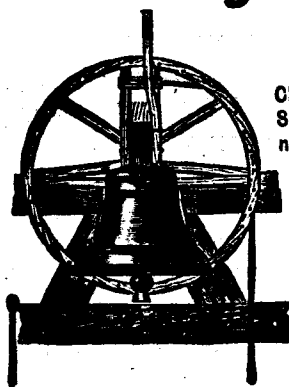
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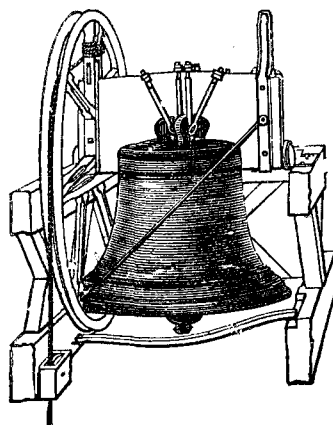
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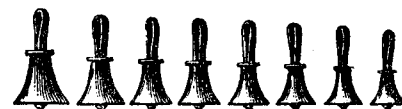
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BOW BELLS, LONDON.

Many things have been written about these celebrated bells, much perhaps that is old. The following is taken from an old book, and we insert it, because it possesses features which will be interesting to the rising generation:—

"A vast amount of antiquarian pleasantry and amusing research have been expended upon the history and practice of bell-ringing. It was once a favourite pastime with grave and learned men, though there are few of us who care to recollect our forefathers as *bell-ringers*. Still, Sir Symonds D'Ewes, who was Lord of the Manor of Lavenham, in Suffolk, and one of the most accomplished antiquaries of his time, was fond of bell-ringing, as was Sir Matthew Hale, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas; as was also the great Lord Burghley, Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth. Time, however, rings as many changes as bells themselves; our high functionaries no longer seek recreation from their official cares in bell-ringing; and Sir John Jervis and Lord John Russell are not very likely to ascend into the belfry of Bow, to shake off the unusual weight of the Common Pleas, or the weightier cares of Downing Street, by ringing a Christmas peal. We must not be tempted to stray among the poets for their love of bells, else it may be as difficult to stop as the peal itself. Nor do we feel disposed to meddle with the *questio vexata*—when bells ought to be rung. Certainly, they are sometimes rung on very strange occasions, as when a gentleman, become very unpopular, has been most unjustly defeated in a lawsuit; and when the Beer Shop Bill was passed. We agree with a writer in the "Parish Choir," that there can be no harm in ringing the bells in honour of any important public event, or the arrival of any distinguished personage, or of any other event at which a Christian may lawfully rejoice, whilst to ring them for any party triumph, or for any malicious purpose, is abominable. 'Let me,' says this intelligent correspondent, 'express my regret at that lamentable want of Christian feeling in the public and amongst parochial authorities, of which the prevalent abuses in the ringing of church bells afford an example. The weddings of the rich are graced by their mercenary sounds, whilst those of their poorer brethren are unheeded; and any political triumph or secular anniversary is greeted with merriment, whilst the leading events of the Christian year are passed over, unhonoured.' From this kindly indignation must, however, be excepted Christmas, when, although much of the custom of profuse hospitality has passed away, this is yet universally recognised as a season when every Christian should show his gratitude to the Almighty for the inestimable benefits procured to us by the Nativity of our Blessed Saviour, by an ample display of goodwill towards our fellow-men. And we do not know how this feeling can be better quickened than by a joyous peal of bells, 'the poor man's only music, the mosaic of the air.' Dr. Burney, the great authority on matters musical, has pointed out the innumerable rich and strange melodic passages that flit across one's ear in listening to a good peal of bells, which the writer in the 'Parish Choir' cleverly compares to a musical kaleidoscope. The writer just quoted, 'John Clapper,' remarks that any one who walks from the City of London westward at night (say on Christmas Eve) cannot fail to notice how vastly more soft and silvery are the tones of the City bells than of the more modern ones. The peal named at the head of this paper is a harmonious exemplification of this fact, and its history is of curious celebrity.

"The church of St. Mary-le-Bow, or Bow Church, in the words of old Stow, 'for divers accidents happening there, hath been made more famous than any other parish church of the whole City or suburbs.' It not originally a Roman temple, as was once believed, it was one of the earliest churches built by our Norman conquerors. It has been destroyed by storm and by fire; was at one time garrisoned and besieged, and was afterwards the scene of an assassination. Our present business is however, specially with Bow bells, of which the citizens of London have ever been proud; and it was from their extreme fondness for them in old times, that a genuine Cockney has ever been supposed to be born within the sound of Bow bells. According to Fynes Moryson, 'the Londoners, and all within the sound of Bow bells, are in reproach called Cockneys and eaters of buttered toasts.' Beaumont and Fletcher speak of

'Bow bell suckers,' *i.e.*, as Mr. Dyce properly explains it, 'children born within the sound of Bow bells.' Anthony Clod, a countryman, addressing Gettings, a citizen, in Shirley's 'Contention for Honour and Riches,' says, 'Thou liest, and I am none of thy countryman; I was born out of the sound of your pancake bell,' *i.e.* the apprentice's Shrove Tuesday bell, when pancakes were in request, as they still are, and the London apprentices held a riotous holiday.—(Cunningham's 'Handbook of London'.)

"In the year 1649 (says Stow), it was ordained by a Common Council that the Bow bells should be nightly rung at nine of the clock. Shortly after, John Donne, mercer, by his testament, dated 1472, gave to the parson and churchwardens, two tenements in Hosier-lane (now Bow-lane), to the maintenance of Bow bell, the same to be rung as aforesaid, and other things to be observed, as by the will appeareth. This bell being usually rung somewhat late, as seemed to the young men, 'prentices, and others in Cheap, they made and set up a rhyme against the clerk as followeth:—

Clarke of the Bow bell, with the yellow lockes,
For thy late ringing thy head shall have knockes.

As well as the clerk's reply—

Children of Cheap, hold you all still,
For you shall have the Bow bell rung at your will.

"William Copeland, churchwarden, either gave a new bell for this purpose, or caused the old one to be recast in 1515; Weaver says the former.

"This ringing of Bow bell, observed to the present day, is a vestige of the Norman curfew. It is also observed at Charterhouse, St. George-the-Martyr, in Southwark, and in a few other parishes of the metropolis. At the same time that the order was given, in 1649, for the ringing of Bow bells, lights were to be exhibited in the steeple during the night, to direct the traveller towards London.

"The bells, steeple, and church, all shared the common fate in the Great Fire of 1666. The tower is shown in the view of London, 1543 (in the Sutherland collection in the Bodleian Library, Oxford); it is somewhat lofty, has a central lantern or bell-turret, and a pinnacle at each corner. The church was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren, and on the steeple being finished in 1679, part of £400 paid by the City to the united parishes for the site of Allhallows Church and churchyard, on which to build the present Honey-lane Market, was appropriated to a set of bells; Dame Dyonis Wilkinson having given £2000 towards erecting and beautifying the steeple. The belfry was prepared for twelve bells, but only eight were placed: these got sadly out of order, and after various repairs it was reported in 1739 that the Great bell was cracked; however the peal was made good at the expense of £290.

"In 1758, a petition was presented to the vestry from several respectable citizens, setting forth that on all public occasions the bells of Bow are particularly employed, that the tenor bell is the completest in Europe, but the other seven are very much inferior, and by no means suitable to the said tenor. 'Your petitioners therefore request that they may be allowed at their own expense, to recast the seven smaller bells, and to add two trebles.' This the parishes permitted, after an examination of the steeple by Dance and Chambers, the two ablest architects of the day, who reported that 'such additional weight, nor any weight that can be put upon the steeple, will have any greater effect than the number of bells now placed there.' Accordingly, the set of ten bells was completed by subscription, and was first rung June 4th, 1762, the anniversary of the birth of King George III.

"In 1820, the steeple was repaired at a great expense, under the able direction of Mr. George Gwilt. The belfry was then surrounded with strong iron braces, both internally, and also in the masonry itself; the ashlar, or external face being cut through to admit the same, and space being left to admit of the expansion of the metal; the weight of these braces is about six tons. At the above time it was said or sung—

They've cut a yard of Bow Church steeple,

which was believed to be considerably lower than before the repairs; the fact however is, that from some slight difference in the new work, the spire is four inches higher, the whole height from the bottom of the old Church being 239 ft. 6 in.

"In the year 1822 some fear was expressed that the use of the

bells would endanger the steeple, but at a vestry it was decided by a large majority, to ring them for a trial; and as from a subsequent examination of the steeple there did not appear to be any cause for alarm, the amateurs of bell-ringing, and the Cockneys at large, have often since been gratified by the sound of Bow bells. The present set is much heavier, and more powerful in tone than the first peal of bells. It requires two men to ring the largest (the tenor, 53 cwt., key C), in consequence of its not being properly hung about two years since, on account of an accident having befallen it.

"The ringers belong to a society called the 'College Youths,' founded in 1637, by Lord Brereton, Chief Justice Hale, Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Dacre, joined by several of the City Aldermen. The society takes its name from the College of St. Spirit and Mary, founded by Sir Richard Whittington, on College Hill, Upper Thames Street, which was burnt down in the Great Fire. Its church had a peal of six bells, but the present church (St. Michael's), at the same place, has no bells. A book recording the names of the founders and members of "the College Youths," from 1637 to 1724, was lost about that time, and only recovered ten years since. It was found in the possession of a Bristol bookseller, who, having purchased it at a sale of a private library in Gloucestershire, advertised it in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, when it was purchased by the members for six guineas. Each member subscribes one penny per week for the expenses of keeping up the register, handbells, etc.; the certificate costs 6d.; admission fee, 2s. 6d. All the members (who are competent), can ring if they choose. There are about 200 members in the society, residing in different parts of the country, and fifty in London; they ring principally at St. Saviour's, Southwark (twelve bells), but they formerly rung at St. Martin's for sixty years. They generally ring the peal for pleasure, but, on Christmas Day and other holidays, they are paid two guineas among the eleven. They ring once a month for practice and to gratify the neighbourhood. On Christmas Eve they ring at nine; New Year's Eve from half-past eleven to half-past twelve. At St. Saviour's, on Christmas Eve they ring at twelve. Another society called the "Cumberland Society," rang for a few years at Bow Church. There is a peal called the 'Whittington Peal,' which can only be rung on twelve bells; and the College Youths are anxious to have two bells added to the present number, as the peal is considered incomplete."

JUBILEE STEEPLE-JACK.

The Vicar of St. Paul's church, Bedford, the Rev. Lambert Woodard, lately expressed a wish to see the spire of his church decorated for the Jubilee. Mr. W. Allen, one of the members of the Bedford company, at once volunteered to do it, and having obtained permission of the Vicar, at once proceeded to get ladders, and successfully fixed them to the top of the spire, where he fixed a flagstaff to the weather vane. He then hoisted the Union Jack, and it floated proudly, 160 feet from the ground. This been W. Allen's first attempt at anything of the kind, he was congratulated upon his success by a great many of his brother strings and townsfolk, as they thought that he was not capable of accomplishing the task he had undertaken. He then put flags out of every window in the spire, and covered his ladders, etc., with bunting, the result being a very pretty sight, and much admired by all who saw it. Afterwards the Vicar and churchwardens thought it would be a very good opportunity to have the weather vane, etc., painted and re-gilded. As there was an expressed wish for this to be done, he at once volunteered to do it, and anything that might be necessary. After getting everything in readiness, he again ascended the top to paint it, and being up nearly two hours, he was successful in finishing the job. The decorations were left up for ten days, after which he proceeded to take them down, and safely accomplished it without the slightest mishap, and he wishes to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing him to do it, and several friends for the use of the ladders, etc., also some of his brother ringers for kindly lending him a hand at the pulley by which he hoisted the ladders.

M. W.

A RINGING WEEK WITH THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

During the past week, Mr. Proctor of Benington, who was staying at Duffield, visited the following towers: Duffield, tenor 17 cwt.; Tamworth, tenor 22 cwt.; St. Paul's, Burton, tenor 26 cwt.; Melbourne, tenor 15 cwt.; Bakewell, tenor 19 cwt.; Youlgreave, tenor 26 cwt.; Ashby, tenor 18 cwt.; Quorndon, tenor 14 cwt.; Loughborough, tenor 24 cwt.; St. Andrew's, Derby, tenor 20 cwt.; St. Luke's, Derby, tenor 32 cwt.; All Saints', Derby, tenor 25 cwt. The above are all rings of eight except the first and the last, which have ten bells. The local ringers were present in force at most of the churches, but the greater part of ringing, with the exception of that at St. Paul's, Burton, at Quorndon, and at Loughborough, was done by the Duffield society, who accompanied Mr. Proctor on five out of the six days of his visit. Touches were brought round in each of the following fifteen methods, with the exception of Cambridge Surprise, of which, owing to the limited time, a course only was rung; Treble Bob Royal (handbells), Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, Duffield, Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Major, Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Triples; also by the Burton company—London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, and Superlative Surprise. In addition to the touch of Treble Bob Royal, there were also rung on handbells during the week, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Duffield and Treble Bob Major, and courses of Grandsire Cinques, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Grandsire Major. Mr. Proctor himself took part in Stedman, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Cambridge, and Superlative, astonishing every one by his activity and keen interest in the proceedings. He expressed himself especially delighted with the fine peal at Youlgreave, the grandest ring of eight he asserted he had ever heard. The ten at Duffield also greatly pleased him, from the wonderful clearness and tune of the new trebles. The Saturday was arranged as the annual outing of the Duffield society, who visited on that day, Bakewell and Youlgreave, in company with friends from Burton and Derby, in all a party of over twenty. The weather, though hot, was everything that could be desired throughout the week, and in spite of the somewhat closely packed programme, Mr. Proctor shewed no signs of fatigue, and left for Hertfordshire on Tuesday evening, in the best of health and spirits, carrying with him the good wishes of the Midland Counties' Association.

INSCRIPTIONS UPON THE BELLS AT ST. ALKMUND'S CHURCH, SHREWSBURY.

- Treble*.—"Our life is changeful, view us now complete,
To thee our notes we raise, more gay in eight."
2nd.—"Hear Holy Aulkmund's long forgotten shade,
Sedate we rose in six, for thee were made."
3rd.—"These sacred walls, this venerable spire (tower)
Shall give our changes sweetness, raise them higher."
4th.—"And still as sportive fancy counts them o'er,
Shall waft them far on Severn's fertile shore."
5th.—"Hail! Patriot George, for whom a nation prays,
That Health and Peace may crown his latter days."
6th.—"In Deaths we mourn, with Hymen we rejoice,
In public good we join the public voice."
7th.—"Now Vespers, and now Matins rites prepare,
While Piety gives all her soul to prayer,"
Tenor.—"Faithful I watch and warn both young and old,
To all, O God, thy grace and light unfold."

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ON Saturday last, the 9th instant, that section of the above Society who invariably officiate at various London steeples on state and other occasions, dined together, with a few friends, at "The Bell" inn, Walthamstow. It is well-known that the old Anniversary Festival of this ancient Society was held on the fifth of November, but some years ago, for the purpose of enjoying a kind of brief summer outing, the time of the festival was altered. The beauties of the warm season could thus be enjoyed, and old members of the company could meet under the sylvan shades of birch and willow, and live over again their past experiences. May be the fact that summer was the best time to enjoy the most beautiful of the fruits of the earth led many to regard that season as the period when such a festival as an annual dinner should take place. Considering that many of the worthy and most noted "Collegians" are renowned connoisseurs in what is grateful to the palate, the opinion may be hazarded that the fact of the month of July being the period of "duck and green peas" was an important factor in the determination arrived at.

Since however, this change was effected, a new generation—worthy in every respect, let it be said, to do credit to the traditions of the Society—has sprung up, and by them a reversion to the old order of things has been favored, inasmuch that now the society's rules have been revised, the old date for the Anniversary Dinner is again to be adhered to. We do not know that there was any great opposition to the new departure, nor is it to be supposed that it created any excitement or increased action among such a staid, conservative body as the College Youths is well known to be. But the summer anniversary had become such a favorite holiday for the particular section above alluded to, that they determined to have it, notwithstanding. And on the day above-named, the pleasant hostelry above mentioned being the appointed trysting-place, under a cloudless sky, the thermometer being at something like 100° in the shade, "the meet" came off.

About three o'clock the members began to assemble in the grounds attached to "The Bell," and very soon the number arrived either in person or by proxy. There was however one face missing which was hitherto ever present at the Annual dinner of the "Colls."—Mr. James Dwight. It was remarked that his general health was hardly so good as was desired. Messrs. Cooter, Muskett, Haworth, were to the fore, looking as well and young as ever, as also Messrs. Pettit, Jameson, Dorrington, Mash, Horrex, and J. M. Hayes. The dinner was served in a pleasant apartment, erected for such purposes, rendered cool by artificial means, skilfully carried out. In the temporary absence of the Master (Mr. G. McLaughlin), the chair was taken by Mr. Mash, and the vice-chair by Mr. George Muskett. The arrangements for the dinner were most satisfactorily effected, two very good and very full courses being "struck" by the obliging host of "The Bell," Mr. McDaniell.

After the repast, a stroll in the grounds, until the arrival of more friends, filled up a brief interval, when a visit was made to the church of St. Mary, Walthamstow, where a few touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung. The atmospheric conditions of the day were not favourable to any exhibition of this kind, and therefore what ringing was done was not of a very first-rate character.

In the evening, agreeably to the dictum of the Chairman, the company met again in the dining room, for that kind of saturnalia which has come to be designated as "the feast of reason and the flow of soul." The Master presided, the company being augmented by members of the Society whose

business engagements prevented them from being present earlier in the day. The versatile faculties of our old friend, Mr. W. D. Smith, of Hackney, were called into requisition, and his ventriloquial powers caused, as usual, much merriment. A very pleasant hour was employed, the "veterans" of "The Colls" remaining (not always the case on such occasions) to the end. Of the local ringers, members of the St. Saviour's society only appeared, and of them a fair number were present.

The MASTER gave, as the toast of the evening, "Her Majesty the Queen," which was received in a very hearty manner. During the proceedings,

Mr. PETTIT, in a few apposite remarks, proposed "Success to the BELL NEWS," dwelling upon the value this journal had been to the Exercise at large. This toast was responded to by our representative, who gave "The Ancient Society of College Youths," to which sentiment the name of Mr. G. Muskett, Honorary Secretary of the society, was coupled.

Mr. MUSKETT, in reply, thanked the proposer and also the company for the manner in which they had responded to the toast. He would continue to do his best for the welfare of the society under every conceivable circumstance, and hoped it would go on and prosper more and more. Mr. Muskett's observations were received with great applause and gratification by the company.

A few more toasts and songs, and the company dispersed in order to catch the eleven o'clock train, which after many reciprocal expressions of mutual regard, carried the visitors away to their several destinations, not however until many of them had expressed their opinion that the day's proceedings had been most successful, and that the determination to have an anniversary dinner during the summer season was on no account to be regretted.

WISHFORD MAGNA, WILTS.

ON Friday, July 8th, five members of the Salisbury Guild met at this village for the purpose of opening the peal of five bells, the frame of which has lately been strengthened, and a new fourth put in by Mr. Thomas Blackburn, of Salisbury. Having arrived, they were most kindly pressed by the rector, the Rev. E. Hill, to partake of tea, after which they proceeded to the tower, which was found to be very small, and a very bad circle of ropes, for as enough money was not forthcoming, the bells could not be entirely rehung with a new frame, so the draught of the ropes could not be altered. It was now found almost impossible to do any change-ringing on the bells, although the "go" was everything that could be desired, and great praise is due to Mr. Blackburn for the able manner in which he has performed the work. After ringing a few singles and call changes, standing as follows—J. R. Jerram, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; S. Lawrence, 5, the ringers were once more invited by the rector to partake of supper in the rectory, from the open windows of which could be heard the melodious tone of the bells, now rung by the local band, who fairly rung, after breaking sundry ropes, the visitors out of the village. It might be interesting to know that these bells have never before been rung with stays and sliders, the ringers all falling the bells when they wished to stop.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO MR. J. M. ROUTH.

We regret to bear of a serious accident which has happened to this universally-respected gentleman. While taking part in the game of cricket, so we are informed, he was struck in the eye by a cricket-ball, completely destroying the optic. This will be most painful intelligence for all of our readers, particularly those who like ourselves have the honour of Mr. Routh's acquaintance. The heartfelt condolence of his friends will not of course relieve or repair such a serious accident, or they would from their genuineness do so. We hope, perhaps in vain, that the terms in which the disaster has been made known to us has been exaggerated.

A JUBILEE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

2600.

By S MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

2 1 3 4 6 5 7 8

2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7 Start into changes
 1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8 at hand stroke.
 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 These eight chan-
 2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 ges make the first
 1 2 3 4 6 5 8 7 treble lead.
 2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8
 1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7
 1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7

	M	B	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-	2
2 4 3 6 5	2	-	I	2
5 3 4 6 2	2	-	I	I
5 3 6 2 4	-	-	-	I
3 5 4 2 6	-	2	-	2
2 4 5 3 6	-	-	2	2
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	I	2
2 3 4 5 6	-	-	I	2

This touch contains 2600 changes, being the number of weeks the Queen has reigned on her Jubilee day.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

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

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 6th its extent at home, with the 2nd away from the tenor at the wrong throughout.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5080.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

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

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

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

This peal has the 6th seven course-ends at home.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

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

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

This peal contains the 6th its extent in all positions, and the 4th eighteen times each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL.

9900.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich.*

2 3 4 5 6

6 4 3 5 2 I 3
 4 3 6 5 2 I
 6 5 4 3 2 I 8
 5 4 6 3 2 I
 6 3 5 4 2 I 8
 3 5 6 4 2 I
 5 6 3 4 2 I
 3 4 5 6 2 I 8
 4 5 3 6 2 I
 5 3 4 6 2 I
 4 6 5 3 2 8

These eleven courses four times repeated.

The first six courses four times repeated makes a 5400.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By J. J. PARKER, *Farnham Royal.*

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5120.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

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

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th twenty-two times wrong, and the 5th twenty-four times wrong.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By THOMAS FARROW, *Pulham Market.*

2 3 4 5 6 B W H

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

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

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB ROYAL.

5400.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich*.

2	3	4	5	6	I	3	8
4	5	3	6	2	-	-	-
5	3	4	6	2	-	-	-
4	6	5	3	2	-	-	-
6	5	4	3	2	-	-	-
5	4	6	3	2	-	-	-
6	3	5	4	2	-	-	-
3	5	6	4	2	-	-	-
6	4	5	2	3	-	-	-
4	5	6	2	3	-	-	-
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	-
2	5	6	3	4	-	-	-
5	6	2	3	4	-	-	-
2	3	6	4	5	-	-	-
3	6	2	4	5	-	-	-
2	4	3	6	5	-	-	-
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	-
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-
3	4	6	2	5	-	-	-
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	-

The last nine courses repeated produces rounds.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB
MAJOR.

5056.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

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

Twice repeated.

In this peal the second is never in 6th's place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Norwich*.

2	3	4	5	6	W	M
5	2	4	3	6	-	
3	5	4	2	6	-	
4	3	6	5	2	-	
6	3	2	5	4	-	
2	6	4	3	5	-	
4	2	5	6	3	-	
5	2	3	6	4	-	
3	2	4	6	5	-	
4	3	5	2	6	-	
5	3	6	2	4	-	
6	3	4	2	5	-	
4	6	5	3	2	-	
5	6	2	3	4	-	
2	5	4	6	3	-	
4	2	3	5	6	-	

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 6th twelve and the 5th nine times wrong and right, and is obtained without a call at home.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5080.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	I	2	
4	2	5	6	3	I	I	2
2	4	3	6	5	2	2	
5	2	6	4	3	2	I	2
2	3	6	4	5	I	2	
4	6	3	2	5	2	2	
6	4	5	2	3	2	2	
4	3	5	2	6	I	2	
2	5	3	4	6	2	2	
2	3	4	5	6	I	2	

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB ROYAL.

5260.

By J. MORTS, *Ipswich*.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5111.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

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

7th in and out at three bring the bells round.

This peal has the 5th and 6th each twenty-four courses before the 9th, and the 6th twelve courses behind the 7th.

Two girls, aged eight and four years respectively, daughters of a carpenter named Ross, were drowned at Pitmixon, near Aberdeen, on Wednesday morning. It was supposed that one of the children waded into a clay hole in which there was a large quantity of water, and the other attempted to rescue her. Both were drowned before assistance reached them.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1887.

THE Jubilee festivities are, it may be supposed, very nearly at an end by this time, and the mode in which they have been on the whole carried out, appears to have given satisfaction all round, ringers perhaps being the sole exception. Grumblings, not a few, or far between, have been heard in various quarters respecting the emolument which was meted out to them upon the day in question. A letter of indignation, taken from a contemporary, which we print in another column, very plainly sets forth the position of matters which obtained in the town of Northampton. The circumstances there, if the writer correctly states them, would be sufficient to raise the ire of any ringer who is proud of his art, and who felt that it was too lightly esteemed. Most of our readers who peruse the letter referred to will sympathize with the remarks therein.

In these questions of ringing for pay, the difficulty is not, as a rule, with the Church authorities, but with other local bodies who hold most erroneous and ignorant notions regarding the general status of ringers and their work. And it appears this was the case at Northampton. No doubt the "gentlemen forming the Committee" imagined that the services of the ringers were to be easily secured for copious draughts of low-priced beer! accompanied with the patronising air usual with such gentry.

The pranks of such people as these ought to teach some ringers a lesson. If it was not known that there are ringers to be found who are always on the look-out for occasions when pay is to be had for ringing, no one would have the audacity to treat ringers any other than as gentlemen. We do not say that the ringers of Northampton are anything but averse to such craving, but it is the residuum who do the harm. We have heard lately of a band of ringers who had to ring at two adjacent churches on the same day, going to another neighbouring church, and calling upon the authorities, offered to ring for half the usual fee, because what they received at the other two churches was not sufficient. They were refused, as they deserved to be. But this is the kind of thing that brings the *bona fide* ringer and his art into disrespect.

WORKING MEN AND THE CHURCH HOUSE.

The following letter on this subject has appeared in *The Guardian*:—

SIR,—May I call your readers' attention to some of the many excellent reasons why the scheme for the erection of the Church House should be specially interesting to and supported by Churchmen of the working classes?

During the past fifty years many great changes and improvements have been brought about within the Church of England, and I believe every change and every step towards improvement has been to the advantage of the working classes above all others.

Take, for examples, such improvements as free and unappropriated seats, and services more numerous and at hours to suit all classes (in my own parish our vicar is always willing to turn out at half past four in the morning to give the blessed sacrament to working men before they go to work). Art in its various branches is no longer confined to the mansions of the wealthy, but finds its place also in the churches of the poor. Working men have now a voice and influence in church affairs and find seats in rural dean and diocesan conferences, and in the House of Laymen. Nor can one forget the immense blessing to the working classes which has resulted from the Church's educational work during the past half-century.

That working men are not ungrateful for these privileges is abundantly proved by their activity in extending the same to such as have not yet participated in them—by their work in connection with St. Crispin's, Northampton, St. Paul's, Worcester, and many another parish, and especially by the existence of ten thousand communicants in the Church of England Working Men's Society.

They have not, however, had the opportunity of showing their appreciation by any one general and united act. Such an opportunity is now afforded by the Church House scheme: and surely no memorial and thankoffering for God's blessing on the Church during our present Queen's reign can be complete without the co-operation of the multitudes of humble but loyal Churchmen among the working classes, who have shared in a marked manner the great blessings resulting in the revival of Church life which the Church House is to crown and commemorate. Their contributions may be small even in the aggregate; but their heartily sharing in the movement would extend and increase their enthusiasm for the Church of England as a whole.

Many of your readers must have the opportunities of initiating the movement among the working (Church) men of their parishes: but, to be successful, the work must be taken up and carried through by the men themselves—collections by district visitors, &c., do more harm than good. F. G. BROWNE.

Maidstone, July 2, 1887.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bridges, the tower of St. Mary's, Beddington, will be open on Bank Holiday, August 1st. All ringers invited. Tower open at 2 o'clock.

The Provinces.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, July, 9, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION.

J. W. LANG.. .. . Treble.	H. BROOKE 5.
J. KNOTT 2.	M. RAMSDEN 6.
J. ILLINGWORTH 3.	L. ILLINGWORTH 7.
S. GOODALL 4.	W. COLLINS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by
 LUKE ILLINGWORTH.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the 87th birthday of the composer, and was composed by him specially for the occasion, on March 5th, 1887.

Date Touches.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, July 11th, at St. Marys parish church, a date touch (1887 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 6½ mins., in the following methods:—447 of London Single Bob Minor (fifteen bobs and two singles, composed by C. E. Wilson); 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), 360 of Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and two singles), and 360 of Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs and twelve singles). J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; W. J. Short, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; R. Stockey, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. W. J. Short hails from Bootle, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 9 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Tuesday, June 21st, at St. Andrew's church, short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung before and after service, and a touch of 1420 of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., being the longest touch in the method by all. J. G. Pratt, 1; J. Pallister, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Cleminson, 4; F. Castree, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; F. Charlton, 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, July 7th, at Christ Church, a Jubilee touch, consisting of 2600 changes, in 1 hr. 33 mins., in the following methods: 140 Grandsire Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 720 College Single Minor, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and 300 Plain Bob Minor. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. The above number of changes correspond with the number of weeks the Queen had reigned on her jubilee day. Tenor 12 cwt. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton.

BUCKWORTH (Hunts).—On Saturday, June 25th, ringers from Bythorn, Keyston, Hargrave, and Raunds, paid a visit to the above village and rang a 720 of the following methods: 6-score of Place, Canterbury, St. Simons, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. R. Dunkley (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; J. Martin, 3; E. Chapman, 4; F. Gilbert, 5. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Bob Doubles. J. Pettit, 1; J. Martin, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; W. Richards, 4; E. Chapman (conductor), 5. Also 6 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Pettit, 1; J. Martin, 2; E. Chapman, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5. F. Gilbert hails from Raunds; J. Pettit, from Hargrave; J. Martin from Keyston; the rest from Bythorn. Tenor about 10 cwt.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On June 5th, 720 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; H. Bond, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6. On June 19th, 360 of Bob Minor. T. Brown, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. Hall, 3; D. Frances, 4; W. Large (conductor), 5; H. Bond, 6. June 21st, 1,792 of Grandsire Triples. W. Hall, 1; D. Frances, 2; H. Smith, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Bond, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. On June 26th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; D. Frances, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Bond, 7; H. Shaylor, 8. On June 30th, 643 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; D. Frances, 2; T. Brown, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; H. Bond, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Shaylor, 8.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday evening, July 11th, 720 of Bob Minor in 18 mins. *F. Lambert, 1-2; G. Dent, 3-4. †J. Kittle (conductor), 5-6. *Hails from Halesworth; †Totally blind.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, July 9th, for practice at SS. Thomas and Edmunds church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. D. Ivers, 1; F. Hales, 2; W. Stringer, 3; J. Murphy, 4; M. Murphy, 5; J. Plant, 6. Also on Sunday, for morning service, 265 of Grandsire Triples. C. Fellows, 1; D. Ivers, 2; J. Plant (conductor), 3; W. Stringer, 4; P. Comlon, 5; J. Murphy, 6; M. Murphy, 7; F. Hales, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 10th, after Divine Service, in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. W. Dixon, 1; — Hubbard, 2; H. Barnett (conductor), 3; A. Jacob, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. — Hubbard, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; H. Barnett, 3; A. Jacob (conductor), 4; G. Griffin, 5; W. Dixon, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

KINGSTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 10th, for morning service, a touch of 812 Grandsire Triples. Jos. Parslow, 1; Hy. Parslow, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Wright, 4; Thos. Hart (Eastbourne), 5; Jas. Strutt, 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8. Conducted by Jas. Strutt.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, July 11th, at St. Lawrence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. T. Wragg, 1; A. Widdowson, 2; G. Bradley, 3; Jno. Ward, 4; W. Gilson, 5; J. Barrow, 6; J. C. Dickens (conductor), 7; T. Cope, Esq., 8. Tenor 11 cwt.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Monday, June 27th, a 720 of Victoria was rung. It was attempted on Jubilee day, but being interrupted it came to grief after ringing about half of it. The above peal was composed by the late William Marsden a native of Leyland, and was first rung on the Queen's Coronation, 1838, by the old parish church ringers, none of whom survive except Mr. William Bowling, and it is nearly half a century since it was rung before. The ringers on the present occasion were as follows: Oliver Worden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; Jas. Bretherton, 3; Richard Bowling, 4; Thomas Baron, 5; Jas. Banister, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, July 10th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. John Dupen, 1; Matthew A. Wood, 2; Henry Edwards, 3; John Bonney, 4; Joseph West, 5; Walter Prime, 6; Arthur Hayward, 7; James Monday, 8. Composed and conducted by M. A. Wood.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Friday, July 8th, at Christ Church, 720 College Single. G. Hatton, 1; H. Mason, 2; C. W. Bassano, 3; *A. E. Parsons, 4; J. Brooks, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—At Holy Trinity church, on Saturday July 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 28 mins. W. Foxall, 1; H. Mason, 2; C. W. Bassano, 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, and at the first attempt.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday evening, July 11th, touches of Grandsire, and 588 of Stedman Triples. G. Croucher, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; T. Fuller, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; E. Moses, 7; F. Saunders, 8. This is the longest length by all except E. Moses. T. Fuller is now 70½ years old, and only commenced to ring the method a few months ago, and had never seen a bob in the method till within a month of this date, and we may say that he never failed to ring any method on six or eight bells that he tried to ring. His brother ringers hope he will ring a peal in the above method yet.

SELLEY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, July 10th, before morning service, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples. E. Boylin, 1; T. Gibbs, 2; J. Nix, 3; A. Thomas, 4; T. Lewis, 5; H. Bradley, 6; E. Bryant, 7; A. Cole, 8. This is the longest touch on the bells, which were opened on the 20th ult. by the local band after being augmented by the Messrs. Warner, of London, from a peal of six. We hope to hear of something more from this quarter at an early date.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, July 5th, after evening service, being the first sermon of the Rev. A. A. Long, M.A., the new Vicar, the local company rang 350 of Grandsire Triples. E. Goodreds, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; J. Frisby, 3; C. Price, 4; J. Hall, 5; A. Hill, 6; W. R. Small (conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, H. Mills, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; J. Frisby, 3; W. R. Small, 4; C. Price, 5; A. Hill, 6; W. Pardoe (conductor), 7; B. Starkey, 8. On Wednesday, July 6th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Mills, 1; W. R. Small, 2; S. Jesson, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; A. Hill, 5; G. Hughes (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; J. Prestidge, 8. Also three courses of Plain Bob Minor. G. S. Jesson, 1; W. R. Small, 2; G. Hughes, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And a plain course of Bob Minor. S. Jesson, 1; W. R. Small, 2; G. Hughes, 3; A. Hill, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith, 6. And several courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Jesson, 1; J. Prestidge, G. Hughes, 3; W. R. Small, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; J. Smith, 6.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, 10th July, at St. Mary's parish, 340 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, 120 of Plain Bob Minor, and 120 of Grandsire Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

WOOLLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, July 9th, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hatten, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; J. Brooks, 3; F. Davis, 4; H. Mason, 5; W. Bird, 6. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob. G. Hatten, 1; H. Mason, 2; F. Davis, 3; W. Bird, 4; H. Deakin, 5; C. W. Bassano, 6. Also 360 of Plain Bob. H. Mason, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; W. Bird, 3; F. Davis, 4; J. Brooks, 5; H. Deakin, 6. Also 720 of Grandsire, in 25 mins. G. Hatten, 1; F. Davis, 2; J. Brooks, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; W. Bird, 5; H. Mason, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. All conducted by C. W. Bassano. Messrs. Hatten, Davis, and Brooks are from Lye. H. Deakin belongs to the local band, the rest from Old Hill.

ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.

The members of the above society had their annual outing on Saturday, July 9th, the place selected for this years trip being Uckfield. On arrival at their destination luncheon was provided, after which the party dispersed, some to enjoy the beautiful scenery, others to "bat and trap," while one party went to the church, where a quarter-peal was started for, but came grief owing to a change-course within two or three leads of the end. At half past one, a capital dinner was served at the "King's Head" by Hostess Read, giving that lady the greatest credit. After dinner an invitation was sent by Mr. Wilson (one of the churchwardens) for the party to pay him a visit, and were conducted by that gentleman himself through his garden and grounds, and assured the members that it gave him great pleasure on seeing them, and also in listening to the ringing. A pleasant walk of two miles brought them to Buxted, where, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Gell), they were allowed to ring. Several attempts were made without success, owing in a measure to the extremely hot weather, but a touch of Bob Minor was accomplished. On their way back through the park the party were delighted by several tunes struck on the bells with the chiming apparatus, by the obliging secretary of the Buxted band (Mr. A. H. Wratten). On getting back to head-quarters, tea was in readiness, and after same was over the homeward journey was commenced, arriving at Brighton at nine o'clock, all well satisfied, and only regretting that the day had seemed so short.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening, July 6th, the above Society visited Oxhey near Watford, to have a pull on the new bells which were opened by them on June 18th. Being met upon arrival by Mr. Gibbard (a local ringer), they at once proceeded to the tower close by, and commenced by ringing a 504 of Grandsire Triples, being the first upon the bells. T. Grant, 1; H. Lewis, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; W. Battle, 4; G. Gibbard, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. This was followed by 336 in the same method, conducted by G. W. Cartmel, and 168 each of Stedman and Bob Triples, 160 of Grandsire Major, and a course of Bob Major. Tenor 8½ cwt. Altogether this is a nice little ring, and when one or two defects have been altered, the Society intend ringing the first peal on the bells, having obtained permission to do so. Messrs. A. Barnes and E. Mitchell also took part in the ringing.

The following, from a local print, appears rather "high falutin" to those in the know:—

MARRIAGE OF A BELLINGER'S DAUGHTER.—It is so long since the bells of Wood Green Parish Church were rung to celebrate a wedding that when, on Tuesday morning last, they announced such an auspicious event, many enquiries were made as to the identity of the happy bride and the happier bridegroom. A great many people also gathered round the church porch and in the street to catch a glimpse of the wedding party as they left the church. It was soon found, however, that the young couple belonged to the humbler walks of life, although unusual interest was manifested in their union. The bride was Miss A. M. Baker, daughter of Mr. J. Baker. The bridegroom was Mr. Samuel Juniper, a railway employee. The fact of the bride's father being one of the parish bellringers accounted for the merry peals which were rung at intervals during the day. Special ringers from London were engaged to assist, and the whole party were generously feasted by Mr. Baker. Handbell ringing was also extensively engaged in, Mr. Baker being himself an adept in the art, and the owner of musical sets of bells. The Rev. E. B. Scott officiated at the ceremony in the church.

WATCHES, SUN-DIALS, AND TIME.—It will be obvious that a sun-dial made for London would be useless for either Paris or Edinburgh. The altitude of the Pole star varies with the latitude, and hence is greater at Edinburgh and less at Paris than at London; and as the style must always point to the Pole star, the angle it makes with the dial-plate must vary with the latitude. Again a little consideration will show that before clocks and watches came into use there would be no such thing as Greenwich time. At the present day, no matter in what part of the British Islands we may happen to be, we regulate our watches by Greenwich time, which can always be ascertained at the nearest railway station. But when dials had to be depended upon different towns would have different time. London time would differ from that of Bristol, Glasgow from Edinburgh. It has been already stated that a place fifteen degrees to the east or west of Greenwich has noon an hour earlier or latter as the case may be; and if fifteen degrees make an hour's difference, one degree will make a difference of four minutes. Thus, it is noon at Greenwich eight minutes before noon at Liverpool, and five-and-twenty minutes before it is noon at Dublin. Of course, people might have agreed then, as now, to accept Greenwich time as the standard; but then where would have been the use of their sun-dials? Probably a uniform standard of time was not so necessary two or three centuries ago as it is now, with our railways and telegraphs and all the complex life of modern civilization. A survival of the old custom of each town having its own local time still exists at Ipswich, where the town clock indicates local time, and is therefore always about four minutes before Greenwich time.—From "Science for All" for July.

NEW RING OF BELLS FOR MALVERN PRIORY CHURCH.

The work of restoring and rehanging the bells in the above church is now completed, and the bells were heard for the first time on Jubilee day, June 21st. Some particulars of the new bells will be of interest. There are three new bells, which, added to five of the former bells, make a peal of eight. The new tenor weighs about 21 cwt., and bears the following inscription from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Gregory Smith:—"In Dei Gloriam, Vox Malvernæ Jubilantis Dilectissimam propter Reginam, MDCCCLXXXVII." Translation: "To the glory of God. The voice of Malvern keeping Jubilee, in honour of our very beloved Queen." The new fifth bell bears this inscription written by the Rev. C. L. Bathurst:—"Jubilat Anglia! Lustra Victoria Peragit Aurea! Sit Deo Gloria! MDCCCLXXXVII." The author gives the translation as follows:—" 'Tis England's Jubilee, Victoria's reign, a golden sum of lustre doth contain, each golden. Glory unto God be given." The new treble bell, the gift of Mr. Edward Archer, bears the following inscription:—"The gift of Edward Archer in the Jubilee year of good Queen Victoria, 1887." The oldest bell in the old ring, supposed by some to have been cast early in the fourteenth century, and by others to be a twelfth century bell, will in future be used for week-day services and for the clock. It bears the following inscription:—"Virginis S Egregiæ S Vocor S Campana S Mariæ," which may be translated thus:—"I am called the bell of the illustrious Virgin Mary." The intention was to have this bell recast, but through the efforts of a local antiquarian. Mr. James Nott, it was fortunately saved from the melting-pot. Mr. Nott collected £35 to effect his object. The whole cost of restoration, including extensive additions and repairs inside the tower, has been about £850, and nearly this sum has been raised. Two of the bells were given by Mrs. H. E. Dixey in memory of her father, the late Mr. J. D. Perrins, and Mr. E. Archer gave the new treble bell. The chimes are being rearranged at considerable expense, and the committee appeal for aid to meet this extra outlay.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Kingston, on Monday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the Leopold Coffee Tavern at 6. Business meeting at 6.30, and ringing again afterwards.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER. Hon. Sec.

THE BISHOP AND THE RUNAWAY HORSE.—One morning as the late Dr. Fraser, Bishop of Manchester, was walking along one of the streets of that city, he suddenly heard a tremendous uproar and shouting. Turning round, he noticed a tradesman's cart come tearing along driverless, the horse having determined to bolt home, while the lad was delivering a parcel. Dr. Fraser, who saw at once the risk of serious, and possibly fatal accident, stepped into the roadway, caused the animal to swerve aside, and then, running by its side for a few paces, seized the rein. This brought the cart to a standstill, and you may be sure the boy was grateful to the fearless and courageous Bishop for so valiantly stopping the runaway horse.—From "Little Folks" Magazine for July.

WIGS.—The periwig, which had been long used in France, was introduced into England soon after the Restoration. The ladies wore their hair curled and frizzed with the nicest art, and they frequently set it off with artificial curls called "heart-breakers." After the Restoration, it was natural for the courtiers to assume an appearance as distinct as possible from the enemies of the Monarchy, and, in opposition to the short hair of the Roundheads, they lengthened the periwig to the waist. It is easy to see that in many cases it was necessary to confine the hair of these wigs. That it was first confined by persons in a military capacity, appears by the names which wigs tied back had. A full wig tied back in one curl is a *Major*; in two curls a *Brigadier*; and plaited into a curl below the ribbon was a *Ramilie*; and thus the physicians and the lawyers became possessed of the *Tye*. Hogarth, who lived during the time of the wig epidemic, satirised the fashion in a print called "The Five Orders of Periwigs measured Architectonically." But there were certainly more than five orders. We have the parson's wig, the legal wig, the aldermanic wig, the episcopal wig, the composite wig, the bag wig, the wig in folio, the full-bottomed wig, the pigtail wig, the *Ramilie*, the scratch wig, etc. Fenitut de Eincles says that a wig in folio cost 1,000 French crowns. The full wig of an English gentleman varied in price from thirty to forty guineas. It is therefore not surprising that the swell mob of the wig period tried to possess themselves of such costly articles. Their mode of operations is thus described by Sam Rogers: "A small boy was carried, covered over in a butcher's tray by a tall man, and the wig was twitched off in a moment by the boy. The bewildered owner looked all around for it, when an accomplice impeded his progress under the pretence of assisting him while the tray-bearer made off."—From "Cassell's Family Magazine" for July.

THE VICTORIA TOWER, WESTMINSTER.

The Victoria Tower, with its regal looking, crown-shaped roof, the foundations of which, like all the others on which the new palace is built, are of immense strength, being formed of a solid mass of concrete more than fourteen feet deep, and which descends ten feet below Trinity datum. They were allowed to settle several months before the structure was commenced, on April 2nd, 1842, since which time the pile grew slowly, but surely, at the rate of twenty-three feet per year, till the whole edifice attained a height of 345 feet from base to summit, and presses upon the foundations with a weight little short of 30,000 tons. Compared with this magnificent altitude, all other towers that we know of shrink into insignificance. There are spires enough, undoubtedly, of greater height, but no towers; even that noble one at Mechlin, half spire, half tower, and which perhaps comes nearest to that at Westminster, is but 348 feet to the top of the vane, while to the top of the vane of the Victoria Tower is no less than 420—more than double the height of the Monument, more than sixty feet higher than the top of the cross of St. Paul's, and within a few feet of three times the height of the famous tower of Pisa. All the other proportions of the tower are equally massive and noble. The walls are twelve feet thick up to the base of the first tier of windows, and thence six feet. The storied windows are forty-four feet high by thirty-two wide, and five feet deep. The figures which look so small and infantine in the niches on the sides, are huge as Titans—colossal masses, nearly ten feet high, and weighing many tons. The supporters of the coats of arms of our Kings are large as horses, and massive, as if meant to be supporters to the tower, while even the four light and airy looking pinnacles which crown the whole mass above, with their little gilt tops like points of fire, are in reality themselves as large as good sized temples, and reach actually ninety feet into the air above the parapet of the tower as it now stands. But none can appreciate, or even realise, the lofty grandeur of the pile, with all its rich magnificence of decoration, by merely gazing upon it. Noble as it is in any aspect, the Victoria Tower, like other great triumphs of architecture, must be examined in detail to be felt in all its mute eloquence of form. Only when the visitor has climbed the spiral staircase, which winds with many a hundred weary step up to the very summit, when he has studied the elaborate workmanship and proportions of the exterior from the balconies under the great window, entered the lofty arcades over them, and thence mounted to the roof and pinnacles above all, can he be said to know this building, which has grown up almost unnoticed and unknown, but which is nevertheless destined to give fame and name to England's architecture for centuries to come. The tower is attached to the Palace on the north and east sides only; the south and west fronts being open to the street, the latter forming that magnificent archway which is known as the Royal entrance, and through which only the reigning Sovereign will ever be allowed to enter. The gates to this entrance are already fixed and much admired, though in spite of their exquisite tracery and the wonderful manufacturing skill which they evidence, they are not befitting the grand proportions of the tower itself. They are low in height and almost paltry in appearance, and, contrasted with the massive and solemn effect of this portion of the Palace, they are inadequate to their first duty—that of appearance, and we are sorry to see them placed there. The gateway under which Her Majesty enters is an arch of nearly sixty feet high and twenty-two wide—such an entrance as no other place in the world equals, and this leads directly into the basement of the tower. It is one huge groined arch, nearly seventy feet square at the ground, and sixty-two feet to the top of the groin. On the left is a rich carved screen leading to the Royal gallery; on the right is a grand archway similar to that of the Royal entrance. The latter however is filled in with stone tracery, and is thus transformed to a noble Gothic window, enriched with stained glass. The visitor who wishes to ascend the tower passes at once to the south octagon turret, which he enters through a low iron door. At the first moment all seems wrapt in darkness, but after a while the eye, growing accustomed to the obscurity, discerns the last step of a well staircase of iron, which winds up and up in apparently endless spirals, till the circling balustrade is merged together in the long perspective, terminating at a dim bluish spot no bigger than your

hand, which marks the outlet on to the tower roof, nearly 350 feet above you. This tremendous flight of steps, the longest unbroken spiral staircase in the world, is only illuminated by the distant ray we have mentioned, and it is curious to note the solemn effect produced by the receding twilight as it penetrates deeper and deeper down the well till lost in almost total darkness. A dozen weary turns up this stair conduct the visitor by a passage to the first and largest floor in the tower—one which occupies the whole extent of the building over the great archway we have described. It is an apartment fifty-one feet square and seventeen feet six inches high, and this gives the visitor the best notion of the interior construction and of the use to which the tower is put. The tower is constructed from top to bottom of brick, stone, and iron, without any admixture of combustible materials, being thus entirely fireproof from base to summit. It is used as a grand repository for the State papers, records, and muniments of the nation, and for this purpose it is divided into eleven storeys, each of which, with the exception of the basement storey and the first floor immediately over it, contains sixteen fireproof rooms. All these floors are communicated with by means of a most singularly constructed flying spiral staircase of iron, which passes through an octagon aperture in all the floors, with each of which it joins by means of a short landing. The well of this beautiful staircase is about ten feet in diameter, and a similar aperture is made in the groined roof of the Royal archway, by which is kept closed by means of a sliding iron door. When however this is drawn back, a person standing on the ground under the centre of the tower, can see up at a glance, as through a telescope, from the bottom to the top. The roof of the tower is sloping, reaching about sixteen feet above the parapet, and surrounded with a gilt railing six feet high. The four corners are guarded by four stone lions twenty feet high, and from the base of the corners spring four cast-iron flying arched buttresses, which are formed in the centre in a kind of crown about thirty feet above the roof. The upper edge of these buttresses are decorated with a richly gilt wrought iron railing, which makes them when united, still more resemble a coronet, and in keeping with the regal aspect of the tower. Resting on the roof, and passing upwards through the four points of these buttresses which support it, is the flagstaff, a flagstaff in proportion to the rest of the pile, and strong enough to withstand the flaunts of the acre of bunting which flutter from it on gala days. Seen from the outside the great general features we have attempted to describe look bolder and more striking still, and though the ornaments are so numerous, the tracery so multiplied, and the height of the whole mass from the eye so great, there is still no confusion of parts. The mind fixes its massive and just proportions without distraction, and as the eye glances down its sculptured records of our line of kings, with all their bright historical associations connected with the very parliament to which it marks the entrance, the visitor feels that it is more than a mere tower; it is a sculptured monument of our great history as a nation; it is a monarchy in stone.

FASHIONABLE DOGS.—Dogs—small dogs, and especially terriers and spaniels—will hold henceforth an important place in the existence of their mistresses, and these four-footed gentlemen already have their fashions like—I was going to say—those who walk on two feet. Well, in Paris their fashion this season is a travelling cloak of thick cloth either checked or striped, with a belt of leather, and a hood, lined with very bright silk, either red or blue. This is either allowed to fall over the shoulders, or it is raised to cover the ears of the doggie, should the latter be delicate, and it can be fastened back to the body-belt by means of a ring. The waterproof cloaks are of the same shape, but are minus the strap, while the hood is pointed, and when thrown back can be fastened to the dog's collar. They are made in waterproofing in a shade of silver grey or of impermeable silk of the old-fashioned shade of pink, or of tiny checks or light zephyr stripes. These are the outcome of the season, and will create a sensation at the seaside. The collar which Mme. Ledouble has designed to complete these cloaks is a twist of leather in several different tones corresponding with those of the cloak, and closes either with a padlock or a bunch of balls. —From "The Lady's World" for July.

VISIT OF THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY
TO SHEFFIELD.

On Saturday, the 2nd instant, the ringers of Ashton visited Sheffield, in response to an invitation from the Sheffield Amalgamated Society, who wished to return the compliment paid by the Ashton ringers last summer. On account of the intense heat very little tower ringing was indulged in, for tossing a tenor of 41 cwt. in tropical weather is not calculated to keep one's blood at the lowest temperature. The evening, however, was spent in a far more pleasant manner. Dinner was provided at the rendezvous "The Queen" at six o'clock, when over fifty sat down, and the "changes" made in the following hour were too numerous to record, but every man kept well to his "work," finished his "course," and came "round" to the same conclusion fully satisfied. The after proceedings were commenced at the request of the company by the hero of the Mottram peal, Mr. Samuel Wood, tapping on the piano in a wonderfully clever manner three leads of Treble Twelve, and later in the evening he also tapped a course of Grandsire Royal. Mr. John Lomas, president of the Sheffield Association, took the chair, and on being requested gave a very interesting account of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung in 1846 and recorded on a curious old jug which is in the possession of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, and which was pretty freely used during the evening. In front of the jug, which is of good size, is the following inscription:—"Ars ignota ab ignorantibus dispicata" and below, "Composed and Conducted by William Booth, 1846." On the right hand side is the following:—"At the parish church, Sheffield, on Monday, March 23rd was rung on the ten bells 5200 true changes of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 3 hours and 40 minutes, by the following persons:—William Booth, 1; Thomas Whaley, 2; George Hudson, 3; William Earnshaw, 4; John Hutchinson, 5; George Wilson, 6; Thomas Gay, 7; James Walker, 8; Robert Heald, 9; James Taylor, 10. Weight of tenor 41 cwt.

"This Society met on this occasion to honour Mr. William Booth with conducting his farewell peal. He has attained the age of sixty-three years and has assisted in the principal performances with the Sheffield and Rotherham Society." On the other side is the peal.

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Once repeated produces 5,200.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley proposed "the Health of the Ashton ringers," and said how proud he and his fellow ringers of Sheffield were in having for their guests such a clever band of men, ringers second to none in the country, and he trusted that the friendship which had lasted over 100 years, would, through the younger ringers at that meeting, be handed down to posterity, and that the cordiality so essential to the welfare of mankind, would long continue to exist between the ringers of the two towns.

Mr. Samuel Wood, in responding to the toast on behalf of the Ashton ringers, said: He could not find words to express the feelings of himself and his friends at being able to be with the Sheffield ringers on that occasion, and thereby sustain the mutual friendship and friendly gatherings which had been instituted by their ancestors, and of which he had heard his grandfather speak in terms of the highest praise. The "Health of the Sheffield ringers" was proposed by Mr. James Wood, supported with a few brief remarks from Messrs. John Thorp, Geo. Longden, and Joe Mellowes.

The handbells were brought into requisition at intervals during the evening, and a few tunes were rung by the ringers of both towns, and two selections were also given by Messrs. Geo. Holmes (Sheffield), and Wm. Burgar (Sheffield), in a very masterly manner. The company were also very much pleased at Mr. Frith's (Ashton) rendering of "The Sexton" and other

songs. One of the most interesting features of the evening was a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, each performer having rung over 100 peals. Their names will be recognised as earnest supporters of campanology. John Thorp (Ashton), 1-2; C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield), 3-4; Samuel Wood (Ashton), 5-6; T. Hattersley (Sheffield), 7-8; Geo. Longden (Ashton), 9-10. As the time for parting came round, due homage was paid to the Queen, whose health had been drunk in a very loyal and hearty manner during the proceedings, with special reference to her jubilee, and with good wishes for her future welfare. It is to be hoped that other ringers will follow the example of the Sheffield and Ashton men, and by visiting neighbouring towns increase the interests of ringers and ringing generally.

THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, BRIGHTON.

The members of the above Guild held their annual outing on Monday, July 4th, when a visit was paid to Reigate and Bletchingley, in Surrey. The party, consisting of Messrs. A. Bennett (captain), J. Reilly, G. Biggerstaff, J. Salmon, W. Allfrey, P. Allfrey, and C. Griffiths, left Brighton terminus by the fast train leaving at 7.35 a.m., arriving at Red Hill Junction about half-past eight. Without delay the party at once proceeded by road to Reigate, being joined shortly afterwards by four other members of the Guild, Messrs. H. Eves, G. Hills, J. Mockett, and J. E. Worsell. Having arrived at Reigate, the members were met by Mr. Argent, the energetic secretary of the local company, who after the usual morning salutations had been exchanged, conducted them to the tower of St. Mary's, the ancient parish church, when at once the fine old peal of bells, tenor 21 cwt., cast in E flat, were set in motion to the tune of 336 Grandsire Triples, and in order to enable the younger members of the band to have a pull, several 168's were rung, and various other small touches. At eleven o'clock an attempt was made to ring a quarter-peal, but it came to grief after ringing over 300 changes, through the fifth rope slipping the wheel. After taking a walk through the church, and noticing many interesting features which the sacred edifice contains, more notably the many excellent specimens of stained glass to be found here, the party wended their way to Bletchingley, a small village about five miles distant. Having arrived at Redhill, a waggonette was procured at Laker's well-known hostelry, which conveyed the party the remainder of the journey to Bletchingley, where an excellent dinner was provided by host J. Bashford, of "Ye Red Lion Inne," to which ample justice was done. Mr. A. Benwell (captain), presided, while Mr. Meads, of Hayward's Heath (who had accompanied the party), occupied the vice-chair. Following the repast, a short toast list was gone through, and two or three songs rendered by members of the band. Mr. J. Bashford, jun., also partook of dinner with the Brighton ringers. At half-past three the ringers attempted a quarter-peal on the musical ring of bells to be found in the tower of St. Mary's, the parish church, but owing to the excessive heat, and the tenor not going so well as could be desired, it had to be abandoned. After a substantial tea had been partaken of at host Bashford's, various short touches were rung, including one of 500 Grandsire Triples. W. Allfrey, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; H. Bennett, 3; J. Bashford, 4; —. Killick, 5; J. Reilly (conductor), 6; H. Boniface, 7; —. Bains, 8. Messrs. Allfrey, Biggerstaff, Bennett, and Reilly, hail from Brighton, and Messrs. Bashford, Killick, Boniface, and Bains, hail from Bletchingley. After a social hour with the local ringers, the members made for Redhill station, arriving at Brighton terminus at 10.45 p.m. Although much ringing was not done, and the quarter-peals were not brought round, much to the ringers' dismay, sufficient for the day was the enjoyment thereof.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

There will be a Committee Meeting of the above Association in the Church Room, Stoke, on Saturday, July 16th, at 4.30. All members are invited.
E. GLOVER, Hon. Sec.

The peal of Grandsire Triples (Hollis's Five Part) that was rung at Lindfield, Sussex, by the Brighton Branch of the Sussex County Association, on Wednesday, June 29th, when no conductor was mentioned in the report, was conducted by Charles Tyler, a Southdown ringer.

THE TITHE RENT-CHARGE BILL.

At the meeting of the House of Laymen on Wednesday, July 6th, Mr. J. G. HUBBARD, M.P. (London), moved the following resolution with respect to this measure:—

"That, in the opinion of this House, the Tithe Rent-Charge Bill, as amended by the House of Lords, will operate beneficially, especially in the clauses which provide for the easier recovery of the rent-charge and for its redemption when it is due in small sums."

The right hon. gentleman thought it was a monstrous thing that this Bill was introduced in reply to a most scandalous outbreak in North Wales. The tithe rent-charge, as everybody knew, was a legal payment, and as much due to the titheowner as land-tax or rates to the local authority, and nothing could excuse the way in which occupiers of land in Wales had refused to comply with their obligations to hand over money, for which they had received the full consideration, to those who were the owners of it. He thought it was very lamentable that the Government did not on the first appearance of this outrage, take summary means for the purpose of suppressing it, and not to have permitted it to assume an aspect of immunity. However, it was no doubt for the purpose of remedying this difficulty that this Bill had been brought in, and therefore they owed to that desire to allay the irritation existing the clause which made the rent-charge in the future a liability of the landowner, and also apparently destroyed the process of distraint as a means of recovery. He said apparently destroyed, because it did not actually, for the land rent would have to be collected by distress, so distress could not be altogether avoided. He thought the Bill was worthy of approval in respect of the provision for the constitution of a Court of Appeal, and also for facilitating the commutation of small portions of tithe rent-charge. The Bill was calculated to facilitate the commutations of these small portions of tithe rent-charge whose collection now was very precarious and troublesome. He did not anticipate, however, that a Bill of so comprehensive a character would pass into law without further consideration and amendment.

Mr. G. B. RICHARDSON supported the resolution, but pointed out that he thought the Bill needed amendment in the part which provided that if a landlord received no rent he paid no tithe, and if he received only a part of the rent, he paid only a part of the tithe. He thought the titheowner should be more secured. The Bill as it stood now was so infinitely improved on what it was last session, that he hoped the House would unanimously adopt a resolution approving it.

Mr. C. S. READ (Norwich), proposed the following amendment:—

"To leave out all words after 'beneficially,' in order to insert 'in compelling the landowner himself to pay the tithe rent-charge, but as it fails to remedy the injustice of the corn returns, and the other defects of which the agricultural interest complains, it is not likely to stop the tithe agitation which has already done so much mischief to the Church.'"

Mr. READ thought the tithe rent-charges were a great injustice to farmers, and too high in consideration of the present corn averages. He spoke as a tenant farmer, and the portion of the Act of which the farmers complained was the seven years average. Seven years' average was too long, and it made the farmer pay the greatest tithe when the price of corn was lowest. That had been the result ever since 1836, and he entirely concurred with the right hon. gentleman who moved the resolution, that it was monstrous this Bill should be brought in simply and solely because of the tithe agitation in Wales. The farmers of East Anglia had for years been asking that this tithe question should be settled, and the Act of 1836 repealed, but they had not been regarded. Unless one kicked up a row in these days, and began actually to resist the law and fight the authorities, nobody cared at all for your protest. He contended that the Bill had not improved in its passage through the House of Lords, for it was now a reciprocity all on one side, and that was on the side of the titheowner. The tithepayer was not considered in any respect whatever, and it seemed entirely to ignore the inability of the landowner or the tenant-farmer to pay the tithe in a great number of instances. He maintained that the Bill as it stood was not worthy of being passed; it would not stop the agitation, and, in his opinion, it would be a very unfair Bill to every landowner in the kingdom.

Mr. WILLIAMS (Ban), though differing from the opinions and arguments of Mr. Read, seconded the amendment *pro forma*.

Earl NELSON remarked that the Bill relieved to a certain extent the tenant-farmer, because it took the payment from the tenant-farmer and put it on the landlord, and the landlord was likely to be much longer on the soil than the tenant-farmer, therefore the seven years' average did not apply.

Mr. Stanley LEIGHTON, M.P. (Lichfield), said that Mr. Read got up to speak as a tenant-farmer, but he really argued for the landowner.

Mr. CARLYON proposed to amend the motion by leaving out the word "easier," and inserting "for the recovery from the landowner of the rent-charge."

Mr. HUBBARD agreed to this proposal, and Mr. Read withdrawing his amendment, the motion was then unanimously adopted by the House.

Mr. Osborne Morgan has sent a long letter to the *Times*, in which he says:—

"It is true that an attempt has now been made to adjust the burden of the tithe rent-charge to the fall in the value of agricultural produce. But in many parts of Wales that fall has been altogether out of proportion to the reduction in charge. The Welsh landlords as a rule have acknowledged the fact and have reduced the rents by 25 per cent. or more. Is it surprising that when tithe proprietors claim to be *pro tanto* co-owners of the land, the tenant should ask and expect them to make corresponding reductions? In many parts, not only of Wales, but of England, the tithe is the 'feather which breaks the camel's back.' I am myself in the unhappy position of having a farm on my hands, the profits of which would certainly have been eaten up by that charge if there had been any profits to eat up. It is only just to the Welsh clergy to say that to the best of their ability they have met this claim for reduction fairly and liberally, and when they have done so the tithe has been paid, if not so cheerfully, at least without disturbance. In two instances only have all applications of the kind been steadily refused. Christ Church, one of the richest colleges, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, one of the richest corporations in the world, have in all cases insisted on their 'pound of flesh,' and doubtless at law they are entitled to do it. But the enforcement of such a claim under such circumstances reminds me of a saying of the late Mr. Justice Maule, who, when the plaintiff's counsel asserted that the defendant could rely neither on law nor on equity, quietly observed—'Then there is some chance that he may have justice on his side.'"

"But be this as it may, it would be idle to deny that what most rankles in the mind of the Welsh tithe payer is not the amount but the application of the rent-charge. The Welsh farmer, living as he does in the rural districts where Dissent is strongest, is generally a Nonconformist, and the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church in Wales is, rightly or wrongly, a fundamental article of his faith. If he knew that the tax which he pays was devoted to some really national object and not to the maintenance of a Church which he never enters, he would endeavour to pay it with as little reluctance as he now pays a school board rate. Far be it for me to discuss in a letter like this the vexed question of ecclesiastical endowments. But surely the most bigoted champion of the Church in Wales will admit that when twenty-six out of thirty Welsh members are returned to the House of Commons pledged to the disestablishment of that Church, and when its revenues have to be collected at the point of the bayonet, an opportunity ought to be granted for the full discussion of the question in Parliament? Such an opportunity was obtained when Mr. Dillwyn secured the first place on the second working night of the present session for his motion on the subject. But it was wrested from him by Mr. W. H. Smith and the Conservative and Liberal Unionist majority which supported him on the pretext that the Government could not spare a single day or fraction of a day from the discussion of their procedure rules, all of which, with the exception of the first, have now been definitely abandoned." Mr. Morgan says that he has not heard a single word in commendation of the Bill either from Liberals or Conservatives, and that it is obvious that if it were ten times as popular as it is its chance of passing through the House of Commons this session must be very remote.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your issue of Saturday last I notice a peal at Hanbury, which is said to be the first Jubilee peal in Worcestershire. Allow me to say that a Jubilee peal was rung here on the 21st of June, and duly recorded through your valuable paper.

R. EATON.

USING THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

SIR,—I am very much obliged to Mr. Dains for his letter which appeared in your last issue, and beg to say in reply thereto, that at the time I sent the peals for publication I was not aware of the existence of the previous publication of the same peals, and I now ask you to withdraw my name from the same. I may add that I have and never had any intention of using the property of others (as he implies), and he may rest assured I never shall. It has unfortunately for me been one of those accidental occurrences which may happen to anyone, of dropping upon ground already trodden over. I may also add that the 5000 which appeared in my name in your last issue, is only a variation of the same peal, and is therefore not mine. I trust this explanation will suffice.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

SIR,—Mr. Dains in his letter of last week points out the fact that a 5040 of Treble Bob Royal by me which appeared in your issue of May 21st, is the same one by Mr. Reeves, which appears in Shipway's book. This may be so, but not having the Shipway reprint before I had composed it, it is not such a matter of surprise that I may have accidentally dropped on a similar, though to my thinking, a better peal than the Original as it appears in the above work. Of course Mr. Dains says his letter may not be palatable to me, yet I think that if it was not for the unpalatable prospect of Mr. Pitstow claiming the 5024 he refers to, his critical letter would never have appeared.

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

SIR,—In the autumn of 1884 a beautiful new church was opened at Skelton-in-Cleveland, Yorks. A peal of six bells from the Loughborough Foundry were placed in the fine tower. They are the heaviest in the district, the tenor weighing 22 cwt. Neighbouring rings of bells, such as Middlesbro', Stockton, Darlington, and Guisborough, are all comparatively light. Why don't the Stockton men (who have lately done such good work in their own district) take a run over to Skelton and see what they can do with the metal there. By-the-way, is there any chance of the idea of increasing the Stockton peal to ten being carried out? It needs doing very much, as the present bells in Stockton parish church are scarcely what they should be, seeing they are the only peal in that Tees-side town. I hope soon to hear of some scientific work being done at Skelton.

GRANDSIRE BOB.

QUICK PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—I suppose it will be admitted that there is a limit to the speed in which changes can be rung on church bells. Having studied ringing myself pretty closely for a period of fifty years, I believe that on eight bells, the limit will be about thirty per minute. Now peals have been reported in "THE BELL NEWS" as having been rung much faster, such peals described as Holt's Original (reversed), which peal is reported twice as having been rung on the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Newington, in two hours and forty-three minutes, which feat I cannot accept as correct, as it will occupy only half a minute less time to ring the peal at thirty-one per minute, which rate of speed I believe to be impossible on a peal with the tenor a ton weight. On the 23rd of May last, I had the pleasure of listening to some good ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, for an hour and a quarter, and applied the time test and found them going at about thirty per minute, rather under than over that number, so that a complete peal would have required at least two hours forty-eight minutes for completion instead of which I found it reported in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 28th as having been rung in two hours thirty-seven minutes. I have seen but two of the band who rang in the peal, and they are both positive there was no mistake in the time of ringing, so that the peal must have been between three and four hundred changes short, as, if it were possible to ring the bells at thirty-two changes per minute it would require another half minute to accomplish a complete peal of

Triples, so I think in future it will be only fair to describe the peals rung as Holt's Original reversed and abridged.

Millward Street, Woolwich.

July 12th, 1887.

BENJAMIN FAKENHAM.

RINGERS AND THE JUBILEE.

The following letter has appeared in the *Northampton Daily Chronicle*:—

SIR,—In your issue of Saturday I read an account of the financial meeting of the Jubilee Committee. In that report I see that the ringers of St. Giles's send in a claim of £5, and the other ringers of their respective churches a similar claim of £5 5s., for bell-ringing on Jubilee Day. I was much astonished, therefore, to find that these amounts were to be lowered to suit the private opinions of the gentlemen forming the Committee. When you consider the time the ringers were at work (and that no light work either on a hot sultry day), from six in the morning and at intervals until ten at night, and, what is more their enforced absence in consequence from the surrounding festivities of the day, you need scarcely wonder that they would want well paying for their work. I am surprised, if the ringers' charges were thought excessive, that the amount for the Temperance band, £24 12s., was considered so moderate, for not so many bandsmen were employed as ringers, and surely a bell-ringer was quite as great a factor in the merriment of the day as a number of musicians, and his work quite as difficult and much harder labour. The band began their work in the afternoon about two o'clock; the ringers were at their ropes at six in the morning. In the next place, there were more than eight members in attendance at each church, for you must relieve a ringer at various times; so that the amount charged is in reality much too moderate. A man may earn 7s. 6d. per day and leave off his labour at six in the evening, and you can hardly expect him to give up his enjoyment on a day like the Jubilee for the same amount of recompense—at least I for one would not do it. I have seen several representatives of the various ringing societies in the town, and I am informed that they endeavoured before the day to get an understanding as to the money to be paid for ringing, but after several enquiries and communications it appeared as though no one had any responsibility in the matter, but on the eve of the 21st they were told they would all be treated well. Again, why are the All Saints' ringers to be put off with 30s. for the Thursday following, for ringing was continued from 12 noon until 10 p.m., and for that work they are offered the paltry sum of 3s. 9d. each. I hope the ringers of the different towns will stick up for their rights, and show the Committee that though ringers they do not hold themselves quite so cheap as to have prices dictated to them by those who know nothing about ringing, and who probably under-estimate the skill of a campanologist. —Yours very truly.

A JUBILEE RINGER.

TURNER AT FARNLEY HALL.—Turner's abruptness of speech is still remembered at Farnley. A genuine love of art runs through the Fawkes family, and one of the daughters, anxious for his criticism, ventured one day timidly to lay before him a water-colour drawing of her own. His only comment was, "Put it in a jug of water." Her momentary chagrin was great, but on turning the advice over in her mind she became persuaded that in that one pregnant sentence Turner had revealed one of his secrets. He certainly worked in what may be called a "sloppy" manner. Only once did he relax his usual secretiveness, and let Mr. Fawkes see him at work. At breakfast one morning the conversation turned upon war-ships, and Mr. Fawkes, handing a small bit of paper to Turner, said, "Show me the size of a man-of-war on that." The idea tickled Turner. He took his host to his room, and in his presence, and before the end of the morning, produced the highly-finished, marvellous water-colour now hanging in the Saloon at Farnley, called "The 'First Rate' taking in Stores." The same ship is repeated three times at different angles and different distances, with every detail accurate and clear. It was a wonderful feat of memory and of speed, but the method of working was no less remarkable. The paper was soaked, blistered, daubed, rubbed, scratched with the thumb nail (kept hideously long for the purpose), until at length beauty and order broke from chaos.—S. A. Byles, in the "Magazine of Art" for July.

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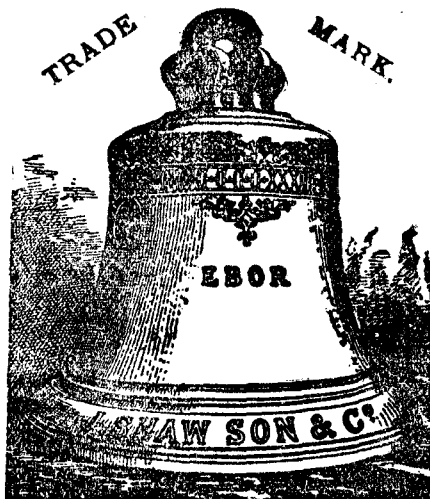
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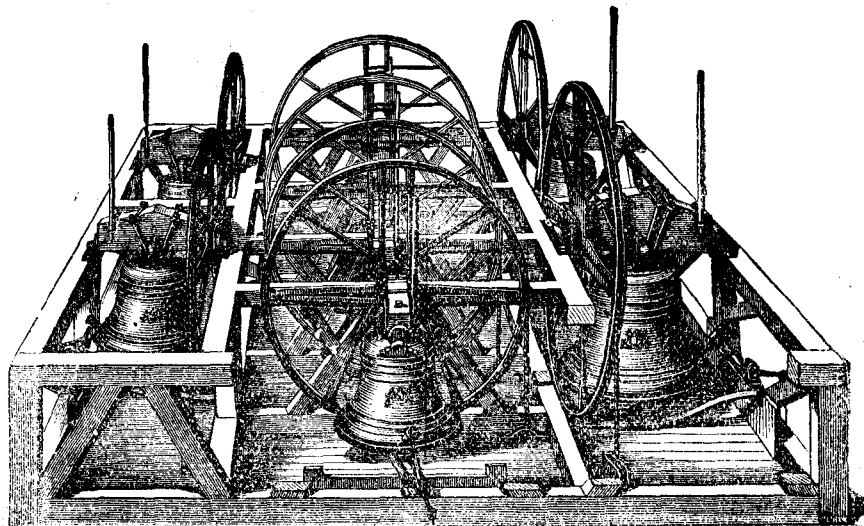


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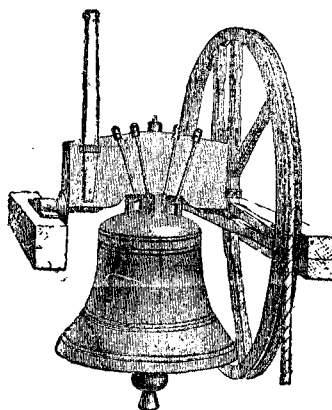
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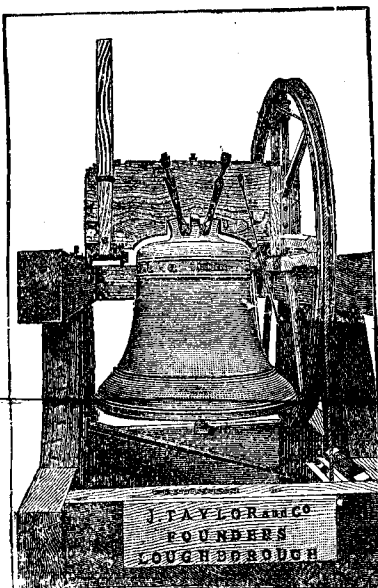
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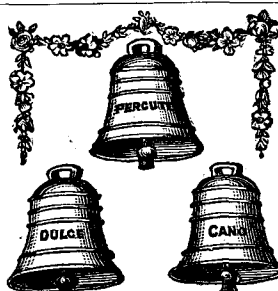
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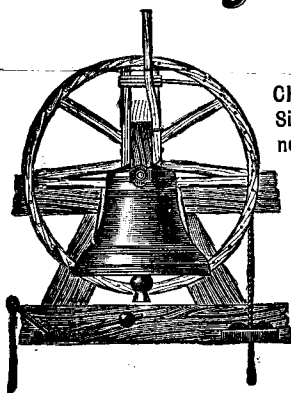
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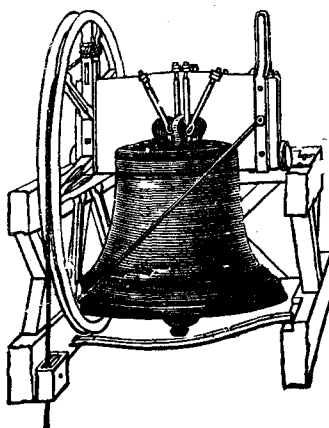
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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. JUBILEE BANQUET.—[Communicated.]

On Saturday evening, June 25th, the above society held a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee, at which there was a large attendance, most of the principal officers and members of the society being present.

Punctually at 5 p.m., the worthy Master of the society, Mr. H. S. Thomas, took the chair, being supported right and left by the Rev. F. W. Pawson, and Dr. Dulcken, respectively. After the repast, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody, the following toast list was duly honoured.

The first toast, that of "The Queen," was given by Dr. Dulcken, who took the opportunity of briefly referring to Her Gracious Majesty's reign of fifty years, and, after comparing the various periods of her reign with those of her predecessors, succeeding in convincing the company of the very great honour that was due to her for the way she had upheld the dignity of the English throne for half a century. The toast, which was received with great applause, was succeeded by "God save the Queen," and by some good ballads by Messrs. Orchard and Serjeant, when "Church and State" was proposed by Mr. E. F. Cole, and responded to by the Rev. F. W. Pawson.

Mr. C. C. DURRANT, who proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," created much merriment by his pithy remarks in comparing these several distinguished forces to each other, and reminding the company what a high position they severally held in the eyes of the British public.

Mr. DANIELL, in proposing the toast "The Royal Society of Cumberlands," proceeded to relate the history and object of the Society, of which so little is known. The Society originated in the old company of "London Scholars," an Association of ringers in London churches. There is nothing to indicate the date of the foundation of this company, but there are evidences of its existence at the very beginning of the eighteenth century, for in 1702 its members published a treatise on the subject of bell-ringing. In 1716 they rang the first peal of which there is any record, which was of 5000 changes upon ten bells. There were further records of their ringing at St. Martin's, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill. In 1746 they rang at Shoreditch Church, in honour of the return of the Duke of Cumberland from his victories in Scotland. Approaching London by the old north road, this was the first peal he heard, and so pleased was he at the sound, that he struck a medal, which he presented to the society, and which is still worn by the Master on official occasions. From this event the London Scholars changed their name to the Royal Society of Cumberlands, which they now bear. Since 1748 there are complete records of the society, among which may be found an account of the celebrated peal of 12,000 changes rung in 1784. Mr. Daniell remarked that bell-ringing was a peculiarly English and national pursuit. Although bells were known in nearly every civilized country, "ringing," *i.e.*, swinging the bell so that the hammer strikes when it is mouth upwards, was, until very latterly, unknown in any other country. It was probably at the beginning of the sixteenth century that the system of change-ringing now practised was originated. John Bunyan, with whom ringing seems to have had a strong attraction, speaks of ringing at Elstow, near Bedford, and throughout his works frequent allegorical mentions of bells and ringing are to be found. Contemporary with Bunyan lived Stedman, a printer, of Cambridge, who invented the method which is still practised and known by his name. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Daniell drew attention to the flourishing state of the society at the present time, which he trusted would long continue.

Mr. DAINS, who replied for the Society, thanked Mr. Daniell

for his lucid explanation about the formation of the society, and sincerely hoped the members and also the visitors would benefit by it, as he was sure that but very few people knew little about the society, and less about ringing the methods.

"The Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Martin's," was proposed by Mr. A. H. GARDOM in a very efficient manner, who said in the course of his remarks, that the members of all ringing societies had much to be thankful for, as it was through the courtesy of the Vicar and Wardens that they were allowed to handle the ropes as frequently as they did, and especially did the members thank the Rev. J. F. Kitto and the Wardens of St. Martin's, for the very great indulgence they received at their hands, and he was sure that all members present would fully reciprocate his sentiments.

The toast, which was most heartily received, was replied to by the senior churchwarden, Mr. W. Laing, who said he had no idea that ringing had made such strides in late years as to bring together such a body of gentlemen who were, he supposed, enthusiasts in the art, and he could only say he should do all he could to further the efforts of the Royal Cumberlands in the direction of ringing, and should not fail to communicate to the Vicar all that had passed that evening, and concluded by remarking how gratified he was to be one of the company.

The toast of "The Visitors," was proposed by Mr. A. G. Thomas in suitable terms, and replied to by Dr. Dulcken on their behalf, in a witty and amusing speech, in course of which the worthy doctor expressed a wish to have his name enrolled on the Company's books as an honorary member.

The toast of "The Chairman and Master," by Mr. Daniell, was briefly given, and the speaker dwelt chiefly on the remarkable and successful efforts which Mr. H. S. Thomas had put forward for the benefit of the society, and he concluded by wishing him long life and success, and trusted he should meet him for many years to come.

The toast, which was received with loud applause and musical honours, was replied to by the Chairman in reciprocal terms, who said that he had always worked for the good of the society, and trusted as long as good health permitted him, he always should, and he hoped that the gathering that evening would throw new life and energy into the members, and inspire them to higher things. He thanked one and all for the hearty manner in which they had drunk his health, and hoped he might be spared to be among them for many years.

The toast list which was interspersed with some good songs and hand-bell ringing, now came to an end, and with it the most enjoyable evening the Cumberlands have ever spent, the members present far exceeding in magnitude any gathering ever held before.

During the evening a telegram of congratulation was dispatched to Her Majesty at Windsor, and replied to in reciprocal terms.

KNARESBOROUGH, YORKS.

On Saturday, July 16th, four members of the Ripon and Sharow Amalgamated Society met at the above place, and was joined by Messrs. Binns and Needham, from Holbeck, but was sorely disappointed in not meeting with Messrs. Snowden and Hubbard, as expected, to have a rehearsal of Stedman Triples; however they managed to meet with Messrs. Wood and Ledgway, of the Knareborough society, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. T. Ledgway, 1; R. Binns, 2; W. Pick, 3; A. H. Clark, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Clark (conductor), 7; —. Needham, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a District Meeting for business and ringing purposes will be held at Lewes, on Monday, August 1st. Two peals of eight bells will be open during the day. Full particulars in next issue. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon Sec.*

THE "MONSTER BELL" OF MONTREAL CATHEDRAL.

We have had submitted to us an extract from the *Montreal Herald and Commercial Gazette* of the year 1843, respecting the large bell at the Cathedral in that city, accompanied by the hope that after such a lapse of time, it may not prove unacceptable to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS." We yield to the entreaties made to us to publish the same.

Below we give an account of the largest bell that was ever cast in England, weighing no less than 7 tons 6 cwt. 16,352 lbs. It was cast at the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Co., of Whitechapel, London, from which it was removed on August 12th, on a truck drawn by eight horses, to the London Docks, preparatory to being put on board ship. The Dock officers, however, refused to allow it to pass over the accommodation bridge between the West Quay and the Brandy Quay, until it was sufficiently propped, as they were apprehensive that it was not strong enough to support so enormous a weight concentrated over a few feet of the structure, at one time, and traversing every portion of it in succession.

Some idea may be formed of its immense size from the fact that ten tons or twenty-thousand four hundred pounds of fused metal were required to form the casting, and the time occupied in running the fused metal from the furnace into the mould was fifteen minutes. The diameter of the bell at the mouth is seven feet three inches; its height is seven feet; and its thickness at sound-bow is six inches and a half. The weight of the tongue, or clapper, is about 3 cwt. (326 lbs). The wood work, which is of old English oak, weighs one ton, the iron work is over half a ton, and the bell itself is heavier than the Great Tom of Lincoln by thirty-two cwt. Its tone is very powerful and melodious.

It will be rung by means of two wheels, made of oak, and twelve feet in diameter, one on each side of the stock or bearer, which with its fittings (exclusive of the wood and iron work mentioned above), weighs about a ton. There will be four ropes used in the ringing, a man pulling at each side of the wheels. It will be hung in the southern tower of the Roman Catholic Cathedral in the Place d'Armes. Its whole weight be summed up as under:—

		tons	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Weight of casting	...	7	6	0	0.
" of clapper	...	0	2	5	18.
" of woodwork	...	1	0	0	0.
" ironwork and fittings	...	1	10	0	0.
Total		9	18	3	18.

The outside is divided into four compartments, each bearing a bas-relief, one of which has a figure of the virgin with the infant in her arms, and the word "Maria" below; on the opposite side is St. John the Baptist, with a crook in his hand, and leading a lamb, within a wreath composed of the rose, thistle, shamrock and maple leaves, and a beaver below; another compartment shews a vessel in full sail, representing commerce, and opposite are the emblems of the mechanic and farmer. On one side is the following legend:—

Negotiomini. dum venio, Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.

Anno Domini 1843

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Greg. P. P. XIV. Pontificatus XII

Regin Victoriæ Britanniarum VI

On the other side is inscribed;—

Expiisimo, Mercatorum, Artificium, Agricolarumque Marianapolitanensium Dono

On the rim is the maker's name:—

"Thomas Mears, Fecit, Londini, 1843."

It will cost upwards of £1200 sterling, or about six thousand

dollars, and is a gift, as the inscriptions tells, from the merchants, mechanics and farmers of Montreal, to the parish church. It will be used as an alarum, and is to be named "Maria," as the cathedral is dedicated to the Virgin.

The bells which were hung in the old tower, were four in number. The first was the best in the country. It was cast in London in 1774, and sent out by Messrs. Watson and Rishleigh to M. Foretier for the Fabrique of Montreal. It weighed 19 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs., or 2167 lbs. without the clapper or stock, and cost, laid down in Montreal, £167 11s. 10d. currency.

The second was cast in Montreal by Messrs. Warwick, and weighed about 1700 lbs. It was badly cast, and it gave such a bad sound, that the people of Montreal always told to strangers that it had been struck by lightning.

The third was cast at Montreal in August, 1831, by J. D. Ward; it weighed 1230 lbs. It was given to the Fabrique by M. Souigny and Madame S. Beandry, who stood godfather and godmother. It was named Josephine.

The fourth was cast at London, weighed 630 lbs., and had a beautiful sound.

Bells, as is well known, are consecrated in the Roman Catholic church, and a distinct ritual is to be found in the service. The name of some Saint is given to them.

The Chinese are said to be very fond of bells. The city of Nankin at one time contained the largest set of bells in the world; one of them was 12 ft. high, 7½ feet diameter and 23 ft. circumference; the thickness of the metal near the edge was seven inches, and it was supposed to weigh 50,000 pounds. It was cast about 300 years ago; but the weight of the set brought down the tower in which they were suspended, and it has never been rebuilt. Father Le Comte says that there are seven bells at Pekin, each weighing 100,000 pounds but that the sound is poor because the clapper is made of wood, instead of metal.

They were introduced into Britain before the close of the seventh century, in the monasteries of Northumbria, and even in the sixth century they are mentioned as being in those of the North of Scotland; and upon the erection of parish churches in the island, a bell was a necessary appendage of the edifice.

In France they were first made of iron; but the English followed the Roman practice of casting them of brass. In the ninth century they began to be made of a large size, and the Abbot of Croyland is said to have given a great bell to the Abbey about the middle of that century, and afterwards to have presented it with six more. About the same time, Kinseus, Archbishop of York, gave two large bells to the church of St. John of Beverley, and ordered that the other churches in his diocese should be provided with bells. St. Dunstan is said to have given bells to the churches of the West.

ACCIDENT TO A RINGER.

An extraordinary fatality occurred on Sunday evening at the village of Shendleby, near Spilsby, Lincolnshire. The evening service commences at half-past six, and just as the ringers were preparing to begin ringing the church clock commenced to strike six. At the first stroke the cord suspending the striking weight broke, and the weight, weighing about 18 stone, fell a distance of 40 ft., striking one of the ringers named Frederick Hutchinson upon the head, and breaking his neck, death of course being instantaneous.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bridges, the tower of St. Mary's, Beddington, will be open on Bank Holiday, August 1st. All ringers invited. Tower open at 2 o'clock.

Church News.

PREFERRMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

AKROYD, Rev. S. F., Curate-in-Charge of St. John's, Polegate; Vicar of All Saints, Crowborough, Sussex. Patron, the Marquis of Abergavenny.

ANGEL-SMITH, Rev. Stuart Cecil Frank, M.A., Chaplain of Christ Church and Magdalen College, Oxford; Rector of Theale, Berks. Patrons, Magdalen College.

CAMPION, Rev. Alfred, B.A., Curate of St. Luke's, Leek; Vicar of Sneyd, Burslem.

COLLIER, Rev. E. C., B.A., Curate of St. Clement's, Lower Broughton; Curate-in-Charge of St. Mary's District, Hollingworth, Cheshire.

DAVIES, Rev. J. Paget, Rector of Streat; Diocesan Inspector of the Central Division of Chichester Diocese.

DUDLEY, Rev. Francis, B.A., late Vicar of Wrenthorpe, Wakefield; Assistant-Priest of All Saints', Southend-on-Sea.

EGAN, Rev. Robert: Chaplain and Naval Instructor to the *Tourmaline*.

HARRISON, Rev. Albert Richard, M.A., Senior Curate of the Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton; Vicar of St. Chad's, Stafford. Patron, the Bishop of Lichfield.

HARVEY, Rev. John Kentish; Rector of Horsington, Lincolnshire.

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MORGAN, Rev. F. A., Vicar of Chepstow; Vicar of Broadway, Worcestershire. Patrons, the Trustees.

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WORLEDGE, Rev. Prebendary, Principal of the Clergy School, Leeds; Chancellor of the Cathedral, and Principal of the Theological College, Truro. Patron, the Bishop of Truro.

YOLLAND, Rev. B. S., M.A.; Rector of Doynton, Gloucestershire. Patron, the Queen.

The Chaplain-General (Dr. Edghill) has declined the bishopric of Nova Scotia, to which he was recently elected by the synod.

On St. Bartholomew's Day, Archdeacon Bardsley will be consecrated at York Minster as Bishop of Sodor and Man.

The *Gloucester Chronicle* says the Bishop of Worcester, who is staying at Hartlebury Castle, has been very unwell. As he is in his 81st year his condition causes some anxiety.

In the case of "The Queen v. the Rev. Bell Cox," Mr. Jeune applied on Tuesday, July 19th, in the appeal court, that the case, which was an appeal from a divisional court, should not be heard until after the long vacation. Both sides, he said, assented to this. The application was granted.

The vicar of St. John-the-Baptist, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, has been cited by one of his churchwardens to appear before the chancellor of the diocese, to whom application will be made for a faculty to remove the altar candlesticks and a hanging upon which an embroidered cross is worked. It will also be prayed that the platform upon which the altar stands may be removed, and the choir stalls cut down; and that a door by which the choir and procession pass out from the vestry may be stopped up.

On Thursday the Archbishop of Canterbury completed his fifty-eighth year. His Grace was consecrated for the new bishopric of Truro on the 25th of April, 1887, and translated to Canterbury in 1883. The same day, at Lambeth palace, the Archbishop and Mrs. Benson entertained at dinner Lord and Lady Mount-Temple, the Bishop of Winchester and Mrs. and Miss Browne, the Bishop of Derry and Mrs. Alexander, the Hon. and Rev. Francis and Mrs. Pelham, Mr. and Lady Wilfreda Biddulph, Sir George and Lady Bowen, Sir George Pringle, Sir Charles and Lady Warren, Canon and Mrs. Evans, the Rev. M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Riley, Mr. W. Boyle, Mr. Hassard, and Miss R. Spooner.

On Wednesday, a meeting for the purpose of forming a branch of the Church Defence Institution for the Rural Deanery of St. George's, Hanover Square, was held at the parish-room, Little Grosvenor Street. In the absence of the Duke of Westminster, Canon Capel Cure, Rural Dean, presided. Amongst those present were Viscount Hailfax, Mr. Hardy, M.P., Sir George Wellesley, Colonel Haygarth, Mr. W. W. Karslake, Mr. F. A. White, and the Rev. H. Montagu Villiers. On the motion of Mr. Gathorne Hardy, M.P., seconded by the Rev. T. Shore, and supported by Canon Fleming, it was unanimously resolved to invite the Duke to accept the office of president. Lord Beauchamp moved, and the Rev. J. Storrs seconded, that the

committee should consist of the incumbents of the rural deanery (*ex officio*), and one or more laymen from each parish. Mr. Alfred Holdsworth was invited to act as honorary secretary, and consented to do so.

The Rev. R. F. Herring, vicar of St. John the Baptist's Church, Park-road, Liverpool, was cited to appear at the Consistory Court held on Tuesday, July 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on a charge of making unauthorised alterations in the church. In the absence of Chancellor Espin, the court was presided over by Archdeacon Bardsley. The registrar read the citation, which set forth that it had been represented to the Chancellor by Daniel W. Burden and others, parishioners, that the vicar had, beyond certain alterations and additions, granted by a faculty of the court, made other and further alterations and additions. The different alterations were then specified, such as the introduction of candlesticks and candles and a wooden cross. The citation concluded by stating that great inconvenience was felt by the parishioners in consequence of such unauthorised alterations and additions. Some forms not having been duly complied with, it was found necessary to adjourn the case.

On Tuesday, July 12th, the Rev. John Nevill Calcraft, rector of Haceby, near Grantham, died at the advanced age of 86. Mr. Calcraft, who graduated from Clare Hall in 1824, was ordained in the following year. He was curate of Normanton-on-the-Cliff till 1832, and of Barkston-in-the-Willows from 1826 till 1829. In 1832 he was presented to Haceby, which he held for about fifty-five years, having been in holy orders sixty-two. A still more aged clergyman has passed away at Bath, in the Rev. John Bathurst Deane, who had reached his ninetieth year. Mr. Deane graduated from Pembroke (Sen. Op.) in 1820, and was ordained in the following year. For some years he was second classical and head mathematical master at Merchant Taylors', curate of St. Benetfink and St. Michael's, Wood-street, and preacher at the Philanthropic Institute, but in 1873 he was appointed to the rectory of St. Helen's, Bishopgate, with St. Martin-Outwich. He was the author of a work on "Serpent Worship," and a "Life of Richard Deane, General at sea in the Service of the Commonwealth," from whom he was descended.

The *Manchester Guardian* prints the following extract from a letter of Mrs. Fraser, written the day after the unveiling of her husband's memorial at Manchester Cathedral:—"I cannot say how touched and gratified I am to read the account of the impressive and touching ceremony of yesterday. Every one seems to have done his part admirably, Sir W. C. Brooks, the Dean, Bishop, and Archdeacon. Their words have thrilled through me, and I am deeply grateful. I have at once sent to the Dean a draft for £190, for the proposed oak screen, as an acknowledgment of my grateful sense of all that has been said and done on the occasion. The presence of the working men, the kindly gathering of dear friends, the old familiar names, have all an untold charm for me; and as I was with you in loving spirit, you will like to know how much I appreciate all that took place. I feel exactly with you that it is an immense comfort to have that beloved effigy given to us, and I know it will be a shrine to many loving hearts, who will turn aside and ponder over the days of old, and think of all the love and sweetness it commemorates."

ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET, LONDON.

During a thunderstorm which passed over London on Friday, July 15th, it was reported that St. Bride's steeple had been struck. The vicar (the Rev. E. C. Hawkins) writes, however:—

It may allay some alarm and some anxiety if you will kindly allow me to say that the spire of this church is entirely uninjured. The only visible damage is the displacement of a little earth and of a stone about half the size of the crown of a hat just where the conductor enters the ground in the south-west angle of the tower and the nave. It is thought to be due to the interruption or delay of the electric current by the extreme dryness of the earth, and as thunderstorms generally come after a long drought it is well that those who are in charge of lofty or important buildings should know that it facilitates the passage of electricity to keep the earth damp where the rod enters it.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to May,	June,	Total.
Yorkshire Association	41	1	42
Ancient Society of College Youths... ..	33	3	36
Sussex County Association	26	5	31
Oxford Diocesan Guild	26	4	30
Midland Counties' Association	21	2	23
St. James's Society, London	18	4	22
Lancashire Association	16	4	20
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	14	3	17
United Counties' Association	13	0	13
Kent County Association	11	1	12
Norwich Diocesan Guild	11	0	11
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan	10	1	11
Society for the Archdeaconry of Society... ..	8	0	8
Essex Association	7	1	8
Surrey Association	7	0	7
Winchester Diocesan Guild	6	1	7
Hertford Association... ..	6	0	6
The Holt Society	5	0	5
St Martin's Society, Birmingham	5	0	5
Bedford Association	4	0	4
Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association	4	0	4
Waterloo Society, London	3	1	4
Devonshire Guild	2	0	2
Birmingham and District Society... ..	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Association	1	0	1
North Lincoln Association	1	0	1
West Riding of Yorkshire Association	1	0	1
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	1	0	1
Liverpool Youths Society	1	0	1
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	1	0	1
Independent Societies	38	9	47
	342	40	382
Less Peals entered under two Associations	32	2	34
Totals	310	38	348

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Albion Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Double Oxford Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7; Stedman Cinques, 3; Stedman Caters, 7; Stedman Triples, 29; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 7; Treble Bob Major, 58; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Grandsire Caters, 16; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 135; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 29; Bob Triples, 8; Violet Treble Bob Major, 1; Rose of England Major, 1; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; in twenty-one Minor Methods on six bells, 1; in fourteen ditto., 1; in seven ditto, 20; in twenty-one methods on five bells, 1; in sixteen ditto, 1. Total 348. Greatest number of changes in one peal 10,176. Quickest peal on church bells two hours and thirty-one mins. The following Associations have not scored a peal this year:—Cambridge, Ely, Rochdale and District, South Lincoln, and Stoke-upon-Trent. GEO. F. ATTREE.

ANNIVERSARY AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday, July 12th, this anniversary took place. It was to have been held on the 29th of June, but in consequence of the Jubilee festivities it was postponed for a short time. Ringing commenced at 7 a.m. at St. Peter's, where a touch of 559 of Bob Major was rung. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Howell, 5; W. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; A. Scott, 8. And a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples by the same band. The bells of All Saints and St. Gregory's were also rung during the day, only one short touch of Bob Major being rung on the former, the go of the bells not being tempting enough on a hot day for much ringing. At one o'clock the ringers and friends to the number of twenty-two sat down to a first-class hot dinner at the "Oak Inn," well served up by Host Gooch. The chair was taken (in the absence of the Rector) by Alderman J. B. Westby, Esq., J.P., churchwarden of St. Peter's the vice-chair being occupied by W. B. Ransom, Esq., an hon. member of the company. There were also present

Dr. W. J. Mason, N. W. Taylor, Esq., N. Cross, W. Cross, C. Sillitoe (Bury), W. Davies (London), etc. After justice had been done to the good things provided, and the cloth being removed,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "the Queen," which was heartily drank. He also proposed "the Health of the Rector," who he regretted was absent from home or he would have been present on this pleasant occasion. The toast was heartily drank, and at this point the chairman was obliged to leave to attend a children's service at St Peter's, being the festival of the Sunday schools. After a smoke and a chat a band was made up, who went to St. Peter's and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; A. Scott, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; W. Howell, 5; W. Griggs, 6; H. Harper, 7; J. Campin, 8. Composed by E. Barnett and conducted by C. Sillitoe. Tower ringing was kept up till 9.30 p.m., when the ringers and friends all adjourned to the "Oak Inn," where the handbells were brought into use, and a course of Stedman Triples was rung by C. Sillitoe, 1-2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Howell, 5-6; J. Morley, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques. F. Tolliday, 1-2; A. Scott 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; M. Silvester, 7; W. Griggs, 8; W. Howell, 9-10; H. Harper, 11-12. Songs were sung by Messrs. Harper and Tolliday, and some selections were given on the handbells by the tune players, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the company breaking up at 11 p.m. well satisfied with the day's enjoyment.

On Saturday, July 16th, at the "Compasses Inn," for practice on handbells, retained in hand, a touch of Grandsire Caters (395 changes). A. Scott, 1; W. B. Ransom, Esq., 2; G. Brown, 3; M. Silvester, 4; F. Tolliday, 5; W. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10.

TITHE AGITATION.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have issued to the tithe-payers of the Principality a statement in English and Welsh of their position in relation to the present tithe agitation, as they desire that the farmers should clearly understand their position. They state that they are only trustees of a fund consisting partly of tithe rent-charge, partly of agricultural rents, and partly of other property. This fund is heavily charged with payments in augmentation of incomes of more than five thousand of the poor clergy. These payments amount to £600,000 per annum. The rent is fixed only after the deduction of the tithe rent-charge. The Legislature provided that the tithe rent-charge should vary with the price of corn on a seven years' average. At the present time it is 12½ per cent. less than the par value, and nearly 25 per cent. less than it was in 1878. The tithe Act provided that the tenant should pay the tithe rent charge on behalf of his landlord, and deduct it from his next payment of rent, but landlords and tenants have agreed between themselves that instead of the tenant paying a larger rent and deducting from it the tithe rent-charge, the tenant shall pay a reduced rent and take the payment of the tithe rent-charge upon himself. By so doing the tenant has had for several years past the benefit of the fall in that average. The Commissioners, as owners of agricultural lands, have made large and liberal allowances varying from 15 to 40 per cent., from the rent payable to them. It is only on these rents and not from the tithe rent-charge that allowances can rightfully be made. To enable the tenants to meet the severe agricultural depression, a recent Parliamentary paper shows that while the whole income derived by the Commissioners from property of every description in Wales does not exceed £31,000 per annum, the payments made by the Commissioners for the Church in Wales exceeds £65,000 per annum.

OXFORD.—On Thursday, June 2nd, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, 720 of College Single. J. Hind, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; P. A. Hind, 3; C. Talley, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; A. E. Hind, 6. And on Sunday, June 26th, 720 of Plain Bob. J. West, 1; C. Talley, 2; P. A. Hind, 3; W. Baston (conductor), 4; A. E. Hind, 5; W. Finch, 6. Also on Tuesday, June 28th, at St. Thomas's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Quelch, 1; W. Baston, 2; C. Talley, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; H. Castle, 6.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AND OPENING OF NEW QUARTER CHIMES AT MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

ON Wednesday, July 13th, the two new trebles added to the existing ring of six in the parish church, Melbourne, were dedicated by the Very Rev. Dr. E. Bickersteth, Dean of Lichfield, which was also the occasion for the opening of the new Cambridge quarter-chimes. The two bells (the work of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough), are remarkably sweet in tone, and reflect great credit on the makers. The chimes are by the celebrated firm of Messrs. Smith, of Derby, and the melody of them is greatly appreciated by all who have heard them. The shortened form of evening prayer was used for the occasion by the Rev. W. W. Rice (curate), the lesson being read by the Rev. J. S. Holden, R.D. After the third collect, the Old Hundredth was rendered with great effect. The sermon was preached by the Dean of Lichfield, who took for his text, Proverbs xiv, verse 34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation." In the course of his sermon the Dean said that on the 27th of April, 1882, he had the privilege of dedicating six new bells to be used to the glory of God in that really grand old Norman church. The day on which they were dedicated was the day of the wedding of the late lamented Duke of Albany, who too soon for his illustrious relatives, was called to rest within two years of his marriage. They now thought fit at the thanksgiving season of the Jubilee of their beloved Queen, to complete the octave of bells, and to enrich them with a set of chimes playing a melody dear to the heart of every Cambridge man. At the end of the sermon, the hymn, "When morning gilds the skies," was heartily sung, during which the offertory was made, after which suitable prayers were read by the Rev. W. Rice. At the conclusion, the Dean, with the clergy, choir, church-officers, and ringers, assembled under the tower, where the churchwardens (Messrs. W. Wood and W. Cook), handed the ropes of the two new bells to the Dean, requesting him to dedicate them. Dr. Bickersteth then formally performed the ceremony of dedication, and handed the ropes over to the aged Vicar, the Rev. J. Deans, charging him to see that they were never rung only for the glory of God and the benefit of his Holy Church. The Vicar, who spoke under deep emotion, said, "I accept these bells as a sacred trust committed to me as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish, and I will take care that they are ever and only rung for His glory and worship." At the close of the service, 252 of Bob Triples was rung. H. Hollingworth, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; J. Warren, 4; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 5; G. C. Tunnichiff, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; G. Thornley, 8. The general opinion of all who have heard the new bells is one of entire satisfaction. The cost of the new bells and chimes is about £135. In the evening the first quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples (1260 changes), was rung in 49 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff, 6; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 7; M. Jeynes, 8.

THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL, GLOUCESTER.

This peal has recently been rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, and two new trebles added to complete the octave, as a parochial Jubilee memorial. The inscriptions are as follows:—

1. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1887.
S. Michael.
A Jubilee Bell, 1887.
G. James Rector.
T. Commeline, } Churchwardens.
J. Ward, }
2. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1887.
God save Queen Victoria.
A Jubilee Bell, 1887.
R. V. Vassar Smith, Mayor.
J. Talbot, Sheriff.
3. William Woodward, 1667.
4. N. 1667.
5. God save Queen Anne, Abr. Rudhall, 1703.
6. Prosperity to Gloucester and all our benefactors, A.D. 1703.
7. Rowland Pytt and John Heming, Churchwardens, 1703. A. R.
8. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1872. From Met.
The peal is in E. and the weight of the tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. Bell cast 1667.
Rudhall's firm was in this parish, and the 5th, 6th, and 7th are the oldest of his in Gloucester city.

CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN THE CRAWLEY SOCIETY AND THE CHURCH CHOIR.

On Wednesday, July 13, the annual match between the above took place in a field adjoining the "George" Hotel. The day was beautifully fine, the company numerous, including many of the gentler sex, who had assembled to witness the game. The match ended as it was quite expected it would, in a victory for the ringers, the choir being evidently overmatched. In the evening the two teams, with friends, sat down to an excellent dinner, which was put on the table by host Mitchell at the "George" Hotel, Mr. T. Smith taking the chair, and Mr. J. Fillery being vice chairman. After dinner the party spent a very happy evening, and departed thoroughly well pleased, and looking forward to next year, the choir hoping, no doubt, that by careful practice they may defeat the ringers when they next try conclusions. The bowling of Wickens, Kenward and King for the ringers, and Day and Dye for the choir was very good.

BELL RINGERS.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
A. F. Hillier c Jennings, b Day ..	7		
H. Parsons b Day	0		
T. Kenward b Dye	5	not out	7
G. Wickens c Hewitt, b Day ..	6		
M. Heffer b Day	0		
F. Wickens b Day	14		
W. Parsons b Day	0		
B. King not out	3	not out	6
J. Dean b Dye	0		
W. Ward c Fillery, b Dye ..	0		
J. Ward b Dye	6		
Extras	14	Extras	1
	55		14

CHURCH CHOIR.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
E. Ockenden b Wickens	9	b King	1
T. Terry c Parsons, b Wickens ..	6	c Kenward, b King	0
F. Caffyn b Wickens	5	b King	0
P. Dye c Parsons, b Wickens ..	2	c Wickens b Kenward ..	8
F. Fillery c Hillier, b Kenward ..	0	b King	0
W. Hewett	2	c Heffer, b Kenward ..	7
H. Day c Wickens, b Kenward ..	1	b Wickens	3
O. Jennings c and b Kenward ..	1	c Parsons, b Kenward ..	0
E. Wales, b Wickens	0	not out	1
W. Snelling b Wickens	0	b King	0
O. Ockendon c and b Wickens ..	1	b King	3
Extras	9	Extras	9
	36		32

GREAT ASHFIELD CHURCH BELLS.

For some time the bells in this parish, which are five in number, have been undergoing extensive repair, being all newly hung upon a stout English oak bell frame, with new stocks, wheels, and fittings, of the newest and modern principle. The bells have all been reversed for the clapper to strike in another place. On Jubilee Day they were rung for the occasion, and on Thursday last, July 14th, the ringers and friends held their annual meeting, and afterwards adjourned to the "Howell Arms," where a capital spread awaited them. The Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Swann, presided, supported by W. Pickering, and A. Barrell, Esq., churchwardens, Mr. A. Wakelin, etc. The work of restoration was entrusted to Messrs. G. Day and Sons, of Eye, Suffolk, who were also present. The loyal toasts were given, and complimentary ones followed, and several songs were sung, and a convivial meeting spent. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their catering, and thus closed a very happy evening, this being the winding up of the Jubilee in this parish. The bells which are a musical peal, have the following inscriptions:—

- Treble.—"Thomas Newman, of Norwich, 1745. Pull on brave boys, I am metal to the back, I will be hanged before I'll crack."
2nd.—"Thomas Newman, of Norwich, 1745."
3rd.—"Mundy Meritis Edmunda Maria Vocata."
4th.—"Sum Rosa pultrater Mundi."
Tenor.—"Cast by John Draper, 1631."

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SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1887.

ONE of the most important features in connection with the achievement of a peal is to ensure the correct time of its performance. In fact this may be said to be of almost as much value as the truth of the peal itself, because unless some pains are taken to have an accurate report with regard to the time occupied, the whole becomes a question of doubt, and those who are competent judges become incredulous when the same people again record another peal. At the present moment, one or two recent performances have become the subject of discussion in our columns, relative to the important matter of the time in which they took to execute. We have no desire to say anything in reference to these individual peals, or in fact any others, the time of the performance of which may be questioned. All we contend for is that more care should be taken in the matter. It is not right that such an important ingredient in the record should be left to such slipshod arrangement as in many instances it is, but some good plan of registering the time occupied by accurate timekeepers should be adopted. If a recognised mode could be determined on, which would become universal, a mode with faults reduced to a minimum, much unpalatable controversy would be avoided, and the creation of a great deal of bickering prevented. This very question of time, simple as it may appear, has given rise to an infinite amount of disputes, which have not always been accompanied with the most charitable feeling. The volumes of "THE BELL NEWS" unfortunately afford complete testimony to this statement.

There is practically no hard and fast time relative to the time which should be kept in ringing a peal, because a variety of circumstances militate against the slightest degree of similarity. What one company has done in a certain period may be done upon another occasion by the same people and the time occupied show a marked difference, both performances being of equal merit. We know there are some ringers that consider swift and speedy ringing a matter of importance, but the preference is merely fanciful. So long as excellent striking is maintained throughout a performance, the question of its

being either a quick or slow peal is surely a matter of secondary or in fact of very little moment. The primary object is that the actual time taken be faithfully published, and that proper regulations be made for this purpose.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nottingham, on Saturday, August 6th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 2.0 p.m., viz.: St. Mary's (10 bells), St. Peter's (8 bells), All Saints' (8 bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Peter's schools, Broad-marsh, where bands will be formed for ringing at the various towers. Committee meeting at All Saints' schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Aboretum refreshment rooms at 6.0 p.m. General meeting immediately afterwards. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.
 5, St. Paul's street East, Burton-on-Trent.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

ON Sunday evening, July 17th, eight members of the Henfield society paid a visit to the above place, and rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. This was the first outing of the society. J. Boniface, 1; W. Pearce, 2; W. Stringer, 3; T. Stringer, 4; H. Freeman, 5; T. West, 6; H. Ward, 7; T. C. West, 8.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

Members are informed that there are twenty-seven peals to be booked up, and those who owe sixpences for any of them are requested to attend the meeting on Monday next, July 25th, and settle up, or forward same to me in stamps. The annual election of officers takes place the 8th of August.
 27, Arlington Street, N. J. BARRY, Hon. Sec.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, July, 16, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble.	GEORGE T. MACLAUGHLIN 5.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL (a) 2.	JOHN M. HAYES 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW (a) .. 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM (a) 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

a First peal in the method.

This is the first peal rang in the same parish as Her Majesty the Queen was born, during the Jubilee year of her reign. Messrs. Cartmel and Buckingham hail from St. Albans.

Miscellaneous.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

ON Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, in memory of the late R. Beaumont, a native of Wakefield, who died on the 3rd inst., and who was one of the earliest members of this society. W. Coppage, 1; E. H. Tripp, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; W. Tyack, 4; A. E. Church, 5; W. T. Cockerill, 6; F. L. Davies, 7; G. Wild, 8. Afterwards several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Major was rung.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, July 5th, for practice at St. Paul's Church, 503 of Grandsire Triples. C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke (composer), 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. G. B. G. (conductor), 7; A. Barcock, 8. Also on Sunday evening, July 10th, for Divine Service, 784 Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; M. Warwick, 3; W. Allan, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And on Sunday evening,

July 17th, for Divine Service, 688 Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Allan, 5; H. Chapman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; I. Hills, 8. Also on Thursday, July 14th, for practice at St. Mary's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). M. Warwick, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Allan, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. G. Biggs, 6. Tenor 7 cwt in B.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday evening, July 9th, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale, 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; H. Jordan, 8. On Saturday, July 16th, a quarter-peal in the same method. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale, 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; H. Jordan, 8. Each of the above touches were composed and conducted by George Latham. This was Arthur Gwinnett's first quarter-peal, and was most creditably rung by him. He is a member of the Painswick Society.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONMOUTH.—On Wednesday, July 13th, at the parish church, eight members of the above Guild attempted to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately lost it after ringing 3,600 changes in 2 hrs. 9 mins. W. Preece (Monmouth), 1; J. G. Wall (Ross), 2; W. Honeyfield, Esq. (Monmouth), 3; G. Brown (Monmouth), 4; T. H. Jones (Monmouth), 5; A. Bird (Ross), 6; H. J. Tucker (instructor and conductor), 7; H. Brown (Monmouth), 8. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the back six, in 28 mins. T. M. Preece, 1; J. G. Wall, 2; G. Brown, 3; A. Bird, 4; T. H. Jones, 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.

BRENNHAM.—On Sunday, July 10th, for evening service at the parish church, a 360 of Bob Minor in 13 mins. T. Greetham, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson (conductor), 5; J. Hatto, 6. Also after service six six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins. H. Hatto, 1; J. Richardson, 2; T. Bidmead, 3; A. Richardson, 4; J. Hatto (conductor), 5; T. Wigmore, 6. On Sunday, July 17th, for morning service a 360 of Grandsire Minor, in 13 mins. G. Webb, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. Also for evening service 360 Bob Minor, in 14 mins. T. Greetham, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Hatto, 5; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. Also after evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 24 mins. T. Greetham, (first 720) 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson (conductor), 5; J. Hatto, 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, July 10th, 120 of Bob Doubles and a 120 Grandsire Doubles. E. Chapman, 1-2; R. Dunkley, (conductor) 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. Also a 120 of Canterbury Doubles. E. Chapman, 1-2; R. Dunkley, (conductor) 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. Also 180 of Bob minor. E. Chapman, 1-2; C. Dunkley, 3; W. Richards, 4; R. Dunkley, 5-6. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Smith, 1-2; E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5-6; W. Richards, 7-8.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Thursday, July 7th, at St. Paul's church, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey (first 504), 1; W. Allfrey (conductor), 2; G. Biggerstaff, 3; G. King, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett, 7; J. Mockett, 8. On Thursday, July 14th, for practice, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey, 1; J. Salmon, 2; *J. E. Worsell (first 350), 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; W. Allfrey, 5; J. Fox, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday, July 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. H. Eaves, 1; J. Salmon, 2; G. Hill, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; W. Allfrey, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor) 7; J. Mockett, 8.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday evening, July 19th, a 360 of Grandsire Minor in 13 mins. G. A. Hatton, 1; C. Daniels, 2; J. Brook, 3; H. Mason, 4; C. Beasley, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. *T. Edmonds, 1; J. Brooks (conductor), 2; *C. Beasley, 3; G. A. Hatton, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; H. Mason, 6. *First 720 of Minor.

FOXEAETH (Essex).—On Sunday, July 17th, a touch of Bob Major, 1680 changes, in 1 hr. and 2 mins. S. Slater, 1; J. Lee, 2; R. Mingay, 3; F. Wells, 4; H. Smith (Lavenham), 5; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; O. Garwood, 8. This touch, which is taken from "Banister," was conducted by Oliver Garwood.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Friday, July 1st, at St. Marys church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 30 mins. Z. Slater, 1; Joseph Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 4; F. Wells, 4; S. Slater, 5; O. Garwood (conductor),

6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. John Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; S. Slater, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Other touches were rung on this day. Also on Sunday, July 3rd, the bells being deeply muffled on each occasion through respect for the Rev. George Coldham, Rector of Glemsford, who died on Sunday evening June 26th, aged eighty-four years and has been Rector of Glemsford fifty-four years. The funeral took place on July 1st. The deceased gentleman was present and took the chair at the Jubilee dinner of this parish on June 24th, being well and making a capital speech. On this occasion he returned home delighted at being present, but was taken ill the same day and died on the above date. He was a J.P. for very many years.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 10th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, five 120's of Grandsire Doubles. W. Carter, R. Newton, T. R. Bell, E. Duff, H. Ellis, J. M. Hayes (conductor), W. Cropley, W. Lamb.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, July 16th, at St. Peter's church, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; C. West, 4; W. A. Hall, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Court Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Kirk, 1; W. A. Hall, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; C. West, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. C. West hails from Biddenham.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, 16th July, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 44 mins. *S. Lawrence, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn, (conductor) 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; *W. Tryhorn, 8. *First 1260. Composed by the late U. Woodman of Trowbridge. On Sunday, the 17th, a 518 for morning service and a 700 for the evening service. S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; T. Blackburn (conductor) 4; H. D. Adams, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Tryhorn, 8. Also on Monday, 11 July, six 120's of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. A. Gris, (Bournemouth), 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; H. D. Adams, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 5; W. M. Lush, 6.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, June 28th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 3rd, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (three bobs, eighteen singles), in 25½ mins. G. Gray, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Saturday July 9th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 26 mins., taken from *Clavis*. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. Luckey (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; Isaac Cavill, 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. H. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; J. Luckey, 6; And on Sunday, July 10th, 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. Luckey (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior, 6. And 200 of Grandsire Doubles. C. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Harvey, 3; H. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; G. Prior, 6. And a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; H. Prior, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. G. Harvey hails from Manuden. And on Saturday, July 16th, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 17th, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; H. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, July 17th, for evening service at St. Martin's church, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. Mills, 1; E. Goodred, 2; G. Hughes, 3; *A. Hill, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; †S. Jones, (conductor), 6.

The Poor Clergy Relief Corporation held its thirty-first annual meeting on Monday at the offices of the corporation, in Southampton-street; Mr. Burt in the chair. From the report read by Dr. Pigott it appeared that the grants of money made during the past year mounted to 8,517*l.*, being an increase of nearly 1,000*l.* over the previous year. The committee announced with thankfulness that the income, under every head, had increased—the subscriptions from 2033*l.* to 2,228*l.*, the donations from 2,392*l.* to 4,256*l.*, and the collections from 499*l.* to 510*l.* The chairman moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Archdeacon Farrar, who spoke of the great work carried on by the corporation, and of the special need at the present time for its increased support.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 17TH 1887:—

By the Arundel and Warnham Branch at Arundel.—On Sunday, July 3rd, a 560 of Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. G. Tragus, 1; C. Blackman (conductor), 2; F. Luxford, 3; W. Short, 4; G. Balchin, 5; H. Haggatt, 6; H. Chandler, 7; G. Yeatman, 8.

Also at Steyning.—On Sunday, July 3rd, a 504 of Grandsire Triples in 16 mins. E. Brackley, 1; F. Luxford, 2; H. Haggatt, 3; W. Short, 4; G. Smart, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; G. Balchin, 8. Also a 559 of Grandsire Triples in 17 mins. E. Brackley, 1; F. Luxford, 2; G. Smart, 3; W. Short, 4; G. Balchin, 5; H. Chandler, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; H. Haggatt, 8.

By the Balcombe Branch at Linfield by the kind invitation of C. E. Kemps, Esq. (Churchwarden).—On Coronat on Day, June 28th, a 720 of Plain Bob. A. Stoner, 1; B. Paine, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; F. Price, 5; *H. Meads, 6; J. Gasson, 7; *E. Streeter, 8. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. A. Stoner, 1; H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; B. Paine, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; *J. Gasson, 6; E. Streeter (conductor), 7; *F. Rice, 8. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; *J. Gasson, 6; F. Rice (conductor), 7; *W. Meads, 8. And a 360 of Warnham Court, conducted by G. E. Streeter. *Covers.

By the Brighton Branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48½ mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; C. E. Golds, 3; G. A. King, 4; J. Jay, 5; J. Searle, 6; W. Palmer, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. Also on Monday, June 20th, a 560 of Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; C. A. King, 3; J. Jay, 4; W. Palmer, 5; G. C. Hammond, 6; A. Piper, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. And a 464 of Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; J. Searle, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. A. King, 5; H. Weston, 6; A. Piper, 7; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday, June 26th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Jay (conductor), 1; J. Reilly, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; A. Piper, 4; G. A. King, 5; W. A. Allfrey, 6; H. Cornwall, 7; E. Butler, 8.

By the Crawley Branch at Charlwood.—On Sunday, June 5th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6.

By the Crawley branch at Crawley.—On Sunday, June 12th, 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 23 mins. E. Streeter, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; *J. Cheeseman, 4; *M. Meads, 5; F. Rice, 6; W. Collison, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8. *First in the method and hail from Balcombe, also E. Streeter.

Also at Charlwood.—On Tuesday, June 28th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 16 mins. W. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. The two preceding touches were rung with the bells muffled for the second anniversary of the death of the rector's wife. And on Sunday, July 10th, at St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Neves, 1; J. Searle, 2; J. Reilly, 3; H. Boniface, 4; W. Palmer, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; G. A. King, 7; E. Butler, 8.

By the Hurst branch at Hurst.—On Sunday, June 12th, six 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles in 39 mins. A. Pierce, 1; T. Mansoridge, 2; T. Leney, 3; T. Stringer (Henfield), 4; W. Landers (conductor), 5; H. Sayers, 6; W. B. Davey, 7; A. Davey, 8.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Sunday, June 12th, a 360 of Plain Bob. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. J. Matthews, 1; J. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; F. Brackley, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; G. Smart, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler, 6. And on Tuesday, June 21st, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. E. Brackley, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Gatland (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, June 21st, a 720 of College Single. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; F. Morris, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, June 26th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; F. Morris, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 3rd, a 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; F. Morris, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury

Pleasure. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; F. Morris, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; F. Morris, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, July 10th, 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; F. Morris, 3; C. Chambers, 4; E. Brackley, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 17th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Collison (Crawley), 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; C. Tyler, 4; F. Morris, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Worth branch at Worth.—On Sunday, July 3rd, a 720 of Warnham Court Bob in 23½ mins. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of College Single in 24 mins. W. Meads, 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; G. Illman, 4; F. Rice, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. G. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the above association will be held on Monday, the 1st August, 1887, at the Rectory Infant School, Cheapside, Workop. Members and intending members are cordially invited to attend. The bells (8) of the Priory Church will be at the disposal of ringing members after 11 o'clock in the morning. FRED. MAGKIE, Hon. Sec.

On Monday, Dr Danford Thomas held an inquest on the body of Mr. R. H. Hutton, of 36, Queen Anne's-gate—not, however, the editor of the *Spectator*, but a famous bone-setter. It appeared that on Saturday morning a medical rubber, named Shurmer, who daily attended Mr Hutton, entered his bedroom and found him in his usual health. Mr. Hutton immediately asked for "the draught on the table." Shurmer took up the bottle indicated and poured out the contents until Mr. Hutton said, "That is enough." Shurmer afterwards looked at the bottle and saw the word "Poison," and called Mr. Hutton's attention to it. Mr. Hutton replied, "You have poisoned me," and ordered him to get hot water and salt. This proved of no avail, and two doctors were sent for, but when they arrived Mr. Hutton, who was a very powerful man, silently resisted all attempts to administer an antidote or apply the stomach pump. This action on his part the medical man attributed to the action of the poison on the brain. It was stated that deceased had been in the habit of taking a black draught, a bottle of which was found in a drawer in the dressing table, and it was evident a mistake was made in the bottles. The jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

DEATH OF THE PRINCE CONSORT.—Hour after hour, as she watched by the sick bed, the Queen saw that her husband was slowly sinking. Still, in the afternoon he knew her—for as he laid his weary head on her shoulder, he kissed her and muttered, "Gutes frauchen." Then his mind would wander, and then he would doze in brief and troubled snatches of sleep. He took his children by the hand when they came and kissed him, but it is doubtful if he now knew them. Late in the afternoon he asked for Sir Charles Phipps, who came and kissed his hand, whereupon he again closed his eyes. So he lingered on, the Queen keeping her mournful watch with broken heart. At a late hour they changed his bed, and on the Queen pointing to a favourable sign, Dr. Jenner told her that the Prince's breathing rendered all favourable signs of no avail. At last she went to her room, but returned when she heard the breathing grow worse. The Prince was partially conscious, for when she kissed him and whispered, "Es ist kleines Frauchen"—"Tis your own little wife"—he kissed her also. But he seemed desirous of being left quite undisturbed, and so she retired to her room to weep. The end was coming fast. Clark soon saw that a serious change for the worse was setting in, and the Princess Alice went to summon the Queen. When she came she found the Prince still breathing, and she knelt at the bedside, taking his old hand in hers. On the opposite side knelt the Princess Alice—at the foot of the bed the Prince of Wales and the Princess Helena. The doctors, Generals Bruce and Grey, Sir Charles Phipps, the Dean of Windsor, Prince Ernest of Leiningen, and the faithful valet, Köhlein, stood around, hushed and grief-stricken, and the sobs of those to whom the Prince was dearest alone broke the stillness of the chamber of death. The dying man's face grew serenely soft and reposeful, as his breathing became feebler and feebler. At last he proved hard to take a long deep breath. In this effort he passed away to his last long rest, as the great clock of the Castle struck the third quarter after the tenth hour of the night. Those who heard the doleful chime at the Prince's deathbed will never forget it.—From "The Life and Times of Queen Victoria" for July.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. PRIZE COMPETITION.

On Saturday last, July 16th, the first Annual Cup Competition of the above Association took place at the parish church, Chapel-en-le-Frith. This Association, which is only in its third year, consists of ringing and honorary members, the ringing members to have rung 720 or "covered" 1260 changes to be eligible. The districts included in the Association (according to the last report) are Ashton-under-Lyne seven members, Castleton one, Chapel-en-le-Frith five, Dinting seven, Glossop twenty-one, Gorton two, Haughton eight, Hayfield nine, Hyde twelve, Mottram fourteen, Northenden six, Royal George three, Saddleworth ten, Stalybridge five, Whitfield eleven, non-resident members nineteen. On Saturday there were also twenty new entries. In the words of the Committee, the only ambition of the members is "to improve the art of change-ringing, to make their meetings attractive and social, and their association one of the best." The hope is further expressed that the members of this and kindred societies may ring on harmoniously for all time, or what is equal to it—

"Till rival nations join their hands,
Till plenty crowns the happy lands,
Till knowledge gives new blessings birth,
And freedom reigns o'er all the earth."

To promote a spirit of friendly rivalry, the association offers two cups for the best ringing, one for six and the other for eight bells, and for a competing company to obtain absolute ownership of a cup it must be won three times. For Saturday's competition a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, was rung by each company. There were two other prizes, the second being six silk pocket-handkerchiefs, with figured bells and ringing mottoes woven in by Mr. E. Matthews, of Macclesfield, given by the Chapel-en-le-Frith ringers; and the third, six silver scarf pins the shape of a bell, by J. Carter, of Birmingham, given by the president of the Association. The following were the competing companies, and the names are given in the order in which they rang:—Saddleworth, No. 2 company; Messrs. F. Brierley (conductor), J. Radcliffe, J. L. Buckley, J. Maloney, J. H. Shaw, and J. Pye, jun. (substitute for J. Radcliffe). Saddleworth, No. 1 company; Messrs. J. J. Brierley (conductor), J. Wrigley, J. T. Holden, J. Wood, E. Buckley, and E. Wood. Royal George; Messrs. J. W. Shaw, G. T. Shaw, O. Wood (conductor), S. Dicken, J. Dicken, and J. T. Dicken. Hayfield; Messrs. J. Vernon, J. Brocklehurst, T. Whitehead (conductor), A. Rangeley, J. Hardman, and T. Brocklehurst. Glossop; Messrs. J. Booth, J. Harrop S. Knott, sen. (conductor), J. Robinson, C. Jubb, and J. Pye, sen. The competition commenced at quarter-past twelve noon, and concluded in about four and a half hours. Throughout the contest the ringing was considered to be very good, and that of the winners particularly good. The awards were made according to the least number of faults, on the same principle that a good general is judged. It is not the one who makes brilliant points that wins, but he who makes the least blunders. Messrs. B. A. Dodson (Birstall, Yorkshire), and S. Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), were the judges, and we believe no complaint was made with regard to their decisions. The results achieved were as follows: Saddleworth, No. 1, first prize, 160 faults; Royal George, second prize, 173 faults; Glossop, third prize, 183 faults; Saddleworth, No. 2, 323 faults; Hayfield, 331 faults (rung out). An enjoyable dinner was partaken of at 5 o'clock, at the house of Mr. Joseph Thornhill, "Bull's Head" Inn, after which Mr. John Holden (president), presented the prizes. Mr. J. J. Brierley received the cup, Mr. Owen Wood the second prize, and Mr. S. Knott the third prize, on behalf of their respective companies.

The CHAIRMAN said he hoped everyone had enjoyed the visit to Chapel-en-le-Frith, for it had been a nice, harmonious, and successful contest. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to the winners.

Mr. BRIERLEY said he considered the first prize was a jubilee cup, and the other recipients also briefly responded.

Some ordinary business of the Association having been transacted, Mr. John T. Dicken (Royal George), moved a vote of thanks to the Chapel-en-le-Frith ringers for their kind presentation of the silk handkerchiefs as a second prize.

Mr. JAMES SELLARS (Glossop), seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. FORD (Chapel-en-le-Frith), said it gave him great pleasure to respond, and they were heartily welcome to the little gift.

A similar compliment was paid the Chairman for the third prize, which he accepted with an appropriate expression of his desire to do his best for the society.

Mr. EDGAR BUCKLEY (Saddleworth), moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Pink), and the churchwardens of Chapel-en-le-Frith, for kindly allowing the use of the bells for the competition. He only hoped they would receive the same courtesy at their next contest.

Mr. JAMES SELLARS seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. FORD said on behalf of the ringers of that Association, he

would convey to the Vicar and churchwardens that mark of their respect, and he had no doubt whenever the occasion occurred again, they would once more have the same privilege accorded them. There had been no trouble in having the present contest. It was only a question of going the proper way about it. Everything had passed off satisfactorily, and he hoped that on every other occasion it would be the same.

Votes of thanks having been accorded the chairman and judges, the chairman intimated that Mr. James S. Wilde, the secretary of the Association (Hyde), had sent a letter regretting his absence.

Mr. S. WOOD moved, and Mr. LONGDEN seconded, a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, to which Mr. Thornhill suitably responded.

The next Annual Meeting will be held at Leesfield near Oldham, in January 1888.—*Local paper.*

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Kingston, on Monday, July 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the Leopold Coffee Tavern at 6. Business meeting at 6.30, and ringing again afterwards.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER. *Hon. Sec.*

Westminster Abbey will be reopened for divine service on Sunday week. On Tuesday last, the decorations used at the thanksgiving service were sold by Messrs. Horne, son, and Eversfield. The catalogue contained 448 lots, all of which found ready purchasers at what were considered good prices, the most valuable portion of the property being the several lots of Brussels carpeting, which realised about 3s. 6d. per yard. A number of cushions stuffed with hair and covered with maroon velvet fetched about 5s. each. The sale produced upwards of 2,000l.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN MOORE.—Sir John Moore, the consummate commander who had brought the battle to a crisis, was dashed from his horse by a cannon shot. It came from the battery on the rocks and had torn away all the flesh from his left breast and shoulder, "and broken the ribs over a heart undaunted even by this terrible—this ghastly mortal hurt." With an anxiety and impulse that rose superior to the pangs of pain or terror of death, he struggled into a sitting posture, and, with fixed look and unchanged countenance, continued to watch the struggle at Elvina; and when he saw the black and crimson plumes of the 42nd appear in the village again, something like a smile of gratification spread over his face. He then sank back and accepted succour. On being placed in a blanket for removal, an entanglement of his belt caused the hilt of his sword to enter the wound. Captain (afterwards Viscount) Hardinge, proposed to take the weapon away, but Moore said—"I would rather it went out of the field with me." Or, as Napier has it, "With martial pride, the stricken man forbade the alleviation—he would not part with his sword in the field! Epaminondas, mortally wounded at Mantinea, was anxious for the recovery of his shield; Moore, mortally wounded at Corunna, sustained additional torture rather than part with his sword." Six soldiers—42nd men and Guardsmen—now bore him slowly away in a blanket; and when a waggon came up, and it was proposed to place him beside Colonel Winch, of the 4th Regiment, who lay in it wounded, the poor fellows objected with tears in their eyes. "We will all keep step, and carry him more easily," they urged. As Moore was borne from the field of his glory, he frequently made the bearers halt and turn him round, that he might behold it and be assured that everywhere the French were already falling back. In the town of Corunna it was soon found that all hope was over; yet he lingered for a time, talking feebly but collectedly to those about him, and in many ways evincing the gentleness and kindness of his heart. "Anderson," said he to the colonel so named, an old and valued friend, "you know I have always wished to die in this way." After a pause—"Are the French beaten?" he asked; and on being assured that they were so, and retiring fast, he added with touching earnestness, "I hope the people of England will be satisfied; I hope my dear country will do me justice. Oh, Anderson, you will see my friends at home! Tell them everything—my mother—" Here his voice completely failed him, till he inquired if all his aides-de-camp were safe. To one of these, the son of Earl Stanhope, he said, faintly—"Remember me, Stanhope, to—to your sister." It was to the brilliant and famous Lady Hester Stanhope, of Djouna celebrity, who died in Syria in 1839, he referred, and whom he is said to have loved with great tenderness. Pressing to his breast the hand of Colonel Anderson, who had saved his life at the capture of St Lucia, he expired without a struggle, in his forty-eighth year, having been borne the Frigate of Glasgow, in 1761.—*From "British Battles on Land and Sea" for July.*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5001.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6

6 1 2 3 5 4 bobs 1, 2, 8, 11, 14, 18, 23 sixes
 6 1 4 2 5 3 16
 4 1 6 3 5 2 5 16
 4 1 2 6 5 3 16
 2 1 4 3 5 6 5 16
 2 1 6 4 5 3 16
 2 1 3 6 5 4 16
 3 1 2 4 5 6 5 16
 3 1 6 2 5 4 16
 6 1 3 4 5 2 5 16

3 1 2 5 6 4 4 16
 2 1 3 4 6 5 5 16
 2 1 5 3 6 4 16
 5 1 2 4 6 3 5 16
 5 1 3 2 6 4 16
 5 1 4 3 6 2 16
 4 1 5 2 6 3 5 16
 4 1 3 5 6 2 16
 3 1 4 2 6 5 5 16

These nine courses repeated, and eight courses for 5th part, brings up
 6 1 5 4 2 3 when bobs at 10, 12, 16 brings the bells round in 1 six 1 change.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

4 2 3 5 6

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

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

6 5 2 4 3 - - - -

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

In this peal the 2nd is never in 5th or 6th's place at a course end.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5088.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Norwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Four times repeated.

This peal contains sixty calls only.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6496.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, and is the greatest extent yet obtained in a two-part peal with the tenors together, without the use of singles.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5280.

By J. MOTTS, *Ipswich*.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 5

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

This part five times repeated, with a single called at six in the 27th and 54th courses will produce rounds.

This peal contains the 5th twelve times wrong and eighteen times home at the course-end, and the 6th twelve times wrong and right.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5003.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6

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

4 2 5 3 6 8th in three.
 5 4 2 3 6 9th in three.
 4 3 2 5 6 8th in three.
 2 4 3 5 6 9th in three.
 3 2 4 5 6 9th in three.
 2 5 4 3 6 8th in three.
 5 3 4 2 6 8th in three.
 4 5 3 2 6 9th in three.
 5 2 3 4 6 8th in three.
 3 5 2 4 6 9th in three.
 2 3 5 4 6 9th in three.
 5 4 3 2 6 8th in three s.

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

3 4 5 2 6 8th in and out at two with a double.

5 3 4 2 6 7th in three.
 3 2 4 5 6 8th in three.
 4 3 2 5 6 7th in three.
 2 4 3 5 6 7th in three.
 4 5 3 2 6 8th in three.
 5 2 3 4 6 8th in three.
 3 5 2 4 6 7th in three.
 5 4 2 3 6 8th in three.
 2 5 4 3 6 7th in three.
 4 2 5 3 6 7th in three.
 5 3 2 4 6 8th in three s.

3 4 2 5 6 8th in three.
 2 3 4 5 6 7th in three.
 3 5 4 2 6 8th in three.
 4 3 5 2 6 7th in three.
 5 4 3 2 6 7th in three.
 4 2 3 5 6 8th in three.
 2 5 3 4 6 8th in three.
 3 2 5 4 6 7th in three.
 2 4 5 3 6 8th in three.
 5 2 4 3 6 7th in three.
 4 5 2 3 5 7th in three.
 2 3 5 4 6 8th in three s.

Round by the 7th in and out at two twice.

This peal has the 6th its extent home in the regular and inverted titum positions.

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

1887.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Round one change before last given by 7-8 laying still.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

13176.

By WILLIAM WOOD, *Birmingham.*

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

Four times repeated.

By omitting the 2s course produce:—

2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8

2 3 4 5 6 8 9 7	Bob on	1	4	5
4 3 2 5 6 8 9 7	Single on			6
4 3 2 5 6 7 8 9	Bob on	1	4	5
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Single on			6

This peal contains the 120 course-ends.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5007.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 1 4 5 6 5 16

*6 1 2 5 4 3

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

The last eleven courses three times repeated except 1st, instead of which call first course in each part 4-16 will produce

2 1 3 4 6 5

Round by bobs at 1 7 8 15 18 in one change.
*This course is produced by bobs at 1 3 11 18 24.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
2 3 5 6 4	2	2	1
4 5 3 6 2	1		1
2 4 6 5 3	2	1	2
2 5 3 4 6	2	1	1
5 4 3 2 6	2		

Repeated.

DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

1887.

By BENJAMIN SMITH, *Redenhall, Norfolk.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
2 4 5 3 6	1	-	2	2
2 5 3 4 6	1	-	2	2
4 2 5 6 3	2		2	2
2 3 5 6 4	2	-	1	2
2 4 3 6 5	-	1	2	

Round at hand the next lead with 7-8 laying still.

The last four changes.

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

Hand-stroke.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

13,440.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

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

Three times repeated. Singles to be added at 6 in the last course of the second and fourth parts. Omit the single at the end of the second part, and the bells come round at 6720.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5007.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE *Ipswich.*

2 3 1 4 5 6

4 1 6 5 2 3†	
4 1 3 6 2 5	19
4 1 5 3 2 6	19
5 1 4 6 2 3	6 19
5 1 3 4 2 6	-
5 1 6 3 2 4	-
6 1 5 4 2 3	-
6 1 3 5 2 4	-
3 1 6 4 2 5	-
2 1 6 5 3 4	5 6 19
2 1 4 6 3 5	-
2 1 5 4 3 6	-
5 1 2 6 3 4	-
5 1 4 2 3 6	-
4 1 5 6 3 2	-
4 1 2 5 3 6	-

These seven courses thrice repeated produce

2 1 5 3 6 4

Rounds by 2, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15,

†Produced by bobs at 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17.

TWO PEALS OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By JOHN J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth.*

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

Repeated.

6348.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

Twice repeated.

Admiral Sir John Corbett, K.C.B., who entered the Royal Navy in 1835, has been placed on the retired list on account of age, and Vice-Admiral the Prince Lemingen becomes Admiral, Rear-Admiral Ward Vice-Admiral, and Captain F. C. B. Robinson, late of the "Duncan," attains flag rank.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A CORRECTION AND FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—In your last issue there appears from me two peals of Treble Bob Royal. The 5088 in eleven courses should read for second course two M. one H. The other 5080 is false. ROBERT WILLIAMS.

REPLY TO MR. FAKENHAM.

SIR,—In your last issue, I see the above gentleman doubts as to the peal which I called at Woolwich in May last being true, also the two peals rang at Holy Trinity, Newington, the last which was rang, as some other gentlemen would not believe it. I beg to state that each peal was rung true and contained 5040 changes. Mr. Fakenham ought to know that peals of Treble Bob Major have been rung at the rate of thirty-two per minute. I don't wish to hold any argument with Mr. F., but at any time he can obtain the use of the tower at Woolwich. I will attempt it again with the same band if possible, then he can take the lead-ends off and so satisfy himself that the peal is true and can be rung in 2 hrs. 37 mins. F. G. NEWMAN.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Would the Hon. Secs. of Change-Ringing Associations who have the privilege of obtaining cheap railway tickets for individual members to and from the quarterly or other meetings, kindly communicate particulars as to fares and by what Companies issued? to

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A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the peal of Albion Treble Bob published in your last issue, the foot note should read *once* repeated, not twice as it there appears. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in the same issue is false repeating at the middle in each part. This statement I think is only fair to prevent anyone ringing the same. JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—As there exists at present only one peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, namely, Middleton's, doubtless the composition in this method which appears in your last issue will have attracted considerable attention. I regret to have to point out that in each part, changes after the second M repeat with others before the first M of the previous part. If another peal is ever obtained, it will not be in equal divisions. A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

ALDBOURNE BELLS, WILTS.

SIR,—In the inscription I gave from Aldbourne tenor, in your issue of July 2nd, several printer's errors occurred. (1).—For "diabus" read "animabus," or the contracted form as on the bell "aiabus." (2).—For "camparium" read "campanum," and in my query about the sixth bell, for "pissima" read "pissima." I shall be greatly obliged if you will correct these errors. J. R. JERRAM.

USING THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

SIR,—Mr. Williams is about right. Had it not been for my anxiety to disown any claim to the 5024 of Treble Bob Major, he might now hold the honour of composing a first-class 5040 of Treble Bob Royal. But as he so willingly gave up his claim, I am sure he will pardon me saying that the 5080 he gives in this week's issue, July 16th, may be found on page 130, Hubbard's 1876 edition, also on page 108 of *Snowdon's Treatise*, in each case the late William Harrison's name is attached to this peal. Your correspondent does not seem to properly grasp my reference to an "unpalatable fact." I did not intend to be personal, neither do I now wish to appear so, but I will be more plain, and say I believe it impossible for anyone to compose an original peal upon the plan of the 5000 or 5040 under notice. This is the "unpalatable fact," and I have felt it as much as anyone. If however your correspondent or anyone else thinks I am going too far, let them go to work, and if successful, no one will be found more ready than myself to confess my error or compliment the meritorious one. In your issue of the 9th inst, Mr. S Marsh gives us a 6144 of Treble Bob Major in three parts, a good peal, which may be found on page 13 of *Snowdon's*

Treatise, with Mr. Tom Lockwood's name attached. In the same number, Mr. A. Sykes gives us a 5120 of Treble Bob Major, which peal may be found on page 3 of *Snowdon's Treatise*, with Mr. W. Sottanstell's name attached. I hope all these gentlemen will take my correction in the same friendly spirit it is given. In conclusion, I hope after the gentlemanly letter of Mr. Pritchard disclaiming two peals of Treble Bob Royal, he will allow me to point out to him how very false the composition he chose to call Cambridge Surprise Major is. If we title it Superlative, it also runs very false in each place, the false places are too numerous to mention. The only way to retain it true is to avail ourselves of Mr. A. Percival Heywood's recent discoveries in the science, and after obtaining Burton ringers' permission, entitle it a 5120 Burton variation of Superlative Surprise. The mention of Mr. Heywood's name recalls Duffield to memory, the most harmonious and symmetrical of all Major methods I verily believe; if ever we had a perfect method this is surely the one. Allow me to pay the author a humble compliment, not only upon its happy discovery, but upon the masterly way he brought out the method, and his clever expositions of detail. H. DAINS.

147 Barnsbury Road, N.

GREAT MALVERN PRIORY BELLS.

SIR,—The congratulations and thanks of all lovers of bells, and antiquarians, are due to the local antiquarian, Mr. James Nott, for his successful efforts in saving the old bell belonging to this tower, from the melting-pot, as recorded in your last issue (July 16th). It is lamentable how reckless of public property many—I fear I must say the majority—of Vicars and churchwardens are. This bell is certainly a 14th century production, though we do not know the founder's name. The inscription is not quite correctly rendered in your last number, viz.: the initial cross is omitted. This seems to be identical with Fig. 105 in Ellacombe's "Bells of Gloucestershire." The words "Egrecie," and "Mariœ" should be spelt "Egrecie," and "Marie" as the diphthong was not used at that period; and the stamp between each word is not an S, but an ornamental stop curving the reverse way to that letter. The whole of each word is in lombard capitals. Diameter 37 inches. In conclusion I will express a hope that the clock hammer—to the tender mercies of which this valuable old bell are handed over—may not speedily smash the veteran; for firms who ought to know better, are very apt (if given their own way) to put in hammers out of all proportion to the bell; utterly heedless as to the inevitable consequence. A. H. C.

SMALL BEGINNINGS.—Man is made in the image of God, and his mind is peculiarly interested and impressed by this feature of the Divine handiwork. And when, on a far humbler scale, it characterises his own works, he is greatly moved. Witness the delight of the schoolboy when a handful of snow rolled patiently along the garden becomes a huge lump taller than himself. Witness the satisfaction of some laborious writer, who, for years upon years has been toiling at a dictionary, or a history of the world, or a philosophy of the universe, or some such task, and at last sees the slender first day's page multiplied into a work of a dozen enormous volumes. A successful man of the people who founded an institute in a provincial town in Scotland, placed in it a little green box, more interesting to him than to the public, because when he started in life it contained the whole of his earthly possessions. In the hall of a splendid mansion on the edge of Loch Lomond, I have seen the picture of a little sailing vessel, which carried the owner and all his goods, when he set out for the East to begin what proved to be a vast and most lucrative business. And how often at firesides, or dinner-tables, in the course of friendly saunters by the way, do men who have acquired a position, delight to rehearse the story of their progress; and how interested are most of us in hearing or in reading how the gulf was spanned between the lawyer's first brief and the woosack, or the doctor's fee and his baronetcy, or, in the case of the American President, between the log cabin and the White House.—*Professor Blaikie in "The Quiver" for July.*

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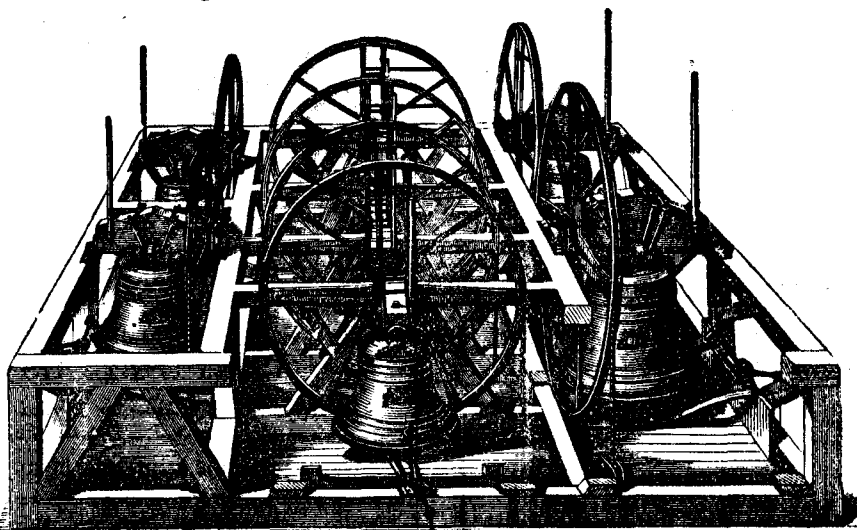


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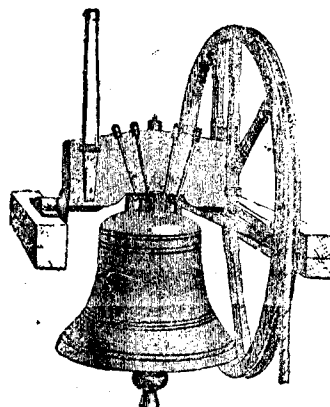
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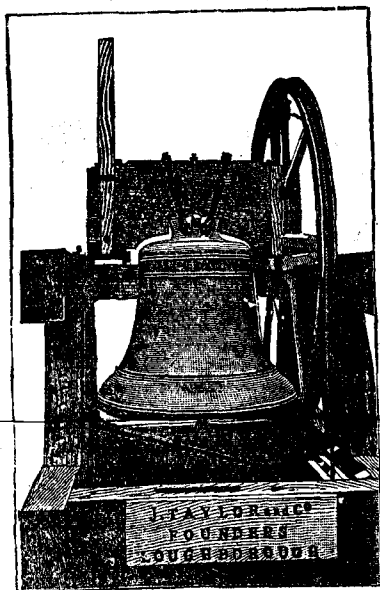
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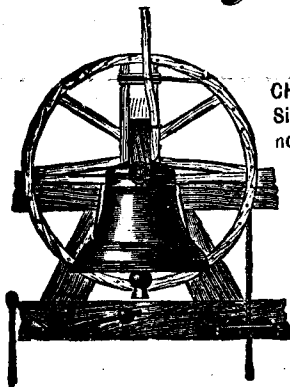
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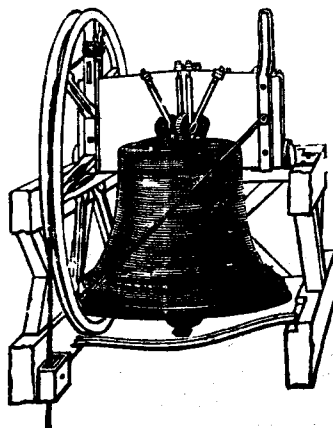
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And, whispers Campanaologius, I don't mean the "eight bells" that you are thinking of in connection with shandy-gaff either, although it is very natural that you should think I did, for this weather is dreadfully hot and trying, and after a long touch, or a short one either for the matter of that, a good draught of wholesome ale out of a bright flagon, or a deep, taper, sparkling goblet, is by no means to be despised.

I suppose you, and most of your friends would know something of all these sorts of eight bells upon June 21st, last past.

No Sir, the eight bells I mean are not eight bells at all, but only one bell, and that but a very "panny" sounding affair too, generally.

To come to the point, without further beating about the bush, or, as I should say in this case, without any more backing and filling, this latter being a nautical simile, I refer to the eight bells that the writers of nautical stories are so fond of introducing into their narratives.

Readers of salt water stories will call to mind that all, or most, of the thrilling incidents occur at or about "eight bells": the hero will order the stern-sails to be set, during a howling gale, or a double reef in the topsails while lying becalmed in the tropics, or a cast of the lead in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, or mayhap, to splice the main-brace, (this latter, alas, never occurs now in real ships, the others do sometimes among the new generation of seamen), and generally as I before remarked, at "just eight bells."

Now this is very unsatisfactory to the conscientious novel reader; he, or she, especially she, if there are any sentimental points in the yarn, don't feel satisfied to be told the bold fact that Edwin clasped Angelina gently by the hand, and leading her abaft the binnacle tremblingly told his love, at eight bells! She, naturally enough, from experience, thinks that this would occur about 9 p.m., whereas eight bells may be 4 o'clock a.m., dark and rainy, a high noon, blazing hot and dusty, both very unpoetic hours of the twenty-four to carry out a job of that sort.

And it strikes me that the writers themselves, for the most part, are as far at sea, metaphorically, as the majority of their readers; if they were not so, they would, evidently, be only too happy and proud to let us inferior mortals see that they knew all about it. For the bare statement that it was "just eight bells," is equally unintelligible to the seaman, as to his shore

keeping brother, without it is accompanied by the name of the "watch" to which it belongs.

You know that bells are often attached to clocks, don't you, friend C? but this is the first that you have heard of bells in watches, isn't it?

Well then the twenty-four hours (no, not of the day, my friend), are divided into seven watches, five of four hours each, and two of two hours each, and the reckoning of them is commenced at 8 o'clock p.m. From 8 p.m. then to midnight is called the first watch, from midnight until 4 a.m. is the middle watch, 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. is the morning watch, 8 a.m. to 12 noon the forenoon watch, 12 noon to 4 p.m. the afternoon watch, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. the first dog watch, and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the second dog watch. These again are divided into half-hours, and at every recurring half hour, the ship's bell is struck the proper number of blows by the man appointed for the purpose; in large ships there are generally two bells, a small one hung close to the hand of the officer in charge, and near the clock, upon which he "makes" the number required; a heavier bell, large enough to be clearly heard all through the ship, is hung on the fore-castle, and upon this, the quartermaster, or seaman, repeats the number given him by the officer.

Thus half-past eight is one bell, nine o'clock two bells, half-past nine three bells, and so on until the end of the four hours is reached, when up comes (always true, this course end) the story writers' old favourite, "eight bells."

In the dog-watches, the bells are "made" as above until 6 p.m., four bells, then commences again, and half-past six is one bell, seven o'clock two bells, half-past seven three bells, and 8 p.m. being the conclusion of one working day and commencement of another, assumes its full dignity of "eight bells."

I may as well mention, friend C, that the bells are "made" or struck, London fashion, that is, with a good open lead at hand, and not like Yorkshiremen ring Treble Bob.

The reason for the dog-watches is this; the ship's company, or crew, are divided into two sets, or watches—port and star-board watches this time, Campanologius—one of which rest (when the weather will let them), whilst the other carry on the business of the ship, four hours on and four hours off duty, or to use the sea term, "watch and watch." By splitting one watch of four hours into two of two hours each, the men who last night had but four hours' rest, to-night get eight hours, and so on, turn and turn about. I am presuming, my dear friend, that you are aware it is not the custom for ships to be tied up to trees every night, from leaving one port until arriving at another, not a minute is lost, all possible progress is made, both by day and night.

Of course a little judgment is required in this sort of bell-ringing as in every other, for example, the man who performs on the tenor at night, does his spiriting very gently as far as seven bells, making as little noise as possible to disturb the weary mariners who are courting Momus in their respective hammocks or bunks, irreverently termed by the profane seaman "pews," but at eight bells he "wakes the dead," for until the one watch is posted on deck, the other cannot leave it to seek their modicum of repose.

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ELIJAH ROBERTS.

The name of this renowned exponent of the art of change-ringing must be new to many of our readers. We, therefore, publish the following, taken from an illustrated paper of the year 1862, being of opinion that even such a brief and imperfect sketch of this wonderful man may prove of interest to many of our younger friends. There are ringers yet living who knew ELIJAH ROBERTS perfectly well, among them being Mr. Henry Johnson, who relates some piquant anecdotes concerning his life and times:—

"In the manly and scientific art of change-ringing' Elijah Roberts, we are told by one who ought to know, and with whose account we confess ourselves unqualified to meddle, 'is the most accomplished and unparalleled change-ringer upon the handbells the world has hitherto produced. Mr. Roberts has repeatedly challenged, and is still open to ring changes with any man in the world. He is now residing at the Derby Arms, Whitechapel, Liverpool. He commenced the study and composition of changes when about twelve years of age. In the year 1824 (then in his seventeenth year) he rung his first peal, which consisted of courses in various methods, commencing with changes on seven bells—namely Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Triples. Changes on eight bells—Grandsire Major, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob Major. Changes on nine bells—Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Caters. Changes on ten bells, or Grandsire Royal—Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal. Changes on eleven bells, or Grandsire Cinques—Plain Bob Cinques, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques. Changes on twelve bells—Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus; and finishing with a course of Double Treble Bob Major on sixteen bells, the whole containing 5186 changes, in three hours and twenty-seven minutes: rung at Birmingham. His next peal was rung on October 14, 1827, comprising 5040 changes of Treble Bob Maximus with the Kent variation, in three hours and twenty-two minutes: rung at Birmingham. His third peal was rung on the 6th of April, 1830, consisting of 7536 changes of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, occupying four hours and fifty-one minutes: rung at Birmingham. His next performance was rung on the 30th of June, 1833, being a very intricate peal of that much-admired and musical method, Stedman Cinques, with the bells in the tittums and every musical position, comprising 5016 changes, in three hours and twenty-four minutes: rung at Birmingham. His next peal was rung at Liverpool, on the 23rd of March, 1837, comprising 19,440 changes of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, being the full extent of changes with the large bells at home, occupying him thirteen hours and forty-three minutes. Thus Mr. Roberts has, solely and unassisted, surpassed by many thousands of changes the longest peals that have ever been rung on twelve bells by any twelve men in the world. Besides ringing the above peals, Mr. Elijah Roberts has composed, conducted, and rung upwards of 100 peals, on eight, ten and twelve bells, in various churches in the United Kingdom."

The following letter from ELIJAH ROBERTS was sent to a friend at Birmingham, and, with the foregoing, will be read with much interest:

"The 19,440 of the Treble Bob Maximus, I rung in Liverpool on the 23rd March, 1837, I commenced at 19 minutes before Four in the morning, and finished at 24 minutes past Five in the afternoon. I am sorry that no amateur heard it. The neighbours said they thought I should never give in, for they heard the bells ringing hours before they got up, and almost until bedtime again. The peal of Treble Bob, on 16 bells, if you can call it one (for the bells did not come round), I rung about a fortnight after the 19,440 in Liverpool, and is called exactly the same as the first six courses of the 19,000, and consisted of 6,720 changes, the course-end where I stopt being 1 4 5 6 2 3 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16. I was 6 hours and 28 minutes doing it. Now my ambition was to have rung all the 30 courses, which would be 33,600 changes, and at the same rate, I should have been five times 6 hours and 28 minutes, or 32 hours and 20 minutes,

so I abandoned the idea; but I have rung every change by one course at a time. As you request me to send you all the particulars, I have rung the greatest number of Treble Bob Maximus and Treble Bob Cinques in the world. There has only been one peal of Treble Bob Cinques rung, and that was at St. Martin's, Birmingham. You and I assisted in it. The peal of Treble Bob Cinques I rung in contained 6,424 changes, and is the same peal as the 7536 of Treble Bob Maximus. I was 3 hours and 48 minutes. The first peal I rung on the handbells was about 20 years ago, for I don't know the precise date, but it was published in one of the Birmingham newspapers. The number of changes was between 5 and 6 thousand, and was composed of nothing but Plain courses, viz.:—Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Triples, Treble Bob Triples, Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Caters, Treble Bob Caters; Grandsire Royal, Plain Bob Royal, Treble Bob Royal; Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Cinques, Treble Bob Cinques; Grandsire Maximus, Plain Bob Maximus, Treble Bob Maximus. Also, one and the last course was Treble Bob Sixteen, for which I don't know what other name to give it. Now this may not be considered of much note, but I assure you that to ring three different methods, and on different number of bells; and as soon as one plain course is rung, and the bells come round, to strike immediately into another, from 8 bells unto 16, is no joke."

Mr. C. W. Clarke would be glad to know the addresses of Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishop Stortford, Herts., and of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE PREACHER AND THE MOUSE.—It is related of a young minister who was preaching "on trial," in the church of Portmoak, a small parish in Kinross-shire, that he began to thump the cushion in a very vigorous way. And as he kept on thumping a mouse that had found a home somewhere in the pulpit was seen running about on the sounding board over the speaker's head. Now it so happened that this mouse used always to come out when a certain favourite minister preached, and has he had not preached for six months, the little animal of course had not been seen for this period. When, therefore, the congregation saw that this young man preached so effectively that he had caused the mouse to come forth as before, they accepted the matter as "a sign," and forthwith chose him for their Minister.—From "Little Folks" Magazine for August.

A TERRIBLE RIDE.—The Mendip Hills were formerly a Royal Forest, wherein the earlier kings of England, before and after the Norman Conquest, took their pleasure in the chase. On one occasion indeed, it nearly cost a king his life, and the cliffs of Cheddar all but became as noted in English as those of Kinghorn are in Scotch history. Edmund was hunting the red deer in the forest of Mendip, when his horse took fright and galloped towards the brow of these cliffs, just where they are steepest and highest. Shortly before the time he had had a quarrel with Dunstan, and had expelled the holy man with scorn from his court. As his horse was dashing on towards the brink of the precipice, the king bethought himself of his injustice, as the scenes of his life flashed before his mind, and vowed if he escaped to make amends. On the brink the horse halted, as if checked by an invisible hand; the King rode off to seek Dunstan, and made him Abbot of Glastonbury.—From "Our Own Country" for August.

WHAT TO WEAR.—Young girls' summer gowns for smart occasions have been happy combinations of soft, inexpensive wool and silk; indeed though we heard a great deal of this being a silk year, most of the every-day gowns I have seen have displayed a preponderance of wool over silk. The French are very skilful in the amalgamation of their whites, especially when wool and silk are used together. Lacing is employed a great deal, both as a fastening and by way of ornamentation. Many panels on the sides of skirts are laced with thick cord; and I am happy to say most dinner-gowns are laced in front—a very easy comfortable arrangement as it is possible for the wearer to fasten them which cannot be done when lacing is at the back. Heliotrope remains the most fashionable tint in Paris, but it includes many tones, from the highest fleur de peche to deep rich violet. Parisians excel so much in the amalgamation of materials, which intensifies the beauty of colours. If velvet is introduced on silk, it is darker, and yet equally intense. Gold embroidery on heliotrope was a new idea, largely employed on the Jubilee gowns, and coloured lace to exactly match looks well in the peach tones: it shows them up better than white, which is, however, greatly employed with them. Many bonnets worn with this tint are composed entirely of violets.—From "Casell's Family Magazine" for August.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Saturday, July 23rd, the St. Nicholas company, Great Yarmouth, had their annual outing. Leaving Yarmouth (Vaux), by the 7.20 a.m. train, and Norwich (Victoria), by the 9.5 a.m. for Diss, they there enjoyed themselves with ringing on the fine peal of eight bells for an hour or two, after which they proceeded on foot to Palgrave, where there is a peal of six, but as they were much out of order, very little could be done. They then proceeded to Eye, where there is a peal of eight, in good order, having been rehung in 1871 by Messrs. G. Day and Son. Here a pleasant time was spent handling the ropes for an hour or two, and the party left by the 7.18 p.m. train for Norwich (Victoria), and Yarmouth, where they arrived at 10.41 p.m., much gratified with their outing.

VISIT TO MANCHESTER.

ON Saturday, July 9th, A. A. Waite, and G. Miles, spent a very pleasant day in Manchester. On their arrival they were met by Mr. A. E. Wreaks, the conductor of the Cathedral company, who acted as guide, taking them first to the Royal Jubilee Exhibition, where they found much to interest them. On leaving there he pointed out a few of the most interesting places of the town, thence to the Cathedral tower, where they met W. Sevier, of Gloucester, and H. Karn, of Cheltenham. Previous arrangements had been made for a peal of Treble Ten, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 1000 changes, time not allowing for another start.

THE ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above society will hold a Quarterly Meeting at Milnrow parish church, on Saturday, August 6th. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers about 2 o'clock. Meeting at 4 o'clock in the school room, hoping all members will attend.

APPROACHING MEETING AT DUFFIELD.

The St. Martin's company, Birmingham, and the Holt society, Aston, will visit Duffield on August 1st. A peal of Stedman Caters will be started for at 11 a.m. Dinner at 2 p.m. at the Bridge Inn. All ringers will be welcomed. Train from Birmingham 8 a.m. Any ringers wishing to be included in the party must see Mr. Thomas not later than 7.45 a.m. at station gates.

A. THOMAS, Hon. Sec.

ROSES AND DAHLIAS.—The rose garden will, of course, occupy us largely this month. Here we may say it is good to have a few briars and stocks in the kitchen garden on which a few budding experiments may be made. In a good old-fashioned country garden, it is rare to find that *all* flowers are forbidden to put in any appearance in the kitchen and fruit garden. And in addition to the budding operations, do not be niggardly in picking roses for table and drawing-room decoration. When there is a good show, save all the petals of your roses as they fade, and fill your old china basins with them; their power of retaining fragrance is notorious, and of their kind and in their way nothing is more beautiful in death than these dried-up rose-petals. Next in order among our flowers come our dahlias, as in August these begin to give us their gaudy blooms, while the single dahlias, formerly so despised by our grandmothers, are now all the rage, and certainly most effective they are for hand-picking and decoration. For brilliancy of colour nothing surpasses them, and they possess another advantage, that when picked they do not quickly fade, or cockle up immediately in the hand, like the convolvulus. The older-fashioned ones will require still more support, and if the side branches are not properly secured, there is every likelihood of their breaking; the flowers will come finer in proportion as you remove the weak and useless buds, and, as we know, will continue blooming until late in the autumn, when nearly everything else is getting into a tangled and desolate state. This, however, in a properly-cared-for garden, ought never to be the case. From "*Cassell's Family Magazine*" for July.

GREAT PETER OF YORK.

[FROM AN HANDBILL OF THE PERIOD.]

"What triumph THAT, the hand of skill
Has moulded from the melted ore,
And formed a wonder to its will
That England ne'er had viewed before—
Cathedral bell! thy pondrous state,
Thy majesty of form and weight,
May well the gazer's looks surprise
Who scans thee with astonished eyes.

This BELL, cast expressly for York Cathedral at an expense of £2000, is larger than any other in the United Kingdom; its weight is 12 tons 10 cwt.—it is 7 ft. 7 inches in height without the Stock—and its diameter 8 ft. 4 inches; being heavier by 5 tons than Old Tom of Oxford (hitherto the largest in England), by 7 tons than the celebrated Tom of Lincoln, and by nearly 9 tons than the large Bell at St. Paul's. The Oak Stock in which the Bell is fixed, weighs with the Bolts 3 tons. Eighteen horses were required for the removal of the Bell from the Foundry in Whitechapel to the Bazaar.

The gigantic Clapper is of wrought iron, of Yorkshire Manufacture, (a beautiful specimen of workmanship,) and weighs 4 cwt.

The Bell was cast by MESSRS. MEARS, who prepared 17 tons of metal, and ran it in 7½ minutes. It took 14 days cooling before it could be uncovered, and is one of the most perfect specimens of of gigantic casting known. It is to be rung with two wheels, 14 ft. diameter each, and will require 15 men to ring it.

The tone (which is F sharp) is exceedingly grand, and may be compared to the full diapason stop of a pealing organ, and swells roundly on the ear with an indescribable mellow richness.

The following inscription, in Lombardian characters, is round the upper rim:

IN SANCTE ET ETERNÆ TRINITATIS HONOREM PECUNIA SPONTE
COLLATA REPARACENSES FACIENDUM
CURAVERUNT IN USUM ECCLESIAE METROP. B. PETRI EBOR.

And on the lower rim are the words,

ANNO SALUTIS MDCCCLV. VICTORIAE REG. VIII., EDVARDI
ARCHIEPI XXXVIII. C. ET G. MEARS, LONDINI, FECERUNT.

The arms of the City of York and those of the Archbishop (the Cross Keys) are on the bell in opposite positions to each other.

The Committee, after many solicitations have delayed the bell's being forwarded to York Cathedral, to afford the public an opportunity of seeing this extraordinary Work of Art, and arrangements have been accordingly made for its exhibition at the Bazaar, Baker Street, Portman Square, where it may be seen daily until further notice. After defraying the expenses, it is proposed to apply the surplus to a fund for the benefit of the York ringers."

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM, SURREY.

ON Tuesday, July 26th, a well attended meeting of ringers was held in the belfry of the above church. Ringing commenced at 6.30 p.m., and continued at intervals till 9 o'clock. Touches of Grandsire Minor, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, &c., was rung. This meeting was to have been held on Monday, July 25th (birthday of W. J. Harris, Esq.), but the annual meeting of the Surrey Association being held at Kingston on that day, was adjourned till Tuesday, July 26th.

A CHINESE FESTIVAL.—Early in the month of June is held the festival of dragon-boats, which lasts five days, and is often spoken of as the children's festival. Picture to yourself several narrow boats, varying in length from forty to even a hundred feet. The bows are shaped like a dragon's head, and the body and stern of the boat are painted to represent his body. The helmsman sits in the stern, and two men in the middle make as much noise as they possibly can with a drum and gong. The rowers move their oars under the directions of a man who sits on the dragon's head and regulates their pace by waving a small flag. Races are rowed in these ungainly boats, and, as you may imagine, many accidents happen. In big places, like Canton, the din lasts from ten o'clock in the morning to four o'clock in the afternoon. When there is no water near the people console themselves by racing in carts, or on horses, or on camels instead.—From "*Little Folks*" Magazine for July.

BELLS AND GONGS AS FOG SIGNALS.

Bells appear to have been the first instruments employed to convey warnings by means of sound; nor is it surprising that they should have been adopted for this purpose, having been in use for centuries previously, for purposes of announcing, summoning, warning, etc. It is impossible to say, when or where, the first bell was put up to assist mariners; but we may quote the oft narrated tradition handed down by an old writer respecting the Bell Rock:—"By east of the Isle of May, twelve miles from all land, in the German Ocean, lyes a great hidden rock, called Inch Cape, very dangerous for navigators, because it overflowed every tide. It is reported in old times upon the saide rock there was a bell, fixed upon a tree or timber, which rang continually, being moved by the sea, giving notice to the saylers of the danger. This bell, or clocke, was put there and maintained by the Abbot of Aberbrothok; and, being taken down by a sea pirate, a yeare thereafter he perished upon the same rock, with shippe and goodes, in the righteous judgement of God."

The story, it is true, is only supported by tradition, the narrator being "an old writer" at the beginning of the present century; but it serves to show that the notion of marking a hidden danger by a sounding bell was certainly in existence—if not practically applied—at a very early period. We know it was practically applied at Poolbeg, in Ireland, in 1811, and at the Bell Rock in Scotland, in 1812; and we also know that up to the year 1860, bells were established to be sounded in foggy weather, at many other lighthouses on the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland, and of France, the United States, and other countries, many of which continue to be sounded at the present day. These bells vary in weight from 3 cwt. to 45 cwt., and are generally struck by means of clockwork. In no case does the bell itself move, the clapper, or clappers, alone being actuated by the machinery. It is well known that the sound of a bell is curiously fluctuating. In the open country, or at sea, in the neighbourhood of church bells, the sound may be heard rising and falling, the peal swelling out as if close at hand—now fading into the thinnest sound, as if retreating far, far away. These effects are familiar to most people, and in themselves are really beautiful; but they come into play injuriously when the sound is wanted to be evenly distributed over a certain area. The truth probably is, that the vibrations from the largest bell will not yield a sound capable of overcoming opposing influences even of a slight nature. The sound produced in the immediate vicinity of the bell seems no doubt exceedingly powerful, the greatest energy of vibration being there exerted; but at moderately long distances, this apparent energy is dissipated, and the bell ceases to be of use. It will be easily understood that little dependence can be placed upon bells as trustworthy fog signals. The effective sound range of the largest bell is at all times very doubtful—the wind may carry it to a distance even of ten or twelve miles, but against the wind it may be inaudible at a quarter of a mile.

In one form the bell continues to be serviceably employed, viz., when fixed on the top of a large buoy, with four hanging around the outside of the bell, which alternately strike the bell as the buoy is moved from side to side by the action of the waves. An incessant tolling is thus kept up; and at night or in foggy weather, the signal is most useful to mark the turning point at the entrances to important ports, and at other places where the navigation is intricate, or to mark isolated dangers. The number of bell buoys round the British coast is considerable.

GONGS.

The next kind of sound produces we have to notice is the

gong. This instrument has been appropriated for use on board the light vessels round our coasts, owing, probably, to its peculiar distinctive sound. The gongs used in the Trinity House service are about two feet in diameter, of Chinese make, and cost about £4 each. They are struck with a stick with a padded head, the strokes being short, and delivered in very quick succession, so as to bring up the gong into a vigorous state of vibration. The sound is undoubtedly distinctive and serviceable at very short distances, but, like the sound of a bell, is soon dissipated after leaving the immediate vicinity of the instrument. Passing vessels may approach nearer to a lightship than to a rocky coast marked by a lighthouse; therefore, a sound with only a short range may oftentimes be of great service. In many lightships, however, the gong as a fog signal is now superseded by instruments of very much greater power, the principal of which are the reed-horn, or trumpet, and the SIREN, the latter an American invention, emitting most diabolical sounds of immense penetrative power, and moreover, its most valuable feature, being under perfect control as to the direction in which sounds may be thrown.

From "Coast Fog Signals," by E. PRICE EDWARDS.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday next, Bank Holiday, there will be a large Temperance Fete in the grounds of Thornbury Castle. The tower will be open for ringing for the occasion.

The local band will be pleased to welcome any brother-ringer or Company in union for a pull. Bells go well, tenor 24 cwt.

A GREAT BELL FOR COLOGNE CATHEDRAL.—An official notice has been published of the great bell for the cathedral of Cologne, the solemn inauguration of which took place some days ago with great pomp. The bell weighs 27,000 kilos, or about 26 tons 13 cwt. The clapper alone weighs 800 kilos, or nearly 15½ cwt. Its perpendicular height is almost 14½ feet, its diameter at the mouth nearly 11½ feet. Twenty-two cannons taken from the French were assigned by the Emperor William for its manufacture: 5,000 kilos of tin were added. It was cast by Andreas Hamm, of Frankenthal, and 21,000m (£1,050) were paid for the casting. It will be known as the Kaiserglocke, or Emperor's bell; and as the two other large bells in the cathedral bear the epithets respectively of Pretiosa (precious), and Speciosa (beautiful), this one is styled Gloriosa. It bears above an inscription that "William, the most august Emperor of the Germans and King of the Prussians, mindful of the heavenly help granted to him whereby he conducted the late French war to a prosperous issue, and restored the German Empire, caused cannons taken from the French to be devoted to founding a bell to be hung in the wonderful cathedral then approaching completion." A likeness of St. Peter, the name-patron of the church, is on one side, beneath which is a quatrain in the style of the mediæval conceits, praying that, as devout hearts rise heavenward at hearing the sound of the bell, so may the doorkeeper of Heaven open wide the gates of the celestial mansion. On the opposite side is inscribed a sestet in German, of which the translation is:—

"I am called the Emperor's bell;
"I proclaim the Emperor's honour;
"On the holy watch-tower I am placed.
"I pray for the German Empire,
"That peace and protection
"God may ever grant to it."

The bell was solemnly blessed in the cathedral by the Archbishop of Cologne, according to the elaborate ritual set out in the *Pontificale Romanum*. The ceremony was very long, many Psalms being chanted by the clergy and choristers while the bell was being sprinkled with blessed water and anointed with chrism, and the portion of St. Luke, x, 38-42, was chanted by a deacon. Incense and myrrh were burnt within it, and many symbolical rites performed. The opinions of experts are divided as to whether the note which the bell sounds is C sharp or D.—*Daily Paper*.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.—ANNUAL OUTING.

On Monday, July 18th the members of the above society, accompanied by the Rev. W. E. Blathwayt, curate, Mr. G. W. Swinard, Reader, and honorary member of the society, and Mr. M. H. E. Cogan, Reader of St. Matthias, Bristol, paid a visit to Oxford, described of old by Spenser in his "Faerie Queen," as—

"That faire city, wherein make abode
So many learned imps that shoot abroad."

A better place could not have been selected, particularly for the thoughtful traveller, who, when he leaves "Puffing Billy" to wander amongst Oxford's famous halls, colleges, gardens, and walks, gains ample reward. Some of the company appeared to feel with one who has said, "It is a despair to see such a place and ever to leave it, for it would take a lifetime and more than one to comprehend and enjoy it satisfactorily." The party left Bristol at 7.50., arriving at Oxford some time after 11 o'clock. They proceeded at once to the Botanic Gardens, where some time was spent in looking at Nature's curiosities, and enjoying the cool shade of the trees. Magdalen (commonly called Maudlin) College and Chapel, were then visited, taking care to enjoy the delightful shades of Addison's walk, from which a fine view of the tower built by Wolsey is obtained. Christ Church with its fine bell was the next on the list. "Great Tom" of course could not be overlooked, some of the party seemed to admire the monster so much, that they talked of doing penance by crawling under. By this time the "inner man" began to exhibit signs of impatience, so one and all adjourned to the "Maiden's Head" Hotel, where a capital dinner was provided, to which all did good justice. New College and Chapel was then visited, and by kind permission, the company ascended the tower and rang a touch of 711 Grandsire Caters. A. Pearse, 1; W. Paddock, 2; G. Pymm, 3; A. Howell, 4; H. Tucker, 5; G. Pearse, 6; W. W. Porch, 7; W. Finch (Oxford), 8; H. Porch (conductor), 9; W. Hill, 10. From the beltry some proceeded to view the barges on the river, pursuing their way to the place of bathing, where the young and rising generation surpassed the elder, who could do little else than watch and "pull the wet." The hotel was again reached, and tea served (without the presence of Mr. Blathwayt, who was obliged to leave for London), which well fitted the company for a ring at the cathedral. At 7.30., the ringing here concluded with a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major, finishing in time to catch the 9.15. train for Bristol. The journey homewards was spent in handbell ringing, songs, etc., and "smoky Bristol" was reached about 12.15., thus ending a most enjoyable day long to be remembered. It is much regretted that the Vicar was unable to accompany the "jolly boys" in consequence of recent illness. The company wish through the medium of this paper to tender their very best thanks to Mr. J. Field for his kind arrangements for ringing, and to Mr. Finch for his kindness to them.

SANDAL MAGNA, WAKEFIELD, YORKS.

Tuesday, July 19th, was a day of rejoicing to the ringers of the parish church, the bells having been entirely rehung with new fittings, and ~~balanced~~, so that the chappers hit in new positions, making the bells sound like a new peal. The bells are one of the finest toned peals of six in Yorkshire, having been cast and hung in the year 1812 by Thomas Mears, of London, and rehung by James Shaw, Son and Co., of Bradford, to the entire satisfaction of the ringers, clergy, and churchwardens, the expense being borne by Jas. Shaw, Esq., of "The Woodlands," Sandal, as a Jubilee gift to the parish. They were re-opened on the above date by the ringers on the occasion of the marriage of Captain Darby, R.A., aide-de-camp to the commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland, and Miss Charlesworth, of Chapelthorpe Hall, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Charlesworth. The ringing was done at intervals from the following methods; Oxford 720, Violet 240, New London Pleasure, 240, Arnold's Victory, 360, Duke of York, 360, City Delight, 360, College Pleasure, 360. J. Brewin, 1; J. Moorhouse, 2; C. Robinson, 3; W. Reyner, 4; G. Moxon (conductor), 5. H. Robinson, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

HERE AND THERE.

At the present moment there seems to be somewhat of a dearth of news in the ringing world, perhaps I ought to say a scarcity of that peculiar intelligence which only interests bell-ringers. This is of course to some extent a pity, though not without its alloy. For it enables those who have not often the opportunity of growling, fully to give vent to their feelings; and those loquacious individuals who, like myself, have to wait patiently before they are allowed through this paper to edify and instruct their brethren, to have a look-in. I would like our Editor to believe that I don't suggest for a single moment in the least that our paper has suffered in quality or appearance because for the past week or two there has been a scarcity or dearth of ringing news. Quite the contrary, in fact; we have had a very nice readable paper—"from grave to gay, from lively to severe"—a paper with a variety—and variety is said to be charming—of matter which seemed to fit in very well with the character of "THE BELL NEWS." In common with many of my fellow-readers no doubt, I have often wondered how the various items of intelligence are got together, and where they come from. One would think that beyond the weekly records there could nothing else be provided to fill up the pages, yet there seems an inexhaustible resource somewhere. I don't know whether the idea has occurred to anyone else, but it has always struck me that the production of a leading article week after week must be a terrible grind (to use a vulgarism). It is, as a rule, always upon some subject connected with ringing, and the miracle is that such a continuity is kept up. But here I must change the subject, or else I shall be reckoned up by "those in the know."

That was a phrase, by the way, which appeared in print the other week: "those in the know." I happen to be one of "those" people, in connection with the particular instance, and the account which appeared in the local rag of my neighbourhood was too gushing, and the said rag deserved a "take-down." I don't see, of course, why the nuptials of ringers' daughters or sons should not be announced in the papers as well as those of other people. Not at all. Only any one reading that particular paragraph would have thought the bride's father had been a prodigy in the science, instead of a mere teller.

The recent correspondence anent the long peal at Birmingham, has not been productive of any real good, while some bad blood has been created which it will take time to allay. To nurse up in one's mind for years anything like scandal is a bad thing; to divulge it afterwards is still worse, and shows an unequally-balanced mind. When the next long peal is performed, what is to be said *pro* or *con*., will have to be said at the time, otherwise no attention will, or ought, to be paid to it.

The "new departure," as it is called, of the College Youths, has no significance whatever. It is curious, however, that the "scruffe" dinner of this Society was held the same day as the Cumberlands' Jubilee dinner. Of course there was no collusion, in fact I very much question whether either company knew of the other's intentions. By the way, the remarks anent the "London Scholars" and their medal are rather "high-falutin." That identical medal has had more vicissitudes than some people know, evidently.

Should my brother-strings wish anything to appear in this part of the paper, I shall be happy to entertain their applications. There are many, no doubt, who would like to have a say upon something. Communications may be sent under cover to the Editor. This column is for the next few weeks under the supervision and control of

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ANATEUR RINGER.—Decidedly not; get about as much as you can.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1887.

It has often been asserted with some show of reason, that the chances against achieving a peal when once started upon are a thousand to one. In other words, the forces at work militating against success are out of all proportion to those in its favor. This being so, it is the aim of all ringers on entering upon such a task, to reduce the antagonistic elements to a minimum, to prevent, in fact, their operation altogether, so far as human ingenuity can devise. These opposing forces cannot be enumerated, we are unable to define them by any system of nomenclature, so changeful and varied are they in their action, happening when least expected, and under the most inconceivable circumstances. Provision may be made with every possible care to prevent such untoward events, but after all they frequently take place, and appear from totally unexpected quarters.

We are not going to describe any specific for the reduction of such accidents, but there is one arrangement that has more than once been brought to our notice as affecting the security of a peal. It is a common practice in the metropolis for conductors to utter the word "stop" when at the close of a touch the bells are to be set. This word is frequently spoken in such a manner as to sound as much like "bob" as possible, and we are acquainted with more instances than one where "stop" has been mistook for "bob" by ringers, who have acted according to supposed instructions, and set their bell when they ought to been concerned in the making of a bob.

Such a source of danger as this can easily be destroyed, by adopting the word "stand" as the indication when bells are to be set. In fact, this word is the most universal sign of such a termination, and as effective a one as can be found. Out of the metropolitan radius the word "stop" is scarcely ever heard for such a purpose, and it is to be hoped that Londoners will see their way clear to abandon it. Of course there are obstinate people who will adhere to the worst mode of giving such a signal, because we have ventured to suggest a change for the better; they are at perfect liberty to please us in the matter by pleasing themselves.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	† RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 2.	† GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 7.
GEORGE MASH 3.	WILLIAM T. PATES .. 8.
HENRY SPRINGALL† .. 4.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 9.
JOHN M. HAYES 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HALEY, SEN., and Conducted by J. PETTIT.

†First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. T. Pates hails from Cheltenham.

The Provinces.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE BRIGGS Treble.	CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY .. 5.
HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. 2.	WALTER WORTHINGTON .. 6.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 3.	WALTER COATES 7.
CHARLES BOWER 4.	HERBERT MADIN Tenor.

Composed and conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6. See "THE BELL NEWS" of February 27th, 1886.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Wedding Peal.

On Thursday, July 21, 1886, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS FULKER Treble.	FREDERICK FIELD 5.
CHARLES TOLLEY 2.	JOSEPH FIELD 6.
CHARLES TRINDER 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	WILLIAM COBB Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the marriage of H. D. Betteridge, Esq., who was married the day previous.

WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.

Birthday Peal.

On Sunday, July 24, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	ROBERT MINGAY 5.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	HARRY HARPER 6.
WILLIAM HOWELL 3.	NELSON HAWKINS 7.
JOHN LEE 4.	GEORGE MAXIM Tenor.

Composed by the late W. GARRARD, of Ipswich, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above was rung as a birthday peal with the conductor who attained his twenty-second year on that day, and his brother ringers wished him many happy returns of the day. This peal was first rung at Hadleigh, Suffolk, in 1843, conducted by its composer. Messrs. Sillitoe, Howell Harper are from Sudbury; Slater from Glemsford; Lee and Mingay from Foxearth; Hawkins from Belchamp; and Maxim from Cavendish.

Date Touch.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Thursday, July 21st, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1887 changes, in the following methods: 447 Plain Bob Minor, 720 College Single, and 720 Oxford Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman, 6. The 447 of Plain Bob was composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire. Conducted by T. Newman. This is the longest touch by H. Simmonds. Tenor 17 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AUCKLAND.—On Sunday, July 24th, at the parish church of St. Andrew's, for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 3; F. Castree, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Fitt, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HURWORTH.—On Saturday, July 23rd, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. G. Pratt, 1; T. Wicks, 2; J. W. Cleminson, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; F. Charlton, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. G. Overton hails from St. Cuthbert's, Darlington; R. Moncaster from St. John's, Darlington; the rest from St. Andrew's, Auckland.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, July 17th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 360 and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, and for Divine Service in the afternoon, 360 and 120 of Court Single. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Warren, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday evening, July 19th, for practice, 720 of Court Single, standing as before. Also on Friday evening, July 22nd, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; E. Carter, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, July 24th, for Divine Service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob Minor. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. Also for Divine Service in the afternoon, 600 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; S. Hammond (conductor), 5; C. Bearman, 6. Tenor 19 cwt. Mr. E. Carter hails from London, Hammond from Braintree, the rest are local men. *Members of the Essex Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. *Chiming*.—On Sunday, July 24th, for afternoon service at the cathedral, 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, July, 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Brazier, 1; C. Waskett, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; H. F. de Lisle (conductor), 4; W. Harvey, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; J. Bloomfield, 8.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, July 24th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. J. Piper, 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Shuttleworth, 5; A. Tarbun (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—BURTON BRANCH.

HORNINGLOW.—On Thursday, July 21st, at St. John's church, 360 of College Single, and 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. Hicklin, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; L. Bullock, 3; J. Austin, 4; J. Jaggard, 5; H. Wakley, 6. Also on Saturday, July 23rd, on the occasion of the Band of Hope annual picnic to Sudbury Park, the seat of Lord Vernon, a 720 of College Single in 30 mins, also several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and 240 of Grandsire Minor. R. Logie, 1; L. Bullock, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; J. Austin, 4; G. Robinson, 5; J. Jaggard (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also at intervals during the day, several courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples on the handbells. J. Austin, 1-2; W. J. Smith, 3-4; J. Jaggard, 5-6; L. Bullock, 7-8.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROSS.—On Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, a touch of Grandsire Triples, (1441 changes) taken from Holt's Original, in 56 minutes. C. H. Hancock, 1; J. Clark, 2; H. Bussell, 3; J. Atkin, 4;

J. G. Wall, 5; A. Bird, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; H. Bird, 8. The above was rung previous to the Rev. G. M. Custance (Secretary), preaching at St. Mary's Church on behalf of the above Guild.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Thursday, July 21st, the Bishop of Oxford held a Confirmation service in the parish church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A 720 of Yorkshire Court was rung at half-past one. H. Simmonds, 1; G. Essex, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Peter's-in-the-east Church, by six members of the above Guild, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. P. A. Hind, 1; C. Tolley, 2; W. Baston (conductor), 3; A. E. Hind, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; W. Finch, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, July 2nd, at Christ church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 23 mins. A. Brockwell, 1; E. Burtenshaw, 2; C. Hyde, 3; R. Moss, 4; J. Fayers, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 24th, for afternoon service, 360 Oxford Bob Minor, in 12 mins. J. Akehurst, 1; A. Tidy, 2; R. Jordan, 3; T. Stedman, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. After service 720 Superlative Surprise, in 24 mins. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 New London Pleasure, standing as before, and 360 Oxford Bob. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; M. Jenkins, 3; T. Stedman, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday July 24th, for morning service, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. G. Hayes, 1; W. J. Cook, 2; G. May, 3; W. Harper, 4; J. Saxby, 5; J. Blackman, 6; F. French (conductor), 7; E. Everson, 8. G. Hayes and W. Harper hail from Swanscombe; W. J. Cook and J. Saxby, from Crayford; F. French, from Bexley; the rest belong to the local band.

ECCLES (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, July 25th, five of the Eccles company, with Mr. Wreaks, of Manchester cathedral, rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. William Walton (conductor), 1; Thomas Brown (first 720), 2; Joseph Grimshaw, 3; James Barratt, 4; Albert E. Wreaks, 5; William Ashcroft, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

EXETER.—Recently at St. Edmund's church, the local company rang a touch of 1056 Grandsire Triples, in thirty-seven mins. T. Townsend, 1; H. Swift, 2; Sydney Herbert, 3; E. Pitts, 4; W. Goss, 5; W. C. Marsh, 6; W. Richardson, 7; A. W. Searle, 8. Conducted by E. Pitt. The above was taken from Reeves's peal of Grandsire Triples, and is the first touch of importance on the bells since they have been rehung.

HATTON (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday evening, July 20th, for practice, seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently in 30 mins. J. Bayliss (conductor), 1; J. Coghill, 2; J. Hardy, 3; W. Male, 4; W. Clark, 5; J. Barnett, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F#♯. Mr. Hardy hails from Warwick; the others belong to the local company.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, July 16th, the local company assisted by friends from Leigh rang with the bells muffled the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 32 mins., as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late R. Pennington, Esq., J. P. of Hindley Lodge and Muncaster Hall, Rainford Lancashire. Joseph Prescott, 1; Edward Prescott, 2; Edmund Brown, 3; Samuel Hayes, 4; Edward Kay, 5; Thomas Ticek, 6; Edward Arrowsmith, 7; George Lang, 8. Conducted by Joseph Prescott. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

LEICESTER.—On Wednesday, July 20th, at St. Mary's Church, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins. W. Clayton, 1; W. P. Cooper, 2; James Jarvis, 3; J. Needham, 4; W. Lowe, 5; Stephen Cooper, 6; John Buttery (conductor), 7; W. Miller, 8. *Muffled Peal*.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. George's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Buttery, 1; Stephen Cooper, 2; George Burrows, 3; John Wilson (conductor), 4; John Cooper, 5; Alfred Mills, 6. The above was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Charles Edward de Quincey, steeple keeper of St. Mary's, and upwards of 40 years a ringer in Leicester.

MARTLEY (Worcestershire).—On the invitation of J. F. Hastings Esq., five members of the Worcester society visited this place on Sunday, July 24th, and rang at the parish church a 720 of Plain Bob, in 27 mins. F. Owen, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; S. Cotton, 3; T. Gwynn, 4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5; J. F. Hastings, Esq., 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Cleal (conductor), 4; T. Gwynn, 5; the rest as above.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday evening, July 21st, for practice, at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; *J. Goodman, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Tenor 12½ cwt. Messrs. Micklewright and J. Goodman hail from Dudley.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Cox and Mills are local men, the rest belong to Capel.

ROYSTON (Hunts).—On Saturday, July 23rd, four members of the Lowick society, with R. Dunkley, of Bythorn, paid a visit to the above village, and rang a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. F. Barwell, 1; J. Twelvtree, 2; W. Fox, 3; R. Dunkley, 4; C. Swan (conductor), 5. Also two 120's of St. Simon's Doubles, and a 120 of Stedman's Slow Course. J. Guess, 1; C. Swan (conductor), 2; R. Dunkley, 3; C. Curtis, 4; W. Fox, 5. Also two 120's of Canterbury Doubles. F. Barwell, 1; R. Dunkley (conductor), 2; C. Swan, 3; C. Curtis, 4; W. Fox, 5. And a 120 of St. Simon's Doubles. F. Barwell, 1; J. Martin, 2; F. Braybrook, 3; W. Fox, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5. Tenor 19 cwt. in E. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. P. Goodman for allowing them the use of the bells. J. Guess, C. Swan, W. Fox, and E. Curtis, hail from Lowick, R. Dunkley, from Bythorn; the rest belong to Keyston.

SAWBRIIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Sunday last, July 24th, for morning service at the parish church, a 504 Stedman Triples, in 21 mins. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Morris, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; N. W. Tarling, 6; P. Springham, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. For evening service a 546 Grandsire Triples, in 21 mins. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; G. Camp, 2; A. Brown, 3; J. Tarling, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; W. Morris, 7; P. Springham, 8.

SOUTH LOPHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, July 11th, the Diss local company paid a visit to this parish and rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; C. Webster, 2; E. Hayward, 3; E. Bartram, 4; B. Francis, 5; J. Souter, 6. Tenor about 20 cwt. Afterwards a few short touches in the same method with some brother strings from Kenninghall. It is some years since a 720 of Treble Bob was rung here, as the bells go heavily. A regrettable incident occurred here previous to the ringing, the parish clerk, Mr. Seakins being taken in a fit after going up the belfry steps in too much hurry, bringing on syncope, from which he succumbed at half-past 11 o'clock, being 79 years old.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Tuesday, July 26th, at the Cathedral, for practice, 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Grant, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; R. M. Pratt (first 504 inside), 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; W. Battle, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Also 336 in same method, and 168 of Stedman.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 23rd, for practice, at St. Gregory's Church, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (760 changes). F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; G. S. Brown, 3; J. Campia, 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6; Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WORCESTER.—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, July 23rd, three members of the Worcester Society rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Powell, 1-2; G. Cleal (conductor), 3-4; S. Cotton, 5-6.

RANDOM REMINISCENCES OF A SPECIAL ARTIST.—Having come into this troubled world while others in arms were making a noise in the Crimea, I have always taken an interest in the doings of that time; so it was quite *con amore* that I acted as "special" at the Balaclava Celebration Banquet twelve years ago. The roll-call was funny, remembering that it was that of the Light Brigade—some were "light," and many were heavy; one, I recollect, was about eighteen stone. I was standing close to Miss Thompson, and had she painted a sequel to her celebrated picture, I fear many of the figures would have had to be drawn out of the perpendicular. The scene was not altogether elevating to lookers-on, but we were repaid not only by Mrs. Stirling's delivery of the "Charge," but by a careful study (what a figure for immortal Charles Keane!) of one of the "Non Coms," who, no doubt, twenty years before was a better and a wiser man, and tackled the "Rooshings" with greater dexterity than he displayed on this occasion in managing a jelly. He had waiters to right of him, waiters to left of him, and waiters behind him, but that jelly defeated him, although he charged it with fork, spoon, and finally with fingers. Banquets are not easy to depict, for the men are generally as stiff as a row of Christy Minstrels (with chairman and two t masters for corner men).—*Larry Farniss, in "The Magazine of Art" for July.*

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

USING THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

SIR.—Referring to the remarks of Mr. Dains in your issue of the 23rd ult. I find the peal of 6144 Treble Bob Major is a variation of one by Mr. Lockwood, published in the late Mr. Snowdon's Treatise. I therefore disclaim all credit for the same. At the same time I beg to explain that the peal was composed prior to the publication of Mr. Snowdon's work, and was sent with others to him, but suppose was not inserted owing to its affinity to Mr. Lockwood's composition. I have no wish to take credit when not due, though it frequently happens that two persons may hit upon the same idea, as witness the touches of Treble Bob by Mr. Smith, of Redenhall, and myself, in your last issue. The peal has been lying unthought of among some old manuscripts, and turned up by accident, hence its appearance.

SAMUEL MARSH.

A NEW SOCIETY.

SIR,—I beg to call your attention and the Exercise generally in North Wales, that the preliminary steps necessary for the formation of a Society for promoting change-ringing in Cheshire and North Wales, are about to be taken, and ask all ringing Societies who are desirous of co-operating and willing to give their cordial and hearty support to the object in view, to kindly communicate with me. The preliminary meeting will be held at Chester in about a month's time of which due notice will be given.

RICHARD PEASE, *Secretary (pro tem).*

45, Chester Street, Saltney, Chester.

INTERVIEW BETWEEN FAVRE AND BISMARCK.—It would seem that M. Favre was out of health at the time, for he describes himself as being "perfectly exhausted" on the return of Count Bismarck. For a moment he thought he should faint, and turned away to hide the tears which suffocated him. Asking to be excused for his involuntary weakness, he took his leave in these words:—"I made a mistake, M. le Comte, in coming here; but I do not regret it. I have suffered sufficiently to excuse myself in my own eyes; but in any case I only yielded to a feeling of duty. I will report to my Government all that you have said, and should they consider it fit again to send me to you, however cruel the task for me, I shall have the honour of returning. I am grateful for the kindness you have shown me, but I fear that all that can be done is to let events take their course. The inhabitants of Paris are courageous, and resolved to make every sacrifice; and their heroism may change the course of events. If you have the honour of conquering them, you will never subjugate them. The whole nation is possessed with the same sentiments. As long as there can be found one element of resistance amongst us, we shall fight you. This becomes an interminable struggle between two nations who should extend their hands to each other. I had hoped for a different solution. I leave, most unhappy, but nevertheless full of hope." Having consulted with his colleagues, M. Favre, on the 24th of September, reported to Count Bismarck that the Government declined to sanction his propositions. They would accept an armistice in order to proceed to the election and meeting of a National Assembly, but could not subscribe to the conditions by which the armistice was to be surrounded. In concluding his narrative, M. Favre remarked that he and his colleagues had at any rate "abolished the equivocal position in which Prussia enclosed herself, and which Europe did not help to dissipate." Her real intentions were now apparent. France must now either disavow the Government, or fight to the end. The very dramatic narrative of M. Favre reflects with remarkable clearness the character of the two men—we might say of the two nations also—and shows, as in a microcosm, why the one succeeded and the other failed. M. Favre was all emotion, agitation, and hysterical vehemence; with (perhaps it may be added) a little hint of theatrical or forensic posturing. "I hardly know if I dare mention to my colleagues that you have made such a proposal to me"—"You forget you are speaking to a Frenchman, M. le Comte"—"I made a mistake, M. le Comte, in coming here"—all these elegant little turns of speech betray the Frenchman's besetting weakness for imagining that everything is to be accomplished by a start, an attitude, a sarcasm, or an epigram. On the other hand, we see Count Bismarck, cold, calm, collected, business like, inexorable as fate, knowing exactly what he wanted, determined to have it, and in the meanwhile playing with his victim in all the quiet superiority of power. Of course, the relative position of the two men should not be forgotten; but a negotiator with a greater command over his feelings than M. Favre possessed would have been better fitted, even with all the disadvantages of defeat, to encounter the iron strength of Bismarck.—*From "Casell's Illustrated History of the War" for July.*

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, July 7th, the voluntary church workers including the choir, and ringers, with Mr. J. Hinton of Bristol, received a kind invitation from the Vicar and Mrs. Hodgson to attend a garden party at the Vicarage.

After a refreshing cup of tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed under the shade of the large old trees on the lawn, and a walk round the garden, the company had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Hinton tapping some tunes on his box of handbells, which had a very pleasing effect.

Before ascending the tower to ring for evening service, the ringers presented the Vicar with a portrait of themselves with their handbells, taken in a group on Jubilee day, for which the Vicar very kindly thanked them. After raising the bells in peal a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung for service. The Rev. C. E. Cornish, Vicar of St. Mary, Redcliffe, Bristol, addressed the congregation, and after service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. W. Davis, 1; C. Eddington, 2; G. Iles, 3; F. Symes, 4; F. Howell, 5; T. Alsopp, 6; J. Hinton, 7; J. Phillips, 8. Just as the bells ran home the Vicar, Mrs. Hodgson, and Rev. G. Fox entered the ringing chamber and congratulated the members on their good striking. The members then rang a touch on the handbells.

Mrs. Hodgson very kindly offered to give a peal board to record the peal rung in April last (the first peal ever rung in Thornbury with any local men taking part). After thanking her for her generous offer, which the company were very pleased to accept, another touch was rung on the tower bells. The above touches were conducted by Mr. Hinton.

The company then presented Mr. Hinton with a portrait of themselves as a small token of recognition for his valuable services rendered on several occasions to them. The company then separated, after spending a very pleasant evening.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bridges, the tower of St. Mary's, Beddington, will be open on Bank Holiday, August 1st. All ringers invited. Tower open at 2 o'clock.

LORD ABERDEEN.—Lord Aberdeen was not only the trusted Minister, but the valued personal friend of the Queen and her husband. His experience of public affairs extended from the close of the war with Napoleon, to the beginning of the war with Russia, and no English Minister in modern times enjoyed in a higher degree the respect and confidence of foreign Governments and Sovereigns. His stainless integrity, and unscrupulous honesty won the confidence of the Prince Consort. The high moral courage which led him to speak the truth in public, however unpalatable and unpopular it might be, so endeared him to the Queen, that she expressed her admiration for it on the only occasion when she rebuked him for an impolitic indulgence in this virtue. Though a Peelite, he differed from his leader in having greater foresight, and a firmer grip of principle. Aberdeen did not, like Peel, work aimlessly from sheer expediency. He had a theory, a guiding idea, which, rightly or wrongly, always pushed him far in advance of his Party. This theory was that the less people were meddled with by Governments, the happier and more prosperous would they become. He carried his principle of non-intervention from foreign to home policy, and acted on the conviction that more good was to be done by repealing old laws, than by enacting new ones. For the salvation of the people he trusted to independence rather than patronage—to liberty rather than protection. He was blamed for buttressing the petty despotisms of the Continent, but he was blamed unjustly. He shrank from shedding English blood, and wasted English treasure in helping revolutionary movements, and he did so for two reasons. Nations worthy of freedom, he thought, must free themselves; the patronage of revolutionary movements must sooner or later involve England in a war with all the Great Powers of Europe. His failure to avert the Crimean War need not here be dwelt on. It was the great blot on his career. Yet it is but due to his memory to say, as even Mr. Disraeli admitted, that if Lord Aberdeen had been head of a Cabinet, the members of which all shared his views, and were all loyal in supporting his policy, the Crimean War would probably never have broken out. If Aberdeen had been master in his Cabinet, if he had been served at Constantinople by a loyal Ambassador, and at St. Petersburg by an Envoy who could have opposed with his own tact, patience, and cool common sense the monarchical ideas and arguments of the Czar, the conflict between Russia and England could have been averted.—From "The Life and Times of Queen Victoria" for July.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above took place on Monday, July 25th, at Kingston. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and was continued at intervals throughout the afternoon and evening, various methods being practised by mixed bands, including Stedman, and Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Royal. At 6 o'clock an adjournment was made to the Leopold Coffee Tavern, where a capital tea was provided, after which the business meeting was held. The Rev. A. S. W. Young, Vicar of Kingston, was in the chair, supported by A. B. Carpenter, Esq. (secretary), and representatives from Streatham, Mitcham, Croydon, Epsom, Ashstead, Kingston, London, Wimbledon, and Beddington. The Chairman in his opening remarks, said that he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Kingston once more, as it was something like two years since it held any meeting there. He hoped they would all enjoy themselves, and that the Association would still go on growing and prospering in the future as it had done in the past, especially since his friend Dr. Carpenter had taken up the secretaryship. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the six peals rung since the beginning of the year be entered in the peal book, and that the peal of Stedman Triples, the first one in the method by the Association, rung by the Streatham band, be illuminated. The following were then elected officers and committee for this year: Rev. A. S. W. Young, Treasurer; A. B. Carpenter, Esq., Secretary; Rev. E. D. L. Harvey, Messrs. E. F. Cole, C. E. Malim, W. Gallagher, and one representative of each band in union, as committee. Beddington was then chosen for the next district meeting, and Mitcham for the next quarterly meeting. After the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman, Secretary, and others, an adjournment was again made to the belfry, where ringing was indulged in till rather late, several members having to leave before to catch their trains, thus bringing to a close the sixth annual meeting.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON.

On Saturday, July 16th, the members of the above society, with their wives, had their annual excursion, the place selected being Eastbourne. Starting from East Croydon at 6.58. a.m., they arrived at Eastbourne about 8.40. They at once made their way to the six bell church, and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and 120 of Stedman Doubles. Then they wandered on to the sea; there some of the party engaging a small pleasure boat. Meeting again at twelve at St. Paul's, they rang touches of Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob. They then made their way to the "Garibaldi Arms," where host Hollebome had provided a splendid dinner, to which ample justice was done. Having satisfied the inner man, they again put to sea, this time taking the handbells with them. Having had a good two hours' sail, they met at St. Saviour's at 5.30., ringing Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob on this fine peal of bells in D. Having finished ringing, they again made their way to host Hollebome, who had provided a refreshing tea, to which the ladies paid most marked attention. They now had to make their way to the station, starting from there at eight, they arrived at Croydon about 10.10, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Beddington company take this opportunity of thanking the steeple-keepers of the above-named churches for the great kindness showed to them. Should any of our ringing friends visit Eastbourne, they will do well to place their catering in the hands of host Hollebome, of the "Garibaldi Arms."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nottingham, on Saturday, August 6th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 2.0 p.m., viz.: St. Mary's (10 bells), St. Peter's (8 bells), All Saints' (8 bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Peter's schools, Broad-marsh, where bands will be formed for ringing at the various towers. Committee meeting at All Saints' schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Aboretum refreshment rooms at 6.0 p.m. General meeting immediately afterwards. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec., 5, St. Paul's street East, Burton-on-Trent.

A PEAL OF OXFORD SURPRISE
MAJOR.

5600.

By JOHN THORP, *Ashton-under-Lyne.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

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

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

The 5th and 6th eleven courses at home

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE
MAJOR.

6048.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the extent of changes without the 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place.

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Five times repeated.

Single at home at the end of 3rd and 6th par's.

First rung at Tue Brook, near Liverpool June 19th, 1886, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

13,021.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 4 5 16 Start with quick six

*6 1 3 5 2 4

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

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

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

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

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

4 1 3 2 5 6 - - -
3 1 6 5 4 2 - - -
3 1 2 6 4 5 - - -
3 1 5 2 4 6 - - -
5 1 6 4 3 2 - - -
5 1 2 6 3 4 - - -
5 1 4 2 3 6 - - -
4 1 6 3 5 2 - - -
4 1 2 6 5 3 - - -
2 1 3 5 4 6 - - -
2 1 6 3 4 5 - - -
2 1 5 6 4 3 - - -
5 1 3 4 2 6 4 - - -
5 1 3 6 2 4 8 at 5, and Bob at 16.

These sixty courses repeated with extra bobs at 10 and 12 in last course completes the peal.

*This course is produced by bobs at the 6th 12th, 15th, 20th, 21th, and 27th, six-ends.

This peal contains the 120 course-ends, with two common singles, every change included that is possible with your fixed bells.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB ROYAL.

5400.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich.*

2 3 4 5 6 1 3 8

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

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

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

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

The nine courses repeated completes the peal.

A JUBILEE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

2609.

By JOHN FOSDIKE, *Woodbridge.*

2 3 4 5 6

8 6 7 4 5 2 3 1
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
7 8 5 6 3 4 2 1
7 5 8 3 6 2 4 1
Bob 1 2 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 4 2 3 5 6 7 8

18 changes from the plain course.

W M H
5 4 3 2 6 - - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - -
5 2 6 4 2 - - -
6 2 3 4 5 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -
2 3 6 4 5 - - -
5 6 3 4 2 - - -
3 5 6 4 2 - - -

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

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

2 1 4 3 6 5 7 8 Home from hand-stroke
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 At course end 7-8 lay still.

This touch is for June 21st, 1887, and consists of as many changes as Her Majesty has reigned weeks.

The first list of donations to the Metropolitan Police Convalescent Fund is published. It is headed by the Duke of Norfolk and Mr J. A. Mullens, each with one hundred pounds.

DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

1887.

Adapted from *Clavis*, page 266.

By F. E. WARD, *Cheltenham*.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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

4 6 7 3 8 2 9 5 3
3 2 4 5 6 9 7 8 1-5
2 4 3 5 6 9 7 8 6
4 3 2 5 6 9 7 8 6
2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8 6

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

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

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

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

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

Also available to 1889 touch by running a full lead at start.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6000.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 w 5ths 4ths H

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5136.

By A KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6 w 5ths 4ths B M H

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

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

12,320.

By JOHN J. BRIERLEY, *Saddleworth*.

2 3 4 5 6 w M H

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By SAMUEL KNOTT, JUN., *Glossop*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

The alternative calling in the 6th and 8th courses will reduce it 5024 changes.

This peal has the 6th her extent wrong and right, the 5th twelve times wrong and nine times right with all the 8-6's and twenty-two 8-6-7's.

The following courses will increase it to 5312, and it will then have the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right with twenty 8-6's and 8-6-7's.

M B W H
13th course called 2 - I 2
14th " " - I
15th " " 2 - 2

And by using alternative calling as above it will reduce it to 5184 changes.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5568.

By THOMAS FARROW, *Pulham Market*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W

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

Thursday, November 3rd has been fixed for the consecration of *Truro Cathedral* the Prince of Wales, who laid the foundation stone, will be present at the ceremony.

MRS. BROWN AT WIMBLETON.

I was rather pleased when I was told that my visit to them Colledge Youths was printed in the paper, and I felt very much flattered, as the sayin' is; and as for Brown, he quite roared with lafter when he read it. Says he, "old 'ooman, you've bin and gone and dun it." "Dun what?" ses I. "Why writin to our paper about you goin to the burrow that other night. How the fellows will larf at me, to be sure." "Well then," I ses, "let em." But he took on so about it, that I could never get him to stick to his promise and take me on a visit to the Cumberlings, as they are called, and his refusal made quite a distance between us for a long time. But the very nice wether we have had o' late, not but that the 'eat has been so mity overpouring, as causes one to feel faint and langwid, as I was sayin' to my neighbour, Mrs. Jones, who feels it more than I do. But as I was about to remark, on account of such wether I thought I would try and cokes Brown to take me out somewheres this summer, being penned in all the winter I wanted some fresh are, and at last I got him in the proper kee. Ses he, after I had bothered him a bit, "Wot do you say to go to Wimbleton?" "Wot's on there," says I? Then he up and told me about the kamp, and the wolunteers, and the shootin' and all about it, and I got quite incited, and was reddy to go in no time. This is were the wonderment comes in, because all my life I have bin afraid of the name of firehams, and reding about them rewolvers as the Merrikins always has by em when they are doing anythink, wether eatin or drinkin, or sleepin, reddy to go right hoff and kill ther next door neighbour, and cares no more for em then if they was toothpix, allus made me a-creep when I heerd of em. I recollect heering say when I was quite a young gal, but that's a day or two ago, as the sayin' is, about them ere great big blundergutses, which they say is garranteed to kill one man, and that one him that fires em hoff, and I just mentioned quite kasualty to Brown, "I hope they won't be a practising with none of them orful things." He larfed and sed somethink about "quite a difrant weppon," and so after that I felt more esey in my mind. I gave Brown the credick of seeming werry pleased to take me to Wimbleton, and I soon made aste to get a few things reddy for my redicule, because I allus likes to have somethink with me for fear of haccidence on the way, as at my time o' life one can't say wot may appen. So away next morning we goes to Londun Bridge, and he goes an' gets the tickets for Wimbleton, an' we rides second class all the way. The wether was still wery 'ot, but we trudges our way on to the kamp, but we had 'ardly got on to the kommon before Brown found a 'quaintance, an' there was such han-shakin' that I was struck all of a 'eap, because how could Brown know any of them wolunteers which cums from all parts to shoot for prizis. Talkin' about prizis, I just puts me in mind of a young man who lodged next door—he was a wolunteer, I think a London Irishman—an' he was sayin' he was in a—conquest, I think he called it, were there was five prizis shot for by four competitoes, as he said, and one man got two prizis for 'itting the sandbag the oftenest. But I aint sure wether I am telling the cirkumstance krect or not. But here, as I sed, was Brown, met with an old friend, as it seemed, and I a standin' by. It all appeared like a comeunderein to me, so I ses, "Who is that young gent?" "Lor, missus," he says, "why this is my old pertickler, from Birnigham, cum to shoot for the Queen's prize!" Well, how was I to know? And then a thought came over me that this was the reson Brown wanted to cum to Wimbleton, because he should see sum one he knowed. So I ses, on the quiet, "Brown, is this gent a bell-ringer?" "Why, of course," ses he. "I thought as much," ses I. "Why," ses he, "he is one of the fust in England, from Birnigum, where only good uns is to be found." "Can't ybu inwite him to come

and have a bit o' dinner to-morrow?" I ses to Brown. "You ask him, old gal," ses he, and I made up my mind to it, when I got the chance to speak a little private to him.

We all moves down the kamp, but I cannot say as I was particklerly amoused with what was going on. The sojers all looked werry well, leastways, most of 'em, because there were many who had only cum for a lark, shootin' for prizes bein out of their calculation. But they all seemed to enjoy themselves, howsomdever. There was many things I couldn't understand, and Brown was to much engaged with his "old partickler," as he called him, to hexplain anything. And they was both a-talking about ringin', all about ringin'. Sometimes I culd get to hear a word or two, but then its such gibberage they say to one another that you can't make top nor tail of it. And just like that we spent the time at Wimbleton; didn't see much of the sojers' practis, though the change of hair did me a world of good, and Brown enjoyd himself along with his Birnigham friend to his hart's content.

I sed I would ask the young gent from Birnigham if he would come and see us at our 'ouse, and when I had the chance, I did ask him. And he promised he would come, but I don't know the reson he never kept his promise. And that puts me in mind of one of them Colledge Youths who a short time ago told my 'usband he would come and spend an hour with us, and didn't, because it lookd inclined to be wet, the wether, I mean. We got a letter from the gent at Birnigham, after he got home, such a werry nice letter too, asking us to go and pay him a visit. But I've heerd such a orful karakter about Birnigham, though Brown says it is a grand place, and that he should like to go and ave a ring on the bells there. If the latter end of the summer is fine wether, we think of going down, and spendin' a few days in what Brown calls the 'tropolis of the middlelands.

Now Mr. Bell News, I should like to say that Brown isn't one of them sort of people that borrows a paper every week, but we as two, brought every week to the 'ouse by the boy from the news-shop. And Brown allus objects to lend out his number because, ses he, all ought to sport one. Ever since you put in what I writ about the Colledge Youths I have allus ad a number, and if you was to see the numbers all straight and in order in my old mahogany chest—which has been in our family for I don't know how many years—you would say that I sported the paper. And when we go to Birnigham, I will tell you how me and Brown enjoyed ourselves, but I should advise you to make 'quaintance with this young gent we are going to see. Perhaps you could come down with us, when I could interduce you to him, which would be more convenient to yourself, and you would have company all the way, you see.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Newchurch, on Saturday, August 6th. Ringing from 12 o'clock. Meeting in the school-room at 6 p.m.

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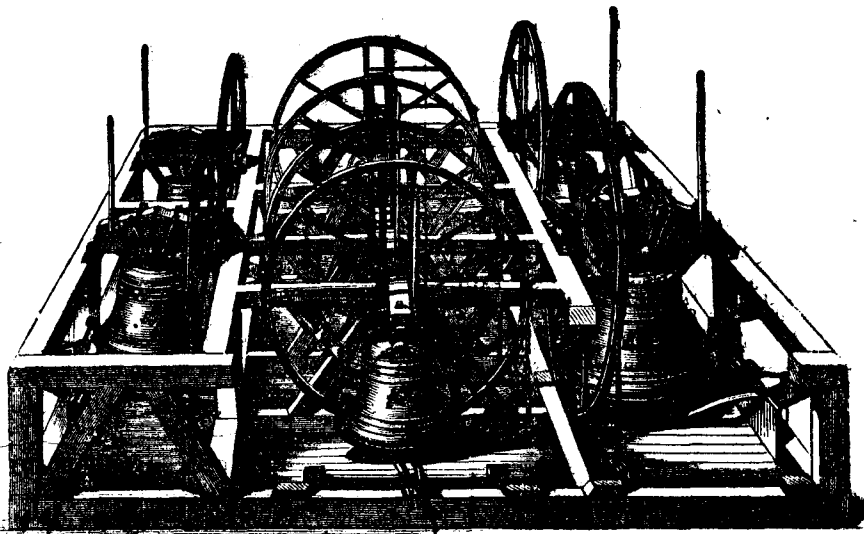
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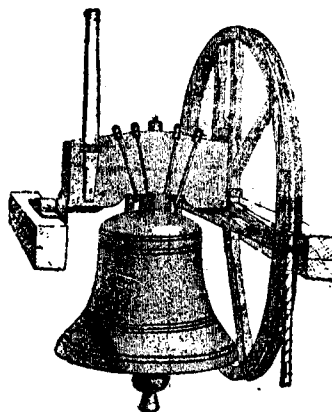
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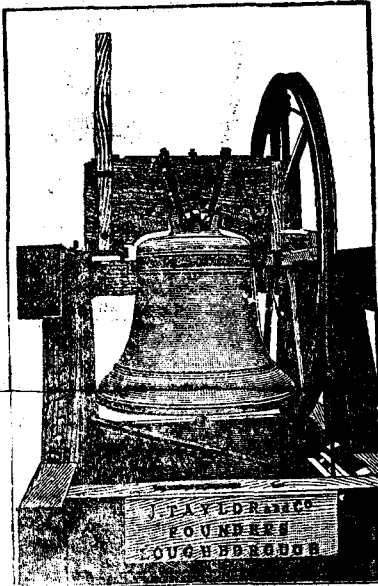
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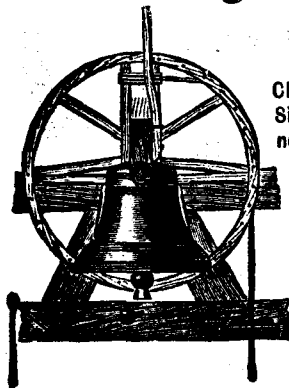
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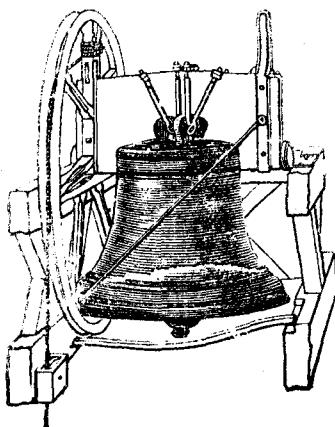
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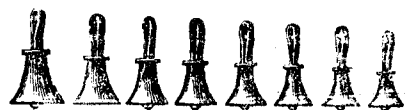
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This psalm, though its heading in the Bible ascribes it to David, belongs in all probability to a much later time, when the Jews had returned from their captivity in Babylon, and the worship of God was again held in the restored Temple. It is one of a group of Psalms called Songs of Degrees, or more correctly Songs of Ascents, being songs of joy and praise sung by the returning pilgrims as they went up to the Temple rejoicing in its restoration after the Captivity. It expresses the feelings with which people, reunited once more in both their national and religious life, after many years of depression and trouble, welcomed their restored prosperity, and gave thanks for it to God. Their first care, we read in the Old Testament, was to restore the House of God; their next was to go up to it with reverent rejoicing. They were glad when it was said unto them, Let us go into the House of the Lord, and their gladness found vent in such songs of praise as these, which are the inheritance of all ages—songs in which we too may give thanks as we go up to the House of the Lord. The spirit of this Psalm may be with us to-day, as it may be with every gathering of Churchmen who are glad of the opportunity to go up to God's house, and find all things there ordered decently and reverently. Time was, not so long ago but that some here can remember it, when ringers neither thought much themselves, nor got much credit from others for thinking about any special connection with the House of God. They pulled the Church bells for service, and too often went their way elsewhere when the service began; they practised their science like any other ordinary amusement, only so far connected with the Church that it could not as a rule be enjoyed without going into a Church Tower. The natural result of all this was that belfries were too often the scenes of conduct and proceedings utterly unfit for the house of God. It was in fact in many cases forgotten that the tower or the belfry were portions of the Church at all. I need not now dwell on these dark ages; they are, happily, almost over, thanks to this and similar organizations in almost every county or diocese. The science of ringing has been placed on its proper footing in connection with the House of God. The very title of your Association, Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, and the fact that you begin your annual meetings by coming here for the worship of Almighty God, are evidences of the spirit in which you meet as ringers, glad when it is said unto you, Let us go into the House of the Lord. And surely there is good reason why in these days of revived interest in change-ringing and improvement in the *morale* of ringers generally, we who meet on such an occasion as this should come up with gladness into the house of God, since that which we all have at heart is passing out of a period of darkness into full light and life, it is taking its proper place in connection with the Church and her services, its aims are elevated, its practices purified. Ringers are no longer the black-sheep or drunkards of the parish; the belfry is no longer the appendage to the pothouse. All that is changed, and changed, too, is the neglect and indifference with which the belfry and the ringers have too often been looked upon by the appointed guardians of the House of God. Now in many parishes the clergyman not only goes into the belfry, but even takes part in the ringing; and the more this is the case the better for the objects which this Diocesan Guild and similar societies have at heart, the reform and raising of the art and those who practice it. Like the Jews when they returned from the darkness and gloom of the captivity, we and all others of our art may rejoice in going up to the house of the Lord, for we may be sure the more we cultivate in ourselves and encourage in others reverence for the house of God and all that belongs thereto, the more we insist upon our connection with the Church and on behaviour consistent with that of Churchmen, the more we make the art of ringing what it has been said all arts and sciences ought to be made—the handmaid of religion, the more truly shall we advance our cause, the more shall

they prosper that love it, and louder and more from the heart shall we raise the prayer of the returning exiles of Judea as they went up into the Temple of God—"Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good." Love of God's house, gladness to go up therein, were thus, we see, the first thought of the returning exiles. Their second thought was the sense of restored national unity. "Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself." They had been scattered as captives by the waters of Babylon, with no common centre either of worship or of political life to keep them together, and now they were returning to common civil and religious life, they were once more a church and once more a nation, and the feeling of restored unity was strong enough—for the moment at any rate—to override all smaller difficulties. Sects and parties, quarrels and jealousies were forgotten for the time, and Jerusalem was at unity in itself. This thought of the Jewish exiles, this feeling of unity, is worthy to take its place in our minds and in our lives, alongside of the first thought of gladness to go into the house of the Lord. The very reason for the existence of our Guild or Association is unity among those who have common interests—that they may not go on furthering those interests each by himself or each few by themselves alone, without system or method, but altogether in that organised union that is true strength, and further that the feeling of fellowship in a larger whole may help to soften the jealousies and frictions that will arise among all men, and which so often poison Christian unity. Let your membership in this Guild, your common interest in the art you love, help to keep alive amongst you not only on these days of general meetings, but at home among the members of each company, that Christian unity and forbearance, that freedom from jealousy, that unwillingness to quarrel in which alone can we prosper. Jealousies will sometimes arise, discontent will breed disunion among those who should be brethren, and wherever that is so, the cause must inevitably suffer. Let me urge you all as members of the Guild of church bellringers, to do your utmost to promote unity and banish jealousy among fellow-workers in a good cause—a cause that I know and that you know is in many parishes wrecked by miserable jealousies and quarrels about trifles. If the great requisite for the art of ringing is to remember its connection with the House of God, the second and almost equally important requisite is unity among ourselves. As the petty quarrels and divisions among professing Christians are sometimes a stumbling-block to the conversion of unbelievers, so on a smaller scale jealousies and disputes between ringers are a hindrance to that larger and more honourable recognition of our art, that prosperity of our restored Jerusalem that all of us wish to see. "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is to see brethren"—yes, and more than good and joyful, how vital and necessary a thing it is to see "brethren dwell together in unity." And surely the very practice of our art may read us this lesson of the beauty and necessity of unity. In the ringing of a peal each ringer is intent on his own course, but with an eye for all his fellows; all are different, yet all in harmony; each for himself, but in the strictest union with others—a union so strict that if one discards it and goes wrong, the peal breaks down. In this we have an apt example of the unity that should exist amongst us all—the Christian unity among men who are fellow Christians and fellow Churchmen, although they may differ widely in occupation, in character, in temper, and in ability. Life, my friends, is a great peal rung by many men with many changes, but through it all, if the peal is to be true, there must run the golden thread of Christian unity. Your membership in this Guild calls upon you to help, each according to his opportunity, in weaving the strands of that thread. And those who look on at your work from elsewhere, whether engaged or not in the same work themselves, if not as fellow ringers, at least as fellow Christians and Churchmen, will wish you prosperity, and will be glad when you say unto them, We will go into the house of the Lord; we will rejoice to see that Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself; for their brethren and companions' sakes, they will seek to do you good. I hope that none of those here who have listened so far to me will think it out of place for a stranger of far less experience than many of you to impress on brother ringers these two lessons of reverence for God's House and unity among yourselves. I speak as a ringer to ringers, and I wish that more clergy would qualify themselves, so to speak. It is our duty to expound the lessons of God's Holy Word, and show how they apply to various phases of human life, and it stands to reason that the more intimately we are ourselves acquainted with the special parts and ideas of those whom at any time it is our duty to address, the better we shall be able to help them, the more right we shall have to advise them. May God grant that these few words may bear some fruit to his glory and to the furtherance of that cause for which we are gathered together to-day, and believe me that it is no idle echo of the Psalmist's words, but in real love for and sympathy with your art, that for all our brethren and companions' sakes, and because of the House of the Lord our God, we wish you prosperity.

At the conclusion of the Benediction the choir sang Stainer's

Sevenfold Amen, and while the congregation dispersed, Guilmant's Grand Chorus in D major was played by the organist, Mr. J. G. Wrigley, Mus. Bac., Oxon.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Guild took place at the White Hart hotel soon after the conclusion of the service at church. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, the President, was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. The minutes of the last meeting having been taken as read, the first business was the election of officers. The Rev. F. E. Robinson was by acclamation re-elected Master of the Guild, and as Secretary the Rev. Dolben Paul, Rector of Bearwood, Wokingham, was unanimously re-appointed. Both gentlemen also briefly expressed their thanks and assured the members of their continued interest in the Society. The Committee was chosen as under, all names being those of former members with the exception of Mr. Betteridge, who was elected in place of Captain Acland Troyte, who has removed from the diocese:—Elected members, Revs. A. Drummond, Boyn Hill; A. Majendie, Woodstock; S. F. Marshall, Farnham Royal; H. C. Sturges, Filkins, Lechlade, and R. Hart Davis, Dunsden; and A. H. Cocks, Esq., Great Marlow. Change-ringing members, Messrs. W. Newell, Reading; E. Rogers, Maidenhead; J. Field, Oxford; C. A. Hounslow, Oxford; Washbrook, Oxford; and Betteridge.

The SECRETARY said it was customary to issue a printed report of the proceedings of the Society, but he would no doubt be expected to say a word or two as to their position. This was their seventh annual meeting, and he was happy to say they had gone on increasing from the day they were born until now. Perhaps there had not been so many members elected during the past twelve months. He had hoped to have been able to say that they had reached four figures—a thousand members; but unfortunately members did not always continue members. During the year he had many resignations sent in, and even whole towers sometimes sent in their resignation. This was the case with a tower not far from here which had twelve or fourteen members, who through some difficulty either among themselves or with the parson, had all retired. He would not name the parish, but he thought it was a very sad thing; and he did not think they as clergymen were altogether blameless in the matter. He did not think the clergy in general—he spoke of course in the presence of those who did take an interest in the Society, and who were not included in his remark—took that personal interest in the Guild which they ought, and he only hoped that as the society went on and prospered they might be induced to take a more active part in it than they had done. He hoped, as one of the great objects of the Guild was to promote harmony and good feeling, that matters would go smoother and there would not be these differences. Although they had not quite reached four figures, they had come very near to it—987. With regard to the instructors they had not been made quite so much use of as was desirable. They had two or three such excellent instructors that it would be a great advantage if all bellries who wanting teaching would employ them. He hoped young ringers would not be content with the little they had learnt, but would aim at perfection in their art. Some were so modest that they said they were not good enough for an instructor, but that was a very poor reason; they were just the ones who wanted instruction. The Secretary mentioned the difficulty he had had in getting a railway ticket at reduced fare on showing his dinner ticket at Paddington. They told him they knew nothing about it, but fortunately he had the letter in his pocket from the superintendent offering to give the reduction. The matter was then referred “upstairs,” and after waiting 10 minutes and nearly losing his train, a message came down that it was all right. There had been a similar difficulty in former years, and it appeared that at some places the instructions were received and not at others. He thought he must write a complaint to the superintendent about it. He was afraid some disappointment had been caused this year, because they had for the first time been obliged to limit the free dinner tickets to change-ringing members, instead of including as hitherto the probationers. Last year they had such a successful meeting at Abingdon, over 300 attending, that it made a great inroad on their finances, and at the end of the year, instead of a balance of £40 or £50 it had dwindled down to £15. They

thought prevention was better than cure, and therefore as they did not want to get into debt, they had limited the tickets to change-ringing members.

On the proposition of the Rev. G. F. COLERIDGE, a vote of condolence with Mr. Martin Routh, a member of the Society, who has recently met with an accident destroying the sight of one of his eyes, was passed.

A member remarked that it was not very encouraging for the probationers to be called upon to pay for their dinner plus their railway fare. He thought another year if any difference was made, the change-ringers should pay. 2s. plus the railway fare was a good deal out of the pockets of the probationers, who received nothing, as the ringers did.

The CHAIRMAN: Don't you think the prizes and privileges ought to be for the best men, not the worst?

The member: No, I do not think so in this case.

Mr. W. GURNEY proposed a vote of thanks to the Master and Secretary for their labours in connection with the Society. Referring to the question just raised Mr. Gurney said there was no doubt many of the probationers could not afford the sum they were called upon to pay, and he would suggest that if the funds would not another year allow of a free ticket being given, the clergyman of each parish should try to get the help of some gentleman who took an interest in the ringing. He himself had spoken to a gentleman in his parish, who said, “What do you want?” He told him he had sent for ten tickets and the gentleman at once gave him a sovereign. He believed it would not be difficult to find persons in other parishes ready to do the same. It should be remembered that joining a guild of this kind was a guarantee of good conduct on the part of members, and he thought they were worthy of a little encouragement.

The vote of thanks to the Master and Secretary having been carried unanimously the proceedings closed.

THE DINNER,

Afterwards the members of the Guild, to the number of over 100, assembled in the abbey grounds (kindly lent by Mr. Charles Waring) for dinner, which was well served in a fine tent by the proprietor of the White Hart Hotel. The chair was taken by Mr. O. P. Wethered, who was supported by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master), the Rev. A. H. Drummond (Boyn Hill), the Rev. H. C. Sturges (Filkins), the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Caversham), Mr. L. Proctor, the Rev. T. L. Papillon (Writtle, Essex), the Rev. R. P. Newhouse (Boyn Hill), the Rev. A. Ll. Heigham (Englefield), the Rev. E. Broome (Hurst), the Rev. D. Paul (Bearwood), the Rev. A. Hamilton (Winslow), the Rev. W. C. Parr (Newbury), the Rev. T. H. Gregory (Padbury), the Rev. J. Price (Cuddington), the Rev. L. Challis-Stone, Messrs. Cocks, Gurney, Field, Hounslow, &c.

The CHAIRMAN, after grace, which was said by the Rev. the Master, briefly submitted the toast of “Church and Queen,” observing that the form of toast was in former days “Church and State.” They had heard a good deal during the last three weeks of the various events of Her Majesty's long and happy reign; and he thought that they, as churchmen, looking back on the past fifty years could in every matter trace a great improvement in the course of that reign, but in none could they trace a greater improvement than in Church matters generally, and especially in the minor details of church management. At such a meeting as that he might rightly refer to the fact that at the beginning of the Queen's reign there was scarcely a belfry in the country which was so well organized as the bellfries of our smaller village churches were now organized, so that in that matter alone the past 50 years had produced an improvement such as no previous period had seen. He felt that there should be a kind of belfry fund which should rest on the influential parishioners, so that the railway and dinner tickets of the members should be provided without taxing the funds of the parent society.

The Rev. F. E. ROBINSON moved a vote of thanks to the clergy of the church of High Wycombe for their kindness in arranging the service, and also to the Rev. Mr. Papillon for coming so great a distance to preach, and for the excellent sermon he had favoured them with that morning. He also wished to thank the very efficiently organised choir for their beautiful service. The words of the preacher were exceedingly

sensible and exceedingly useful; and he hoped they would all remember them and act on them.

The Rev. T. L. PAPILLON, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to come there that day, because he took a very great interest in the science of change-ringing, although he was only a recent convert to it, being twenty years too late in the field.

The CHAIRMAN proposed "Prosperity and perpetuity to the Oxford Diocesan Guild." He was not himself a change-ringer, or even a probationer; but he was present at the Oxford Diocesan Conference in 1880, when the Rev. Dolben Paul made a proposition that the Diocesan Guild should be formed under the sanction of the Bishop and with the approbation of the Conference, and it gave him (the speaker) great pleasure to vote for the resolution. When he was first appointed churchwarden of his parish 20 years ago, before he had been three months in office he effected a radical change in their own belfry at Marlow. At that time the bells had not been rung for many years, but simply chimed, and the belfry was without any regular head or rules. He took it on himself, with the then ringers, to institute new rules, and to a certain extent to lay the foundation of the better organization which that Guild had instituted. That such a Guild must be of very great use apart from the primary object with which it has been formed, was obvious to everybody. Besides its noble object of encouraging change-ringing, it brought together those who were in the lower classes of Church service, because everybody who was voluntarily employed in the belfry was so far a Church worker and a Church helper. Such gatherings as that brought together those animated by the love of change-ringing, and also those who were united in working together for the general good of the mother Church. He proposed, therefore, with the greatest pleasure "Prosperity and perpetuity to the Oxford Diocesan Guild."

The Rev. the MASTER, in reply, said that, as the Secretary had stated, the membership of the Guild was a very good test of its prosperity. The next very important test was the financial state, which the Secretary assured them was improving, and perhaps another item in the account was the number of peals rung, and the methods in which those peals had been rung, which he hoped was also satisfactory, as in "THE BELL NEWS" they stood a very good fourth in comparison with all the societies in England as to the number of peals rung this year; and when they came to the methods they might "crow very loud," because they had rung more than one peal in the method of Superlative, which was the highest of all, and he himself had fulfilled his promise to ring for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major and a very excellent peal it was, and he hoped to ring many more. He would not promise a peal of "London" again, but he would grapple with the task if he could get a good team of men together. They had ringers in the Guild who, if they could only get and keep them at work, would accomplish that or any other undertaking upon the bells. The success of a number of these peals was not owing half so much to him as it was to their most efficient and able conductor, Mr. Washbrook, to whom was due the credit that they stood in their present high position, which he hoped and felt they would maintain. He wished his brother clergy to know of the ways in which he could help them. First was the question of bells that were out of order. The Guild had attained to such a point that they could without affectation ask that some of them should be called in to give an unbiased opinion before they applied to anybody in the profession. He had often been called to see bells, and when he had given his opinion—and he did not mind getting very dusty—he had found his calculation for repairing bells to be within a few pounds of the actual cost. That was a very useful branch of the work; and another matter to which he would call attention was that when bells had been hung, and before the bills were paid, the society should be called in, in order that a band of change-ringers should test them thoroughly, so as to prove whether the work was done properly or not. He was also prepared to advise any incumbent as to the treatment of the ringers. In the course of the present year he had had to interfere between an incumbent and one of his ringers, the incumbent having ejected the man from the belfry without sufficient reason; and he was happy to say that the incumbent was manly and sensible enough to take the advice of the committee; and to reinstate the man in his office.

The Rev. D. PAUL also replied, and proposed "The Health of Colonel Wethered." He was afraid it was almost thirty years since he and the Chairman were at Christ Church, Oxford, together; but although they had separated to a certain extent, they had ever since kept up their friendship; and he (the speaker) was constantly hearing of Colonel Wethered's excellent acts. It was a great thing for the clergy to have the support of the wealthy laity of the diocese, for they supported them not only by their means but also by showing them that they could work heart and soul with them. It was greatly owing to the fact of the union between clergy and laity that the prosperity of the Church during the last fifty years had been so great.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said he had accepted the very kind request of the secretary with the greatest pleasure. He cordially agreed with Mr. Paul that a great deal of the success which had attended the working of the Church of late had been owing to the cordial feeling which had been engendered between the clergy and the laity. In no diocese in the kingdom was that better exemplified than in the diocese of Oxford.

The company then broke up, and proceeded to ring in the tower of the parish church, and some also went in breaks to Hughenden, Beaconsfield, Great Marlow, Wooburn, West Wycombe, and Lane end.

HISTORY OF THE WYCOMBE CHURCH BELLS.

The grand old Parish Church of High Wycombe can boast of one of the finest peals in the county of Buckingham, and the only one composed of ten bells.

When the present nave was erected in 1273 the tower was, as usual at that period, placed in the centre of the building at the intersection of the transepts. This old tower contained a ring of six bells, which were removed into the present tower at its completion in 1522. There is no record preserved of the weight and inscriptions of the bells.

The earliest date at which we have any particulars given respecting the bells is 1639. According to the returns made in that year at the Visitation of Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, we find that they were at that time six in number, exclusive of a Sanctus Bell. With the exception of Wingrave no other church in this county was returned as possessing a peal of the same extent.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century the whole peal was recast by Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel. Of the six bells in existence before that period all, except the second, were dated, the oldest one having been cast in 1533, and the latest exactly a century later.

The four older bells of this peal were inscribed with pious ejaculations, those on the second and third being in Latin. The other two bells have upon them the names of the Mayors and Churchwardens at the date when they were cast.

The following is a list of the inscriptions upon the bells before their recasting by Phelps:—

- Treble.—Praise ye Lorde, 1620.
- 2nd.—Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum.
- 3rd.—Multis Annis Resonet Campana Johannis, 1583.
- 4th.—Love God, 1636.
- 5th.—Martyn Lluellyn, Mayr.; Robt. Roy, Chrstr. Weedon, Richd. Piggot, Robt Bowdrey, Church W's, 1672.
- Tenor.—Jos Pettiphur, Mayr.; Chas. Elliot, Ald.; Jno. Biggs, Thos. Grove, Chrstr. Landsell, Sam. Freeman, Robt. Ratliff, C.W., 1683.

In 1711 a clean sweep was made of the bells, it having been determined to have the whole peal recast, and their machinery renewed. Frames, wheels, stocks, etc., all underwent a process of restoration and re-adaptation.

The six old bells were taken down and removed by road to Spade Oak Wharf, Bourne End, whence they were taken by water to London. Five cwt. of new metal were added, and eight new bells were cast to replace the six old ones.

The cost of these alterations and additions by R. Phelps was £140, exclusive of the expenses incurred by the parochial authorities in taking the bells to Spade Oak Wharf, and bringing them back from there to Wycombe.

All the municipal officials from the Mayor and Aldermen down to the beadle have their names inscribed upon these bells, and so in like manner have the Vicar, Churchwardens, Parish Clerk, and Sexton, their names duly recorded.

The inscriptions upon these eight bells were as follows:

- Treble.—Wm. Shrimpton, T. Clerk; Jno. Rose, Serjeant; Wm. Hailey, Beadle; R. P., fecit. 1711.
- 2nd.—Edward Stevens, Clerk; Luke Gurney, Sexton; R. Phelps, fec. 1711.
- 3rd.—Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, London, made these eight bells, 1711.

4th.—God preserve the Church of England, and our Gracious Queen Ann. R. P., fecit. 1711.

5th.—Messieurs Ben. Hickman, Jos. Pettipher, Ric. Shrimpton, Hen. Hunt, Aldermen. R. Phelps, fecit. 1711.

(An inscription exactly corresponding to this is found on the seventh bell at Wooburn, with the exception of the date, which is 1712 instead of 1711).

6th.—Messieurs John Lane, Tho. Stevens, Geo. Grove, Ferdo. Shrimpton, Thos. Welles, Aldermen. 1711.

7th.—Hugh Shrimpton, Mayr.; Thos. Russin, Justice; Tho. Wood, T.C.; Richd. Allen, Jno. Carter, Bail. R. P. fecit. 1711.

Tenor.—Saml. Guise, M.A., Vicar; Nathl. Morgan, Wm. Packer, Saml. Welles, Fra. Williams, C. W. Richard Phelps made mee. 1711.

Of these eight only three are retained in the present peal, viz., 2nd, 3rd, and 6th, now the 5th, 6th, and ninth respectively. To these were subsequently added the present 7th in 1756; the 2nd was given by the Earl of Wycombe in 1788, and the 3rd by his brother, Lord Henry Petty, the same year. Four were recast by Mears, of London, in 1802, which, with the three retained from those of 1711, make up the ten now in the tower. Here again we have, besides the donors of the 2nd and 3rd bells, the Vicar and Churchwardens, both parish and borough, named on the Tenor. Their inscriptions are as follow:—

Treble.—Thomas Mears, of London, Fecit. 1802.
2nd.—The gift of the Earl of Wycombe, eldest son of the Marquis of Lansdown. John Briant, Hartford, Fecit. 1788. W. Ball, G. Harman, Assistants.

3rd.—The gift of Lord Henry Petty, second son of the Marquis of Lansdown. John Briant, Hartford, Fecit. 1788. G. Harman, W. Ball, Assistants.

4th.—Recast by Thomas Mears, A.D. 1802.

5th.—Edward Stevens, Clark; Luke Gurney, sexton. R. Phelps, fec. 1711.

6th.—Richard Phelps, of White Chapel, London, made these eight bells, 1711.

7th.—Aron Wooster, Thomas Walker, Mr. Mead, Churchwardens. Thos. Swain made me 1756.

8th.—Recast by Thomas Mears, of London, A.D. 1802.

9th.—Messieurs John Lane, Thos. Stevens, Geo. Grove, Ferdo. Shrimpton, Tho. Welles, Alderman, 1711.

Tenor.—May all whom I shall summon to the grave the blessings of a well spent life receive. The Revd. James Price, Vicar, Messrs. Richard Barton, Samuel Bates, James Kingston, and Daniel Turner, Churchwardens, W. B. Thos. Mears, of London, Fecit. 1802.

Besides the inscription given above, the 3rd bell shows the obverse of a coin with the circumscription "Georgius III. Dei Gratia." The "W.B." on the Tenor means Wycombe Borough.

Upon the east wall of the Belfry there is an old tablet with a gilt frame, which bears the following inscription:—

"All Saints, Wycombe, April 8th, 1792. On the evening of the 8th instant was rung in this Steeple, a compleat Peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of Five Thousand one Hundred and eleven Changes, by a Party of the Society of London College Youths, which they completed in three hours, forty-three minutes, in that masterly style for which they are famous. Performers—Mr. John Povey, Treble; Mr. John Holdsworth, 2; Mr. James Lance, 3; Mr. Willm. Wilson, 4; Mr. Richd. Wilson, 5; Mr. James Wooster, 6; Mr. John Inville, 7; Mr. Edmd. Sylvester, 8; Mr. Danl. Jenkins, 9; Mr. John Lyford, Tenor. The Peal call'd by Mr. John Povey."

Mr. James Wooster was probably a Wycombe ringer, who had been selected to fill the place of one of the College Youths.

The Wycombe bells have sometimes been made to sing a political tune. Thus, on May 17, 1832, when the news reached the town that all opposition to the Reform Bill had been withdrawn, the bells were rung all day by way of congratulation to the Government of Lord Melbourne. On the following day, when the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Ven. Justly Hill, held his Visitation at Wycombe, the ringers refused to pay him the accustomed compliment, because the Bishop of Oxford had voted against the Reform Bill. Of late years the Bells have had the honour of welcoming to the town the Queen and the Heir Apparent upon more than one occasion.

The Bells were occasionally used for purposes in no way connected with the church, as the following extract from the Borough Records will show:—

"Feb. 6th, 1672. Henry Shepherd was discharged and ousted as a Burgess of High Wycombe for misbehaviour and being uncivil to several gentlemen, especially on the 3rd instant, at the Catherine Weell; and in token whereof it is ordered that the Great Bell be rung out according to custom, in testimony of his misdemeanours, and for his disfranchisement."

Many of the following interesting items in reference to the bells have been gathered from the old churchwardens' accounts. It is greatly to be regretted that most of the earlier volumes of these records have been destroyed. It is to such memorials of the past that we must refer for the elucidation of many religious and social customs

of our forefathers. The parochial accounts of other places have proved to be a rich storehouse of varied and curious information, and doubtless those of Wycombe, had they been preserved, would, upon examination, have yielded much useful and interesting matter upon this and other branches of local history.

The following accounts of repairs to the bells occur:—

1760. Richard Stevens for mending the clappers of Great Bell, £00 05 00.

1764. Thos. Weller for work to ye bells, £00 01 00.

Paid Mr. Veary for work done to the Great Bell, £00 03 00.

1766. Wm. Mead for work about ye bells, £00 15 11½.

Thomas Wingrove for Carpenter's work to the Bells and Chimes, &c., £05 18 03.

John Wootton, his bill for ropes, £01 02 11.

1798. Beer for ringers changing the ropes, £00 05 02.

1821. William Brown, moiety of Bill for Bell rope.

1827-8. On a loose paper between these years—Expended on Organ and Bells, £29 9 0.

1829. John Youens for bell ropes, £6 0 0.

The Curfew Bell had been rung from time immemorial till within living memory. It was discontinued about forty years ago. The bell used for this purpose was not as usual, the tenor, but the 9th.

In going through the records for the last 120 years, that the successive ringers of the Curfew, or Eight o'clock evening bell, were as follow, with the amount of the annual payment on that behalf, and the date of their appointment:—

Joseph Allen, 1764, £1 5.

Edward Hearn, 1766, £1 5.

Thomas Phillips, 1770, £1 5. Died or resigned at the end of the same year, when

William Stanworth, 1770, was appointed "at the finishing," and received 1s. for his services in completing the year commenced by his predecessor.

Robert Youens, 1807, £1 6. He remained Steeple-keeper until his death in 1824.

Edward Burnham, 1813, £1 10.

William East, 1823, £2.

Richard Russell, 1831, £2.

The Curfew Bell was generally rung by the Sexton, who was formerly provided with an official robe.

1760. Paid Edward Hearn for his suit of clothes, £00 16 10½.

1763. Making Sexton's coat, £00 03 00.

1766. Jos. Child, making Hearn's coat, £0 3 0. He resided in one of the cottages southward of the church, and probably had his house furnished by the churchwardens, which may, perhaps, explain the following otherwise inexplicable entry:—

1778. Bedstead and bolster, £01 05 00.

It was not an uncommon circumstance for the ringer of the Curfew to be provided with sleeping accommodation within the church, as the following, relating to Faversham, shows—22 Hen. VIII.—"Imprimis, the Sexton or his sufficient deputy shall lye in the church steeple: and at eight o'clock every nighte shall ryng the Curfewe by the space of a quarter of an hour, with such belle as of olde tyme hath been accustomed."

Another interesting custom was also kept up in Wycombe—the ringing of an early morning bell at 4 a.m. This was doubtless a relic of former days, when "Early to bed and early to rise" was more generally practised than at present, and people were accustomed to assemble in the church for Mass before beginning their daily labour. A similar custom is still kept up in Normandy.

This 4 o'clock morning bell was pretty general in England. From Bridge's "Northamptonshire" we find that a bell was rung at 4 a.m., at Byfield, and at 8 p.m., for which the clerk received 20s. paid him by the Rector. The 4 o'clock bell was also rung formerly at Newcastle, and one is still rung at 6 a.m. except on Sundays and holidays. Land was left at Mapouder in Dorsetshire "to find a man to ring the morning bell and Curfew throughout the year;" and at Ibberton, in the same county, £4 a year was left "for ringing the morning bell" (Hutchin's "Dorset" II, 267, 422.)

These examples plainly show that the custom was one of wide-spread observance, and not merely a local affair. This matutinal bell was rung in London, but at a different hour, as appears from the will of Mr. Donne, mercer, and citizen, who left two tenements in Hosier (now Bow Lane), to provide for the ringing of the Tenor Bell of Bow Church at 6 a.m., as well as at 8 p.m.

It appears that the 4 o'clock morning bell was discontinued in Wycombe at the same time as the curfew. Both bells were rung by the same person, and the double duty was included in the single payment as shown among other instances, by—

1823. Paid East for 8 o'clock bell (two years), £4 0 0.

1824. Ditto for 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock bell, £2 0s. 0d.

Another ancient custom has been continued at Wycombe to our own day—the ringing of the Pancake Bell, as it is familiarly called, on Shrove Tuesday. The original design of this bell was to summon

the people to confession before entering on the solemn Season of Lent; but the occasion was afterwards converted into a regular carnival for games and merriment, especially cock-fighting and cock-throwing—when people had ceased to do well they quickly learned to do evil.

Cock-throwing formerly took place on Shrove Tuesday in the churchyard at Wycombe, and on the waste piece of green beyond, now converted into Castle street.

An entry in 1774, when Ralph Spicer was Churchwarden, shows that the authorities disapproved of this cruel diversion, and endeavoured to put it down.

"Feb. 14. Paid Daniel Pearce for crying down the cocks being throw'd at in the churchyard, &c. on Shrove Tuesday, £00 00 02."

The Pancake Bell is rung in some places at noon, not at 11 a.m. as in Wycombe. The custom is not so generally observed as formerly.

In Poor Robin for 1684, we find—

"But, hark! I hear the Pancake-bell,
And fritters make a gallant smell."

The Wycombites showed themselves very loyal with their bells. There are entries regularly every year, on June 4th, and September 29th, during the reign of George III, being the King's birthday, and the Coronation day of the King and the Queen Consort, 14s being the sum paid to the ringers on each occasion. These dates subsequently gave place to January 29th, and July 19th, the Accession and Coronation days of George IV., the remuneration to the ringers being increased to £1 1s. on each occasion. These days are now discontinued, as there are no funds to pay the ringers.

The 5th of November was likewise duly remembered, the same sums being paid the ringers as on the royal days. On November 5th, 1772, 1s. extra was allowed them for beer.

Nelson's victory over the French at the Battle of the Nile, in August, 1798, was the occasion for great rejoicings in Wycombe, and the bells were rung for two days, for which £1 8s. is charged in the accounts for that year.

The ringers in 1770 were Messrs. Phillips, Brown, Wooster, Doney, Hearn, Wincheloe, Stanworth, and Bowles, there being at that time but eight bells in the peal. There may have been one or two more.

There is only one occasion mentioned in the parochial accounts when the bells were rung for a Confirmation, viz., May 20th, 1770. But in most instances the amounts only of the disbursements are entered, no specification of the several items being given, so it is not always possible to identify the occasions with certainty.

Not much has been done for the improvement of the bells of late years, and the 6th of the present peal is very badly cracked across the crown and down to the waist. The treble was re-hung by Mears and Stainbank, in February, 1885, and new ropes have just recently been added.

There is apparently no record of the date when the first set of chimes was added, and the earliest mention of them met with is in 1766, when they were repaired by Thomas Wingrove, of Wycombe. The following extracts from the Parochial Records relate to these old chimes:—

1767. Richard Carter, his Bill for looking the Clock and Chimes, £01 00 00.

1770. Edward Hearn, for sweeping the Church, and looking after ye Chimes, £02 08 00.

1770 Whitwell, for repairing the chimes, £01 13 00.

In 1790 Mr. R. Harman, of Wycombe, erected a new set of chimes at the expense of Lord Lansdown. The tunes were the same as those of the celebrated chimes of St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, London, which were also erected by Mr. Harman, viz.:—

Sunday—Salisbury, or Easter Hymn.
Monday—Hymn of Eve.
Tuesday—Staughton.
Wednesday—Horsley.
Thursday—Sicilian Mariners' Hymn.
Friday—Britons, strike home!
Saturday—Bermondsey.

The old clock, which dated from about the year 1730, at length became worn out, and unable any longer to point the hour and mark the time. Accordingly, in the early part of 1876 a movement was set on foot for raising funds for the purpose of providing a new one. This was brought to successful issue in December of the same year. During the early part of 1877 a new set of chimes were put in by Messrs. Gillett and Bland, who had been also the contractors for the clock. The cost of the whole was above £500.

The tunes which the chimes play are as follows, with the names of the gentlemen who gave them:—

Sunday, "Easter Hymn," Rev. R. Chilton.
Monday, "Rousseau's Dream," J. O. Griffiths, Esq.
Tuesday, "O rest in the Lord," J. Parker, Esq.

Wednesday, "Sicilian Mariners' Hymn," F. Wheeler, Esq.
Thursday, "Blue Bells of Scotland," B. Lucas, Esq.
Friday, "Last Ro-e of Summer," W. V. Baines, Esq.
Saturday, "Home, sweet home," A. Vernon, Esq.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

Recently the All Saints' Society, Sedgley, paid a visit to this beautiful village church, which has a splendid light peal of six bells, in the key of G. Tenor about twelve cwt. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung, in 26 mins. J. Goodman, 1; D. Brase, 2; W. Johnson (Durleston), 3; S. Bunn, 4; R. S. Holfield (conductor), 5; J. Davinport, 6. This 720 changes contains a call at every lead. The bells are in good order, and any band will find it a treat to give the place a call. The ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the steeplewarden, Mr. Roden, for the use of the bells.

ST. MARY'S WITHOUT-THE-WALLS, CHESTER.

On Monday, August 1st, an attempt was made to ring Mr. York Green's peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major, but owing to a shift-course after ringing 3456 changes in 2 hrs. and five mins., the bells were brought round. *C. Price, 1; *J. Gipson, 2; G. Caldwell, 3; W. Joinson, 4; A. Jones, 5; R. Pease, 6; A. Cross, 7; T. J. Bathel, (conductor), 8. The bells are a new peal, and were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, in the present year, and were opened along with the church on the 18th of June, the key of the tenor is Eb., and weight 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. This is the longest length of changes rung on them, but we hope very soon to record the first peal. *College Youths.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

AN ENQUIRY.

SIR,—I remember seeing lately in "THE BELL NEWS" (within the last five weeks, I think) an account of the origin of the service on the top of Durham Cathedral on the feast of Corpus Christi. I have since then been quite unable to find it, and if any reader happens to remember it, I should be much obliged if he could point it out to me. The origin of the custom was, if I remember rightly, the safe escape of the bells when the tower was struck by lightning. W. C. BARRETT.

Marriage.

August 2nd, at St. Philip's Church, Birmingham, by the Rev. Canon Bowlby, JOHN CARTER, Bracebridge Street, to HARRIET, youngest daughter of Mr. Edward Bruntnell, of Hay, Breconshire, Wales.

THE HOME OF A PECULIAR PEOPLE.—In the heart of the textile trades, between Leeds and Bradford, and close to the town of Pudsey, is the Moravian settlement of Fulneck. It is a quiet oasis, amidst a lusty, busy, and even turbulent life. Pudsey is a typical textile town; its people rough, but honest and hearty, its men wearing in the street the slop or "checkerbrat" proclaiming the calling; and its bonnie lassies still wearing the shawl for their only head-covering. A few hundred yards from this place of warp and weft, of mills and looms, of oddly-angled houses of grey stone and dark roofs, and in great contrast with it in most particulars, is the settlement of the *Unitas Fratrum*. It is a large aggregation of buildings, the range extending to upwards of a mile in length. The main block is over a century old. There are the "Single Sisters' House," the "Widows' House," the house for the minister, and the three large schoolrooms and chapel. Close thereto is the God's Acre of the Moravians, a pleasant slope of sward, with many flat gravestones, bearing usually a number, a name, and the year of death. The graves of the sexes seem divided; the grass grows thickly over and around, at times obscuring the gravestone, and avenues of tall trees make music to serve as a monopoly. Though the settlement has been made for more than a century, there is still something distinctive about it and its people. It is not a trading village though a few traders are there; it is a settlement where education is the aim, and where that aim includes the training for the service of the Church in many lands. In the people who are seen, too, there is a wide distinction from those of the village, where chimneyneys may be seen from the terrace at Fulneck.—From "The Quiver" for August.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1887.

THE reports of the Guild meetings published in this issue of "THE BELL NEWS," will be read with great interest by all who are anxious for the welfare and extension of the art of change ringing, and rejoice to see outward and visible signs of its steady advancement and spontaneous growth. The proceedings at two of these meetings will be found at length, because the materials placed at our disposal for the purpose of framing a report did not warrant the least elimination. The Oxford Guild may indeed well be proud of the position it has gained in the diocese, and the interest created by its movements. The utterances of the preacher at the service which was held in the parish church of High Wycombe ought, in our opinion, to be circulated broadcast. The precepts contained therein especially apply to what we have always greatly valued—the importance of unity among ringers. "If," said the rev. preacher, "the great requisite for the art of ringing is to remember its connection with the House of God, the second and almost equally important requisite is unity among ourselves." The position thus taken up is enlarged upon in a manner which must have gratified the ears of many of the congregation, who felt not only at the time but ever, how good and joyful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

The meeting of the Winchester Guild must also be considered a success. The prosperity of this body is mainly owing to the exertions of its Honorary Secretary, the Rev. H. A. SPYERS, and now he is located in a more convenient part of the county we may expect to hear that the Guild's operations may be quickened, and the fillip given to the members by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON be productive of good.

The arrangements made for holding these meetings of the various Guilds appear, as a rule, to be every thing that can be desired. Ringers, however, after the meeting has been held, have a tendency to wander away, and at a moment when they should be kept together if possible. The adoption of a plan where all ringers may meet for

the purpose of forming bands to visit the churches in the neighbourhood have been found to answer, and gives satisfaction to ringers, while keeping up an appearance of regularity and order.

The Provinces.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

AMOS. CRESSER Treble.	C. SMITH 5.
J. W. WILSON 2.	J. BUTTERTY 6.
G. DRAYCOTT 3.	W. BIRKINSHAW 7.
J. HARDY 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN., Esq.
 Messrs. Wilson and Buttery hail from Leicester.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES.

THOMAS FULKER * Treble	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
THOMAS PAYNE* 2	*FREDERICK FIELD 6.
CHARLES TRINDER* 3.	*THOMAS SHORT 7.
H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Superlative.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th's place, without the 2nd or 3rd being there.

LLANGOLLEN, NORTH WALES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE WREXHAM SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. in F#.

ALFRED LEA Treble.	JOHN ELLIS 5.
JAMES MOULTON 2.	THOMAS NEWELL 6.
GEORGE LONGDEN 3.	EDWARD EVANS 7.
EDWARD ROWLAND 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN ESQ., Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by GEORGE LONGDEN.

The above ringers are all College Youths except Alfred Lea, and this is the first peal on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, August 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 6.
THOMAS HATTERSLEY 2.	JOHN BUFFERY 7.
CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY .. 3.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 8.
WILLIAM KENT 4.	HENRY JOHNSON, JUN. .. 9.
HENRY BASTABLE 5.	ALFRED THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by H. BASTABLE.

The peal, which contains the 5th and 6th each twenty-four course-end, behind the 9th, is now rung for the first time. This is also the 50th peal in the tower, and the second peal of Caters. The above ringers are also members of the Yorkshire Association.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK PITSTOW Treble.	EDWARD F. COLE 5.
F. DE LISLE 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3.	ERNEST PITSTOW 7.
ARTHUR JACOB 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Major. First peal in Oxford Variation by Essex Association, and first peal of Oxford by all the band, except J. Smith and the conductor. Mr. Smith hails from Pulham St. Mary.

WEST BROMWICH.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

EDWARD WOODHALL Treble.	CHARLES TIMMS 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2.	SAMUEL REEVES 6.
JOHN SIDDONS 3.	WILLIAM COOPER 7.
EDWIN CASHMORE 4.	GEORGE GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1887, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

THOMAS E. SHEARING Treble.	ALBERT LINCOLN 5.
HARRY BUTTON 2.	GABRIEL LINDOFF, R.E. .. 6.
FREDERICK WILSON 3.	TOM STAULKEY 7.
ALLEN G. RODWELL 4.	JOHN FLEGG Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF, R.E.

The average age of the ringers of the seven changing bells is only 18 years.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Jubilee Peal.
On Monday, August 1, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt in E.

HENRY A. GARRETT* Treble.	*HENRY D. ADAMS 5.
JAMES R. JERRAM 2.	*THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	CHARLES GAISFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BLACKBOURN.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is also the first peal on the bells, which were cast at the Whit-chapel Foundry in 1763. H. A. Garrett hails from Bournemouth; the rest are from Salisbury.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	*EDWARD F. COLE 6.
ACLAND J. PERKINS 2.	*ERNEST PITSTOW 7.
ARTHUR JACOB 3.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 8.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 4.	*JOHN SMITH 9.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL* .. 5.	FREDERICK PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEO. NEWSON.

*First peal of Royal. This is the first peal on the ten bells, and the first peal on ten by the Essex Association. The peal has the 6th eighteen times wrong, and extent home at last five course-ends.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1887, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES WARD Treble.	WILLIAM BUTTON 5.
ARTHUR S. BARRELL 2.	G. LINDOFF 6.
THOMAS STAULKEY 3.	ALFRED WARD 7.
THOMAS E. SHEARING .. 4.	WILLIAM WARD Tenor.

Composed by J. HOLT, and Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

C. Ward hails from Melton; A. and W. Ward and A. S. Barrell from Ufford; the rest belong to Leiston.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY (Essex).—On Thursday, July 28th at the parish church, two six-scores of Grandsire, and two six-scores of Bob Doubles. A. Champion, 1; G. Young, 2; W. Lincoln (Writtle), 3; G. Miller, 4; W. Thornton (conductor), 5.

WRITTE (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 26th, Messrs. H. Argent, J. Richell, J. Shonk, J. Dowsett, James and Joshua Young of Boreham, visited the above place, and rang at the parish church on the back six, touches of New London Pleasure, Plain Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. And in the afternoon 672 of Bob Major. E. Dins, 1; M. Rolfe, 2; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 3; A. Edwards, 4; J. S. Young, 5; J. Young, 6; H. Argent, 7; W. Lincoln (conductor), 8. E. Dai's hails from Widdford. H. F. de Lisle from Galleywood, and M. Rolfe from Springfield. *First attempt at Major. And on Sunday, July 31st, the above tower was visited by some members of the above Association and of the Cumberland society, who met for a peal of Treble Bob Royal at Chelmsford. The following touches were rung: 1088 Kent Treble Bob Major. *A. Edwards, 1; E. F. Cole, 2; G. Newson (conductor), 3; *W. Lincoln, 4; A. Jacob, 5; J. Smith, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow, 8. *First in the method. And 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; F. Radley, 4; R. Wood, 5; Rev. T. L. Popham, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; E. F. Cole, 8. These with the exception of Messrs. Fussell and Cole, are the Writtle company. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Edwards, 1; N. J. Pitstow (conductor), 2; H. Hammond, 3; S. Hammond, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; A. J. Perkins, 6; G. Griffin, 7; E. Pitstow, 8. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples by four of the Writtle band with four of the visitors came to grief after ringing three-quarters of an hour.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday evening, July 23rd, at the Parish church, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also on Saturday, July 30th, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), in 43 mins. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Hale, 3; W. Sloman, 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham (conductor), 6; F. Stephens, 7; William Challenor, 8. Also a 168 with W. Challenor, at the 5th, who was passing through the town, and bearing the bells kindly called in. He is also a member of the Yorkshire Association and the College Youths.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday evening, July 19th, for practice a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Button, 1; R. W. Stannard, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; F. Staulkey, 5; J. Button, 6; G. Lindoff, 7; J. Flegg, 8. The above was composed and conducted by G. Lindoff, of the Royal Engineers, who has been holiday making at this part. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with A. Lincoln in the place of J. Flegg, and is the first ever rung by this company on tower bells. Also on Saturday, July 30th, some of the above rang a peal of Bob Major, and on Monday, August 1st, a peal of Grandsire Triples, both of which are given in the peal column. Tenor 20½ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Monday, July 18th, at the parish church, 504 of Stedman Triples. J. R. Haworth, 1; G. Jones, 2; A. Thomas, 3; C. Trinder, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 6; C. Hounslow, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. And 336

Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. R. Haworth, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; F. Field, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 6; A. Thomas, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

BEERNHAN.—On Sunday, July 24th, at the parish church, for evening service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, and after service a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. Also on Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. And for evening service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, in 13 mins. And after service, three 6-scores, of Bob Doubles. And on Monday, August 1st, for early morning service at commencement of harvest, a 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. The following took part in the above. G. Webb; T. Getham; H. Hatto; A. Richardson; T. Bidmead; J. Hatto and J. Richardson, conducted respectively by J. Hatto and J. Richardson.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Monday, July 18th, at the parish church, 632 of Stedman Triples. J. R. Haworth, 1; E. Mondav, 2; J. Rogers, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; J. W. Washbrook, 5; J. Field, 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 7; F. Free (Hughenden), 8.

HUGHENDEN (Bucks).—On Sunday morning, July 17th, at the parish church 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. Evans, 1; W. Hussey (conductor), 2; W. Goodchild, 3; H. Stratford, 4; H. Boreham, 5; F. Free, 6; G. Bunce, 7; B. Page, 8. And in the evening, 168 and 112 of Grandsire Triples. J. Evans (conductor), 1; W. Hussey, 2; J. R. Haworth, 3; H. Stratford, 4; H. Boreham, 5; W. Shrimpton, 6; G. Bunce, 7; F. Free, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON.—On Saturday, July 30th, at the Church of St. Mary, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins., and a 360 of Superlative Surprise. On Sunday morning, July 31st, for Divine Service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise in 25½ mins. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, July 26th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, July 30th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25½ mins. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; E. Moss, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. Frederick Sanders, 1; F. Bridger, 2; E. Moses, 3; F. Sadler, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Saturday July 30th, at St. Giles' in the Fields, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4990 changes, in 2 hrs. and 58 mins., it came to grief through the fourth rope breaking below the sallv. *Wm. Baron, jun., 1; Wm. Baron, sen. (conductor), 2; H. Langdon, 3; J. W. Mansfield, 4; W. Jones, 5; F. L. Davies, 6; †Ge. Will, 7; H. A. Hopkins, 8. *First attempt. †First attempt with a bob bell.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On the occasion of the meeting of the Guild, on the 19th ult., among other touches at the cathedral, 504 of Stedman Triples. J. R. Haworth (London), 1; J. Hewitt, 2; Rev. C. C. Child, 3; G. Williams, 4; S. Brooker, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; A. Thomas (Birmingham), 8. Also two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. T. Newham, 1; J. Hewitt, 2; G. Williams, 3; E. Jordan, 4; S. Brooker, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; A. Thomas, 8. First in the method on the bells.

ALREWAS (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, July 27th at the parish church, on the occasion of the annual flower show, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. *H. Gaskell, 1; T. Meredith (conductor), 2; *W. Williams, 3; *D. Ward, 4; *E. Webb, 5; G. Woods (Tamworth), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. in G. *First peal.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, July 31st, at the Cathedral church of St. Peter for morning service, 513 of Stedman Caters. H. Meadows, 1; J. Jaeger, 2; E. Booth, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Moor, 5; J. Brown, 6; W. Booth, 7; T. Hammond (conductor), 8; R. Williams, 9; W. Brooks, 10. And for afternoon service, a touch of Grandsire Caters. R. Williams, 1; H. Meadows, 2; J. Moore, 3; C. Williams, 4; R. Williams, 5; J. Brown, 6; W. Booth (conductor), 7; E. Booth, 8; J. Jagger, 9; R. Diggle, 10. And for evening service, a 543 of Stedman Caters. R. Williams, 1; H. Meadows, 2; J. Austin, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Brown, 6; W. Booth, 7; H. Coley, 8; R. Williams,

(conductor), 9; W. Brooks, 10. Messrs Jagger and Austin hail from Burton-on-Trent.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Saturday, July 30th, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 39 mins. S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus (first quarter-peal), 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackbourn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. And on Sunday, July 24th, for evening service, a 700 of Grandsire Triples, in 22 mins. S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackbourn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Tydeman (Warner to the company), 8. Also on Sunday, July 31st, for morning service a 546 in the same method, by the same band.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Monday, August 1st, Messrs. W. Warwick, H. Chapman, and R. Dunkley, from Bedford, paid a visit to St. Albans Cathedral, where they were met by Messrs. Hills, Cartmel, D. Benham, Mitchell, Pratt, Buckingham, Hulks, and Grant. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

ST. ALBANS.—Chiming.—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Peter's church, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. T. Waller, 1-2; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 3-4; G. W. Cartmel, 5-6; R. M. Pratt, 7-8.

TRIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday evening, at St. Martin's church, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24½ mins. H. Hills, 1; A. Hill, 2; W. Pardoe, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; G. Hughes, 5; S. Jenson (conductor), 6.

WEST HAM (Ess-x).—On Sunday evening, July 31st for Divine service at Holy Trinity church, several plain leads of Grandsire Doubles, by the local company. Also after service, at the first attempt, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor, in 24 mins. Rev. A. S. Dowling, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; Y. Green, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; H. Randall, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. The above was the first 720 in the method on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bridges, the tower of St. Mary's, Beddington, will be open on Bank Holiday, August 1st. All fingers invited. Tower open at 2 o'clock.

AN OLD ENGLISH TOWN—TEWKESBURY.—The glory of Tewkesbury, and one of the finest architectural possessions of the West, is the Benedictine Abbey of the Virgin, hard by the field still called "Bloody Meadow," whereon "this summer sun of York" so brilliantly shone upon that fateful day in 1471. At Tewkesbury there was an inversion of the usual order of things: instead of the town growing up around the abbey, there is reason to suppose that the town existed first. There was a religious house there at a very early date; but the abbey, whose church is now the parish church of the town, was founded by Robert Fitz-Hamon about the end of the eleventh century. He was the first of the many exalted personages who were destined to be buried there—many of them his own descendants. For the Lords of Tewkesbury and patrons of the abbey were of the very salt of the earth—De la Mares, Desjencers, and Beauchamps; all names of might in their day, and full of great memories now. The King-maker became possessed of the united inheritances of these three families by his marriage with the Lady Anne Beauchamp, but he brought no luck to Tewkesbury. His daughter Isabel, who succeeded him in the patronage of the abbey, was the wife of "false, fleeing, perjured Clarence;" and both of them are buried here. The abbey derives most of its outward dignity from its beautiful arcaded Norman tower, which rises to a height of more than 100 feet. Within the church is very grand and massive, and of great size. The work is a remarkable blending of the Norman with the finely decorated achievements of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.—*J. Penderel-Broadhurst*, in "The Magazine of Art" for August.

A FLOWER OF EVENING.—While most plants expand their blossom very freely in the life giving rays of the morning sun; while others, as the little pimpernel, will not expand at all if its genial influence be withdrawn—some few, like the evening primrose and the white campion, reserve their full sweetness for the closing hours of day, expand their blossoms to the chill dews of the night, and mingle their sweetness with the rich odours that float on the evening air in the woodland copse or the flower-spinkled hedgerow. The pure white of the blossom of the white campion and their large size, tend to attract attention; and in the gathering darkness its stellate flowers stand out from the gloom and indistinct forms of the hedge-bank like the happy host of heaven emerging one by one from the deepening twilight. The night-flowering catchfly, the *Silene noctiflora* of the botanist, a closely-allied plant.—From "Familiar Wild Flowers" for August.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF EIGHT BELLS AT LLANGOLLEN, NORTH WALES.

On Mopday, August 1st (Bank Holiday), a new ring of eight bells were opened by the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Wrexham Society. Mr. George Longden, of Ashton-under-Lyne, travelled from Manchester by an early train to Chester, where he was met by Mr. James Moulton. Arriving at Wrexham station they picked up five of the Wrexham Society, and proceeded to Llangollen, where they found Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., of Loughborough, waiting for them. They then ascended the belfry, and some good touches of Stedman were indulged in until the arrival of Mr. Rowland, the Wrexham conductor, who is a sergeant in the volunteers, whose Rifle Association Meeting was held the same day. At one o'clock they started for one of Mr. Thorp's peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5120 changes, but after ringing nearly twelve courses, a trip occurred which caused a breakdown, the time occupied in in ringing thus far being 1 hr. 35 mins. This mishap however only increased their determination to try again and secure the honour of ringing the first peal on these beautiful bells. Accordingly without three minutes' delay, another start was made with a successful result, as will be seen in the peal column of this paper. An adjournment was then made to a private room in the "Ponsonby Arms" Hotel, where Mr. James Moulton, of Chester, astonished the ringers present by his clever manipulation of the "Fairy Bells." A plain course of Stedman Cinques was tapped without a miss blow, and had time permitted the same gentleman would have given his hearers touches of Double Norwich, and Yorkshire and Bob Maximus. In fact almost any method he can tap with equal accuracy, his performances being listened to with wrapt attention, and eliciting the applause of all ringers and visitors who heard them.

The bells are a very musical ring of eight, the tenor weighs about 17 cwt. They are hung in a cast iron A frames, with all the latest improvements, and the "go" of them is simply perfect. The ringers wish through the medium of this journal to thank the Vicar, the Rev. E. Rhys James, for his kind permission for the use of the bells, and to state (in order that the ringing world may know), that it is through his indefatigable exertions that this new ring of bells has been obtained, and that notwithstanding the strong opposition of Nonconformist and other prejudices, he has succeeded in the praiseworthy object of celebrating Her Majesty's Jubilee in such an auspicious manner. The bells were cast and hung by the well-known firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, and form another tribute to the excellence of their workmanship.

VISIT OF THE CIRENCESTER SOCIETY TO LONDON.

On Saturday last, July 30th, the members of the above Society held their annual outing. Leaving Cirencester at 6 a.m., arriving in London a little after 9 o'clock, they proceeded thence to the "Goose and Gridiron," St. Paul's Churchyard, where they partook of breakfast, and along with Mr. Haworth rang several touches on the handbells. They visited several places of interest, and in the evening, making their way by boat to Westminster, they soon found themselves at St. Stephen's, where Mr. Lamb had made everything ready, and were there joined by H. Swain, of the Cumberlands, when several touches of Grandsire Triples were rang by the following:—Messrs. Panting, Jarvis, Hinton (conductor), Mason, Swain, Hughes, Davies, and Clutterbuck. After congratulating Mr. Lamb upon the going of the bells, and their fine tone, they proceeded to the Cumberlands' head-quarters, St. Martin's Lane, where they were joined by Messrs. Baron, Hopkins, Mansfield, &c. After spending an enjoyable hour together, the country visitors left for Paddington, expressing themselves much pleased with their visit, and they take the present opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Churchwardens for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, also Mr. Lamb for making preparations. H. S.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Newchurch, on Saturday, August 6th. Ringing from 12 o'clock. Meeting in the school-room at 6 p.m.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

VISIT TO SUFFOLK.

Having a few days at my disposal and not knowing exactly how to spend them, I ultimately decided on a ringing outing, and on Saturday, July 23rd, I proceeded by the Great Eastern Railway to Ipswich. After visiting St. Mary-le-Tower, and one or two more churches, it was time to return and start for Saxmundham, where I was met by four of the Leiston brethren. We drove to Woodbridge, and after the usual preliminaries were over, we attempted Taylor's bob-and-single variation, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1470 changes. J. Fosdike (Woodbridge), 1; A. Achfeld (Woodbridge), 2; Hy. Maiden (Lincoln), 3; T. Staulkey (Leiston), 4; A. Lincoln (Leiston), 5; G. Lindoff, R.E. (Leiston, conductor), 6; T. Shearing (Leiston), 7; A. Ward (Woodbridge), 8. Touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Grandsire were rung. Having satisfied the inner man, a move was made for Ufford, a pretty little village about three miles from Woodbridge. Arriving at that place, the bells were pulled up, and a start was made for some Treble Bob Minor. The bells had not been going about ten minutes, when the breaking of the 6th rope brought it to an untimely end. Having re-adjusted the rope, several touches of Treble Bob were rung. Hy. Maiden, 1; T. Staulkey, 2; G. Lindoff, 3; T. Shearing, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; A. Ward, 6. We then proceeded on our way to Leiston, a distance of about fifteen miles, arriving there after several vicissitudes in the small hours of the morning. On Sunday morning, July 24th, for Divine Service, 448 of Grandsire Triples. H. Button, 1; R. Stannard, 2; A. Lincoln, 3; H. Maiden, 4; G. Lindoff (R.E.), 5; T. Staulkey, 6; T. Shearing (conductor), 7; H. Staulkey, 8. And for afternoon service, 840 of Grandsire Triples. R. Stannard, 1; R. Fisher (Kelsall), 2; H. Maiden, 3; A. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; G. Lindoff (R.E.), 6; T. Shearing (conductor), 7; H. Staulkey, 8. Also for evening service, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. T. Staulkey, 1; H. Maiden, 2; J. Wilson, 3; G. Lindoff (R.E.), 4; A. Lincoln, 5; W. Button, 6; T. Shearing (conductor), 7; H. Staulkey, 8. On Monday, July 25th, we again took the rope in hand for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which terminated rather abruptly by the breaking of the 7th rope after ringing about half an hour. T. Shearing, 1; H. Maiden, 2; J. Wilson, 3; R. Stannard, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; G. Lindoff, R.E., (conductor), 6; T. Staulkey, 7; J. Flegg, 8. The go of Leiston bells is simply perfect, and reflect great credit on Messrs. Taylor and Co. My time having now expired, I commenced my return to Lincoln, arriving there on Tuesday night just in time to hear Big Tom strike the hour of nine. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Woodbridge and Leiston ringers for their kindness to me during my stay amongst them. H. MAIDEN.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, HALIFAX.

Through the kindness of the Clergy, Churchwardens, and Congregation, the voluntary ringers connected with the above church had their eighth annual excursion on Monday last, Malton and Castle Howard being the places chosen. The party left Halifax at 6.20 a.m., and reached Leeds at 7.15., where a good breakfast was partaken of at the Midland Dining Rooms in Boar Lane. Leaving Leeds at 9.0., two compartments being reserved for the party, Malton was reached at 10.30., where a conveyance took them to Castle Howard.

The fine collection of pictures, old china etc., were much admired, and a pleasant two hours was spent wandering about the grounds. Returning to Malton, where by the kindness of the Rev. R. W. Elliott, the ringers ascended the tower of St. Leonard's Church, but owing to the margin of time at their disposal being so small a touch of 960 changes Kent Treble Bob Major could only be only got through. H. Reynolds, 1; T. Parker, 2; G. D. E. Mercer, 3; H. Payne, 4; A. Parker, 5; C. E. Stewart, 6; A. F. Nicholl, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8.

Returning from Malton at 5.25 p.m., Leeds was reached at 7.40, where they adjourned to the Midland Dining Rooms again, and had a substantial tea. Leaving Leeds at 9.0 the ringers arrived home shortly after 10 p.m. being well pleased with their day's outing.

The above company wish to thank the Rev. Mr. Elliott through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" for his kindness in granting them the use of the bells.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

4 2 3 5 6

3 5 2 6 4 - - - -

2 3 5 6 4 - - - -

5 2 3 6 4 - - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - - - -

2 4 3 6 5 - - - -

3 2 4 6 5 - - - -

5 4 2 6 3 - - - -

2 5 4 6 3 - - - -

4 2 5 6 3 - - - -

5 6 2 3 4 - - - -

2 5 6 3 4 - - - -

6 3 2 5 4 - - - -

2 6 3 5 4 - - - -

3 2 6 5 4 - - - -

6 5 2 4 3 - - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - - -

5 3 2 4 6 - - - -

2 4 5 3 6 - - - -

5 2 4 3 6 - - - -

4 5 2 3 6 - - - -

2 3 4 5 6 - - - -

In this peal the 2nd is never in 5 6 at course-end.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Bressingham*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

4 3 6 5 2 - - - -

6 3 2 5 4 - - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - - -

4 3 2 6 5 - - - -

5 2 4 3 6 - - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - - -

5 6 4 2 3 - - - -

3 4 5 6 2 - - - -

2 5 3 4 6 - - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - - -

5 3 6 2 4 - - - -

6 3 4 2 5 - - - -

4 6 5 3 2 - - - -

5 3 4 6 2 - - - -

6 5 4 3 2 - - - -

4 6 2 5 3 - - - -

2 5 4 6 3 - - - -

3 4 2 5 6 - - - -

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th each twelve times wrong and right.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5120.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

4 6 5 3 2 1 1 2

5 2 3 6 4 1 1 2

3 4 6 2 5 1 1 2

4 3 5 2 6 2 2 2

4 5 2 3 6 1 2 2

Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

4 2 3 5 6 - - - -

5 4 2 6 3 - - - -

4 3 2 6 5 2 - - - -

5 6 2 3 4 2 - - - -

4 5 3 6 2 - - - -

5 2 3 6 4 2 - - - -

2 6 4 3 5 2 - - - -

3 2 6 5 4 - - - -

2 4 6 5 3 1 - - - -

6 4 5 2 3 1 - - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - - -

5 4 3 2 6 - - - -

5 3 2 4 6 1 - - - -

6 3 1 2 5 2 - - - -

4 5 2 3 6 2 - - - -

2 3 1 5 6 1 - - - -

Sixth her extent in all positions at five course ends.

Except the compulsory course, the second is never in sixth at a course-end, and is the first time these qualities have been published with the sixth its extent in all positions.

N.B.—Quite aware it is impracticable to call bob at first lead-end. I will forfeit the peal when these qualities are produced other wise. Composed June 21st 1887.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

5040.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

2 3 4 5 6 1 2 W 6 7 H

3 2 4 5 6 - - - -

5 3 4 2 6 - - - -

4 3 2 5 6 - - - -

5 2 4 3 6 - - - -

4 5 2 3 6 - - - -

2 4 5 3 6 - - - -

5 3 2 4 6 - - - -

2 5 3 1 6 - - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - - -

5 4 3 2 6 - - - -

3 5 4 2 6 - - - -

4 2 3 5 6 - - - -

3 4 2 5 6 - - - -

2 3 4 5 6 - - - -

This peal has the sixth at home throughout.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By W. SOTTANSTALL, *Sowerby*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

5 6 3 4 2 1 2 2

5 3 4 6 2 1 2 2

3 2 4 6 5 1 2 2

2 5 4 6 3 1 2 2

5 3 6 2 4 1 2 2

3 4 6 2 5 1 2 2

2 6 4 3 5 1 2 2

5 4 6 3 2 1 1 1

2 5 3 4 6 2 2 2

5 2 6 4 3 1 2 2

2 3 6 4 5 1 2 2

5 2 4 3 6 2 2 2

5 4 3 2 6 1 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 2 2 2

This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and right. It was composed on March 5th, 1887, and rung at Liversedge to celebrate its composer's 87th birthday, on July 9th, 1887 conducted by Luke Illingworth.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN HOPWOOD.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 3 5 2 - - - -

5 6 3 4 2 - - - -

3 4 5 6 2 - - - -

5 3 4 6 2 - - - -

4 5 3 6 2 - - - -

3 6 4 5 2 - - - -

4 3 6 5 2 - - - -

6 5 4 3 2 - - - -

4 6 5 3 2 - - - -

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

5040.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford*.

2 3 4 5 6 7

5 5 7 2 6 4 3 1

6 7 5 3 2 4 6

3 7 6 4 5 2 6

* 3 7 2 4 6 5 6

6 5 3 2 4 7 8

2 5 6 7 3 4 6

7 5 2 4 6 3 6

4 5 7 3 2 6 6

3 5 4 6 7 2 6

4 7 3 5 2 6 8

5 7 5 4 6 2 3 6

6 5 7 3 4 2 6

3 5 6 2 7 1 6

5 5 2 3 4 7 6 6

* 5 2 6 4 3 7 6

4 2 5 7 6 3 6

7 2 4 3 5 6 6

* 7 2 6 3 4 5 6

3 2 7 5 6 4 6

5 2 5 3 4 6 7 6

6 7 2 3 4 5 8

3 7 6 5 2 4 6

5 7 3 4 6 2 6

4 7 5 2 3 6 6

2 7 4 6 5 3 6

4 5 2 7 3 6 8

4 7 5 6 2 3 6

4 6 7 3 5 2 6

4 3 6 2 7 5 6

4 2 3 5 6 7 6

Part-end.

Twice repeated completes the peal.

The leads marked thus * are 5th place bobs, and the leads marked thus s are made thus:

1 5 7 6 2 4 3

1 5 7 2 6 4 3

This peal contains only seventy-eight calls, and is all in course.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford*.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

5 4 3 2 6 - - - -

4 3 5 2 6 - - - -

3 5 4 2 6 - - - -

2 5 6 3 4 - - - -

5 6 2 3 4 - - - -

6 2 5 3 4 - - - -

3 5 2 6 4 - - - -

5 2 3 6 4 - - - -

2 3 5 6 4 - - - -

Five times repeated.

With s at 6 in the 7th course of 3rd and 6th parts.

BANK HOLIDAY AT CAMBRIDGE.

The Great Eastern Railway had, similar to other companies, provided for Bank Holiday extra services of trains to convey hard-worked Londoners into the country to enjoy a breath of fresh air. Among these arrangements was an excursion to the city of Cambridge, at a rate which caused it to be taken advantage of by many, especially those who had the good or evil fortune, which ever it may be, to dwell in the eastern portions of the metropolis. The society of ringers of St. Mary, White-chapel, had connected themselves in some manner not very clearly defined, with a body of excursionists who were designated along the route as "The Fathers," but whether this sobriquet was a parody or burlesque on the Pilgrim Fathers, we were unable to discover until enlightened upon the matter. The elucidation of the problem is not, however, material to the purpose. The pilgrimage of these eastern "Fathers" was evidently the means of a few ringers enjoying a day in visiting that renowned seat of learning situated on the banks of the Cam, and the end to a certain extent justified the means. Those who identified themselves with the movement already alluded to, met early at the rendezvous in order to attempt and complete before noon a peal at St. Andrew's Church, but a wedding was to take place within this edifice, and, strange to say, the principal parties to it objected to ringing in any shape or form. These bells had perforce to be silent throughout the day. The visitors who got down to Cambridge sometime in the forenoon, bearing no ringing at St. Andrew's Church on their arrival, at once came to the conclusion that the attempted peal was a failure, and sought their ringing brethren to hear its cause. They were found at the church of Great St. Mary, ringing Stedman Triples on the back eight, and where, after the touch was brought round, relations of the disappointment were given. During the day the party visited several of the Colleges, and much enjoyed a perambulation in the beautiful grounds, which it would appear is connected with each of these seminaries of learning. The weather being most delightful, walks along the banks of the river were greatly enjoyed, and an opportune place presenting itself, several of the Campanalogists bathed in the Cam—a pun, by the way, which was not lost sight of on the journey homewards.

After tea, another visit was made to the steeple of Great St. Mary, when changes were rang on the twelve bells, Mr. F. E. Dawe and Mr. W. Smith being at the heavy end, the whole conducted by Mr. James Pettit. The bells require absolute re-hanging before any good enjoyable ringing can be performed upon them, and therefore it will be understood that very little was done. The ringing visitors returned to town at an early hour.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nottingham, on Saturday, August 6th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 2.0 p.m., viz.: St. Mary's (10 bells), St. Peter's (8 bells), All Saints' (8 bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Peter's schools, Broad-marsh, where bands will be formed for ringing at the various towers. Committee meeting at All Saints' schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Aboretum refreshment rooms at 6.0 p.m. General meeting immediately afterwards. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.
5, St. Paul's street East, Burton-on-Trent.

THE ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above society will hold a Quarterly Meeting at Milnrow parish church, on Saturday, August 6th. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers about 2 o'clock. Meeting at 4 o'clock in the school room, hoping all members will attend.

HERE AND THERE.

I have been honored with several communications during the week respecting this column. Some of my friends would have me do this, that, and the other, but I beg leave to tell them that I must take my own course, no matter to where it leads. To try and please all is not a wise game, because it ends in pleasing none, while the chances are that a great many may be offended. *Vite fable.*

One of the letters I have received this week contains some interrogatories about Elijah Roberts. I wish I could give any information concerning him, beyond what appeared in print last week. I have always understood him to be a prodigy, as a ringer, and his double Treble Bob performances were most remarkable. He used to drive a coach—I forget the route—and kept an inn for some years. In the end he committed suicide, poor fellow.

English people have done with duelling; not so the French. A former Prime Minister of France has said a something about an ex-War Minister, and the latter challenges him to mortal combat. This challenge is accepted, but now they cannot agree upon the conditions of fighting, and the newspapers of Paris are filled with dissertations upon what ought to be required by one, and what ought not to be insisted upon by the other combatant; and the exhibition of partizanship is delightful to witness. All the "authorities" upon the matter are ventilating their opinions much to the satisfaction of themselves, and the edification of the Parisians, but the affair, like others of its kind, appears very contemptible and childish to all but Frenchmen. Certainly there is something very Punch-and-Judy in this duelling business.

I'm not allowed to talk politics here, though my fingers itch to do so. But this is rather an Hibernicism. If such matters were not a sealed book I should like to take my readers into confidence, and after ascertaining the "principles" of the majority, "round" upon the opposite party. This is the style many papers adopt, though we all hold "THE BELL NEWS" too respectable an organ for such dirty work.

A very proper and sensible protest has been made against the word "stop." Many bob-callers pronounce the word "bob" as "wob" or "wop," and other indistinct expressions, all of which are much like "stop." The cases of mistake from this peculiarity happens oftener than may be imagined. The best plan is to adopt what is most common, and the word "stand" has use and plainness on its side. It is moreover recommended by our Editor, and also by

A NEW MAN.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

This Association, founded in the year 1879, held its eighth annual festival at Winchester on Tuesday, July 19th, the gathering being a successful one. The day's proceedings commenced with a preliminary ring on the Cathedral bells by the first arrivals, and at a quarter past eleven o'clock, a special service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, which was well attended. The musical portion of the service was very efficiently performed by a portion of the Cathedral choir, the chanting of the Psalms, the *Te Deum* (Boyce in A), and the anthem being sung without accompaniment. A very practical address was delivered by the Rev. Canon Durst. At twelve o'clock the members made their way to the Guildhall, where, under the presidency of the Ven. Archdeacon of Surrey, they sat down to a first-rate hot dinner. The company numbered over 130, amongst the gentlemen supporting the chairman being the Revs. F. E. Robinson (Drayton, Berks), H. A. Spyers (Purbrook), F. T. Madge (Winchester), C. Baston (Ashe), F. Whyley (Alton), E. K. Douglass (Weybridge), R. F. Tompkins (Arundel), Cameron Brock, Esq. (Bishop's Waltham), and L. Proctor, Esq. (Benington).

At the conclusion of the repast, the CHAIRMAN, in proposing

the health of "The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," said there was no class of Her Majesty's subjects who had more duly celebrated the Jubilee of Her Majesty than the ringers of the parish churches in their harmonious speeches. The toast was right loyally received.

The Rev. H. A. SPYERS then submitted the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and on that day especially the Cathedral clergy. First, they were under a special obligation to the Rev. Canon Durst, who at much inconvenience to himself had come to give them such excellent advice at the service that morning, and he hoped they would all go back home and practise it; and, secondly, they were indebted to the cathedral clergy generally for the welcome they had given them, and more especially to the Ven. Archdeacon Atkinson, who had kindly consented to preside at that gathering in the unavoidable absence of their regular president. Mr. Moore, of Bourne-mouth, had informed him that he was called away from England last week, and regretted that he should not be able to be present that day, but he showed his interest in the Guild by forwarding a sovereign towards the expenses of the Annual Festival. Mr. Moore also expressed his willingness to continue in office for another year if he were elected. Being without their President, Mr. Spyers had to look round and see whom he could get to take the chair, and the Ven. Archdeacon readily consented.

The CHAIRMAN in responding, said that few men in the country were so much bound together as were the bellringers of the parish churches with their clergy. Ringers by doing their duty well, helped towards the keeping of good order and proper observance of religion in a parish, and an earnest zealous set of ringers were an element of strength to the clergyman. As to the way in which the Guild had been received by the Cathedral body, the Dean and Chapter were ever ready to help forward any object for good, and always felt satisfaction at such a body as the Guild coming to make use of their Mother Church, welcoming them with the most heartfelt cordiality. With regard to their Bishop, he could assure them he sympathised with the objects of the Guild, and if he were present no words wishing success to it would be more hearty than those of his lordship. He begged to thank those present for the hearty reception of the toast, and he would take the opportunity of informing them that the excellent sermon which the Rev. Canon Durst had addressed to them was his first official address as a Canon Residentiary. He would now introduce to them a gentleman whom he had last parted with in his beltry at East Hendon, one, was well-known to them all, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. F. E. ROBINSON, who was much cheered, said he had not forgotten the warm welcome he received when he met the Guild at Weybridge, and he now thanked the members for the kind reception they had again accorded him. The toast he had to propose for their acceptance was "Success to the Winchester Guild," and he did so with the greatest heartiness, because although he was member of the Oxford Guild, he was also a member of the Winchester Guild. He was glad to find that the finances of the Winchester Guild were in a healthy state, they having £20 in hand, and he congratulated them upon that; but as to the performances, Oxford had nothing to fear at present, and might well be emulated on that head. The Winchester Guild had not yet accomplished a peal of Stedman, while the Oxford Guild had rung over fifty. But they of the Oxford Guild wished that the Winchester Guild might go on and prosper, and if they meant to do this they must work, inasmuch as no secretary, however excellent he might be, could do it for them. The one road to success was hard work, perseverance, brotherly kindness, and love one towards another, and patience. The Oxford Guild had to a certain degree exercised those qualities, and had achieved something of success, and if they of Winchester would emulate the Oxford Guild they must pull together and do likewise. In order to succeed they must remember the excellent address of the Rev. Canon Durst, whose first advice was that they must all consider that they were bound to do their ringing as a duty, and next that they must do it conscientiously, and consequently with regularity and punctuality, for what was more annoying than that seven men should be kept waiting for half an hour on a cold winter's night for the eighth to turn up? Having made a few other remarks, the toast was formally submitted.

The Rev. H. A. SPYERS, in responding, thanked the Master of the Oxford Guild for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast. Their numbers had not increased so much during the year as he could have wished, but the truth was that during the earlier part of the year, in the month of January, circumstances placed him at Chalton, and from this place he could not get away, as they were snowed up, and not even a butcher could visit them. He had now a benefice in the southern part of the county, and he hoped to be able to give more attention to the Guild. Two or three more bands had, however, joined the Guild during the year. There was one thing he should like to see improved, and that was that more attention should be given to learning the grammar of eight-bell ringing. One band would keep on floating about the 168 changes, and another about their 504, but they seemed to have no ambition to get on further. A great deal of this was caused by the man always taking the same rope, because after a time they began to learn their changes by heart, which was not desirable in the interest of progress. He trusted that all bands who could now ring "a touch" would make up their minds to get a peal before their next meeting. Mr. Spyers also advised that the district meetings should be better attended, which were of great service for improving the efficiency of local bands. There would be two district meetings next year in Hants, and two in Surrey at convenient centres.

The Officers of the Guild were then all re-elected unanimously.

The company then left the hall and dispersed for practice in the belfries in and around Winchester.

The Bagshot band visited Twyford, where they were hospitably entertained by the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Bishop. The bells went capitally, and a 720 of Grandsire Doubles called differently was rung by H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Spooner, 5; R. Weeks, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor by the same, except that W. Houlton rang 5, and E. Spooner, 6. Also a 240 of Plain Bob Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; T. Gould (conductor), 3; F. Francis, 4; W. Houlton, 5; W. Harding, 6.

The Bramley and Winchester bands went to Hursley, where great kindness was shown to them by the Vicar's family, and a 420 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 16 minutes. The Farnham, Basingstoke, Privett, Alton, Weybridge, and Walton bands went to Romsey, but owing to the hopeless condition of the bells (which are a fine ring of eight, tenor 26½ cwt., suffering from continued neglect), little in the way of change-ringing could be done, but the ringers were much pleased with the ancient Abbey Church, which is a noble specimen of Norman architecture.

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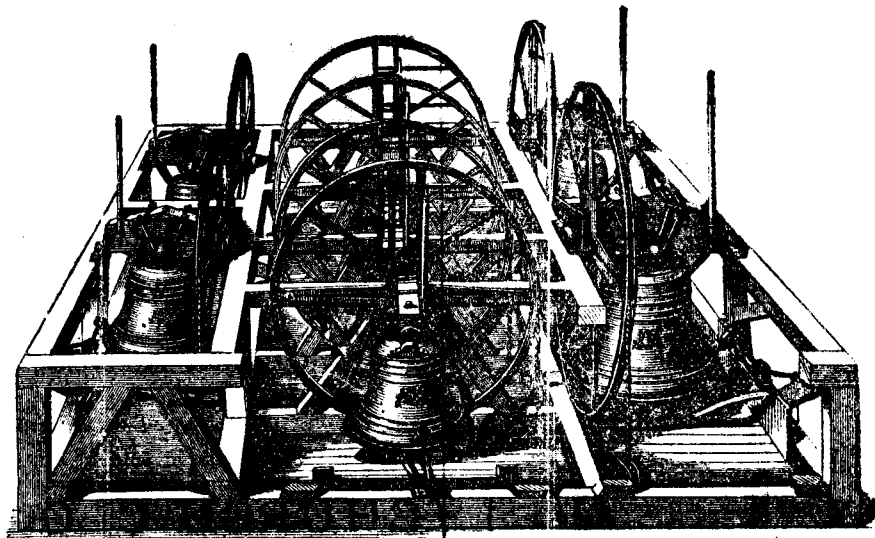


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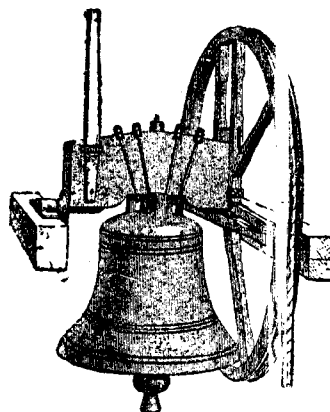
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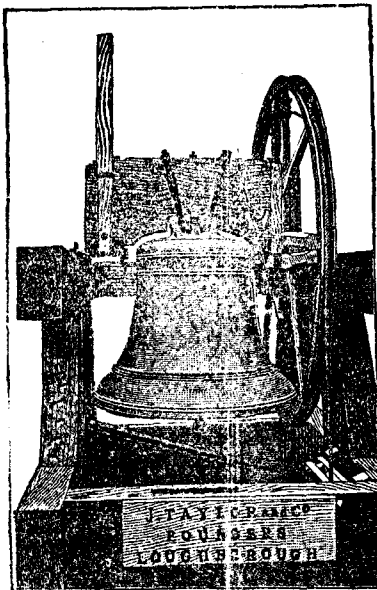
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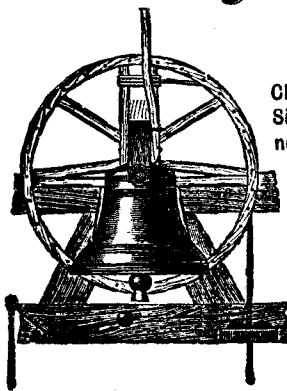
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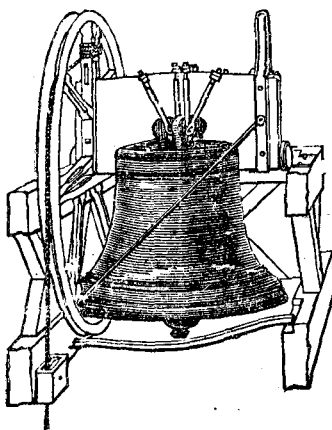
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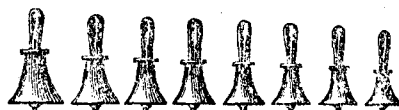
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NOTES ON SOME BELLS IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE.

They have some very fine large bells (*bourdon*), but their small bells seemed to me to be inferior to our own in most cases, especially those used for the chimes at Bruges, Antwerp, and elsewhere. I was not much impressed with these chimes. The music of bells struck simultaneously is harsh, and it is impossible to get good striking from the most delicate clockwork, when it is connected with rough hammers and wires passing through the open air. At Malines, however, I heard dance music played prettily by means of the *clavessin*, an instrument like a pianoforte, on a large scale. I was more interested with continental methods of ringing. I saw at Rheims the only peal of bells that I know of on the continent. It is a very fine peal of eight, tenor nearly 41 cwt. The eight are rung only on great festivals. I was there on a Sunday, and saw them ring five for service, omitting the trebles and tenor. The ringers stand with one foot on the cage, holding a stout iron bar conveniently placed before them, and with the other foot work a lever fixed at right angles to the stock. The bells are rung about half up, the treble of course higher than the heavy bells. I observed that the ringer of the treble got a back stroke with his foot when the lever rose before him, as well as the down stroke, which is made at the level of the cage. The rest of the ringers were boys. A little fellow of thirteen or fourteen rang the big bell, which must weigh over a ton, very efficiently, though he had to use both his feet and all his strength. In the other tower are two *bourdons*, weighing 11 and 7½ tons. The larger one is rung by propelling the clapper, because the cage is decayed and unsafe, and I am not sure that the other is rung up. However the stock in each case is fitted with two small wheels, over which are passed chains connected with iron rods, and with a portion of the floor in the chamber below, which moves upon an axle. To ring the great bell twenty men stand with one foot on the fixed flooring, and work the movable platform with the other foot. I do not know why so many men are employed in this case. Perhaps my informant meant twenty men for the two bells. At Malines I saw a bell said to weigh 10,000 kilos., or nearly ten tons, which was rung by six men with levers fixed to the stock, but it had a counterpoise of two tons. A counterpoise, consisting of a heavy stone or mass of iron placed upon the stock, is not unusual, and of course enables the ringer to raise a heavy bell without much labour, but the clapper strikes the bell with less force, and I have seen a man hang on to the rope at the end of the stroke with all his weight in order to get the bell to speak out. On the whole I think there is a gain of power in ringing with the foot at stock level, but it looks dangerous. The old man who showed me over the belfry at Malines said that he remembered only four men being killed in his time, which he seemed to think a very reasonable rate of casualties. At Malines they have six large bells besides the chimes, which are in another loft, 44 in number, weighing from a few pounds to 10 or 15 cwt. The large bells are rung in peals of three for deaths. The six are not in harmony, and are never rung altogether. The back three are rung only for grand funerals, and on other occasions they ring single bells. As a general rule on the continent, every bell or peal denotes some particular service, or event. At Antwerp there are, I think, nine heavy bells, besides the clock chimes and carillon, and altogether eighty-two bells. I saw them ring what they call the *second*, which weighs five or six tons. It was rung about one third up by nine men from both sides of a large wheel. The rope which passed over the wheel was a cable, and it terminated at each end in a number of ropes of the thickness of our bell-ropes. Some of the lighter bells, which are rung from one side only, have half-wheels. The great bell, weighing over seven tons, takes sixteen men to ring it. The nine men who were ringing the second, seemed to have quite enough to do to keep it going. At Paris I saw a peal of four bells with very long cannons, hung well below the stock. This was not the case at Antwerp, but the bells were not tucked up, and had no counterpoise. The heavy draught is due, I suppose, to coarse workmanship, and the exposure of the cage to the weather. I should say that I did not hear any of the ten-ton bells rung out, as I did not happen to be in the way on a great festival.

C. PEARSON.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—RINGERS' OUTING AND PRESENTATION.

ON Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st, by the invitation of the clergy and ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, a party, comprising Messrs. R. S. Story, W. Reed, F. Lees, F. Harrison, Joel Hern, R. Oliver, John Moffatt, and W. Story, visited Benfieldside. Proceeding to Lanchester by the 9.40 train, a 720 was attempted on the sweet little peal of six, but could not be rung on account of the bad state of the hangings the fifth rope persisting in sticking in the pulley. Returning to Consett by train, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, and the party were most hospitably entertained by the Rev. J. Foran, and the Rev. David Power, after which a move was made for Christ Church, Consett, where a hearty welcome was received from the vicar (the Rev. F. Steggall), and the local ringers. Having rung a 720 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, a return was made to Blackhill, where a 720 of Double Court was attempted, but failed midway. Here the party was very kindly and heartily refreshed by Mr. Sloane, and proceeded to Benfieldside, where a 720 of Kent was rung, but came out false somehow. The invited ringers had now the pleasure of joining the local ringers by the invitation of the latter, at a most substantial tea, provided at the "Crown Commercial Hotel." Having enjoyed the sumptuous repast, the handbells were exercised in the garden, Mr. F. Harrison, of Jarrow, picking up tunes on the grass plot until the tables were cleared. Having re-formed in the dining-room, on the motion of Mr. Whinney, the Rev. H. Ross Lewin (curate) took the chair, and in opening the proceedings remarked on the difficulties of teaching and acquiring the art of change-ringing, and announced the object of the meeting to be a presentation to Mr. R. S. Story, in recognition of his services as instructor to the ringers. After making some very complimentary remarks on Mr. Story's efforts, he called on the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Ross Lewin, to make the presentation.

The VICAR, after expressing in most heartfelt terms the thanks of the ringers and himself, presented Mr. Story with a very handsome gold pencil case.

MR. STORY, in reply, stated that he was entirely unprepared for the occasion, as he never expected any such acknowledgement of his services, which were given as a member of the above Association, and in furtherance of its objects. He thanked them most heartily for the kindness they had shewn him, and remarked that never had he seen any band of ringers so attentive and so ready in applying the hints which were given them and hoped that they might go on in the same good way in which they had begun, and achieve great things. He again thanked them.

MR. WILLIAM REED then thanked the local clergy and ringers on behalf of the invited ringers for their kind hospitality, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a most pleasant meeting to a close. A 360 of Bob Minor was then rung, and the party returned to Newcastle by the last 9.15 train. For particulars of ringing see ringing column.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

The 17th Anniversary of the opening of the bells was held as usual on Bank Holiday, but owing to counter attractions the company fell short of the number usually present. Touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Union and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

Mr. Trappitt (although compelled by business to be absent), had arranged for tea, which was as usual served under the walnut trees, and enjoyed by all. The Beddington ringers desire to thank all those gentlemen who honoured them by their presence, and hope to see them again on future occasions.

THE REIGATE SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 1st, Bank Holiday, the members of the above society held their annual outing, the place selected being Tunbridge Wells, arrangements having been made for them to have a pull. On arriving at the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul at 10 a.m., the obliging steeple-keeper was waiting their arrival. They were soon engaged at the ropes, and rang 504 of Grandsire and two shorter touches, one of Grandsire and one of Union Triples. The "go" of these bells are good, they have been recently rehung with all new fittings and quarter-turned. Leaving here they were soon at the station waiting for the train, which was late. They arrived at Tunbridge Wells about noon, and soon made their way for St. Peter's Church to hear the completion of a peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the Kent County Association. After listening to good ringing for some time, the peal unfortunately came to grief when about two-thirds of it had been rung, so the visitors were soon in the tower, and the ringers that had just set the bells gave them a hearty welcome. After a few words of sympathy from the visitors for the misfortune, the ropes were offered them which they felt great pleasure in accepting. They then rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples and 252 of Stedman Triples, this being the first Stedman on the bells. This is a handy little peal, tenor about 14 cwt., and everything in good order. The bells being lowered, the visitors, with their friends, in all about twenty-five, made for the Oxford Temperance Hotel, where dinner had been ordered. Here they thoroughly satisfied the inner man. Arrangements had been made for them to ring at Speldhurst, three miles from Tunbridge Wells, but being much later at dinner than first arranged, they gave up the idea of going there, it being 3.40 p.m. when dinner was over, so most of them went to the Temperance Fete in a park close to St. Peter's Church, where there were plenty of amusements. Leaving there about 7 o'clock, they arrived at Redhill Junction at 9.10 p.m., all thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing. They desire through this medium to thank the Vicar and steeplekeeper at Tunbridge Wells, Mr. H. Barefield, for the able manner in which he made all the arrangements for them.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

An extra or Jubilee Meeting of this society took place at Rushden, on Monday, August 1st. Owing to other Bank Holiday attractions, and the fact that no ringers attended from Finedon, Higham Ferrers, or Burton Latimer, the gathering was not as large as expected. Bands from Raunds, Rushden, Wellingborough, and Ringstead, handled the ropes during the day. At 1 p.m., dinner was provided at the Coffee Tavern. This was followed by a short business meeting, at which it was unanimously decided that ringers who were in default must pay up all arrears before being reinstated as members. It was also arranged that the next meeting take place at Kettering or Wellingborough or Easter Monday, that being a convenient day for the ringers, and one on which the noise of the bells would be less troublesome to places of business near the Church. The only hon. members present were the Rev. — Richards (Rushden), and Mr. Dennes (Wellingborough). A vote of thanks, given with three hearty cheers, was accorded to the respected Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Hugh Bryan, also to the Rev. Canon Barker, for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in throwing open the rectory grounds for the amusement of the ringers. Most of the afternoon was spent in the rectory garden, where the beautiful peal of handbells belonging to the Rushden men were brought into use. A game of cricket too was improvised, bats, ball, and wicket, being of a decidedly original character. The Church of St. Mary's, Rushden, is noted for its handsome spire, and "strainer" arch. The bells are a tuneful peal of six, cast by Taylor and Son, of St. Neots, 1794. The tenor which weighs 20 cwt. (diameter 48 inches), bears date 1818, so was probably recast at that time. The bells go remarkably well, the ropes are of excellent make, and the bell-chamber and fittings generally are in good order. There is a capital clock which chimes the Cambridge quarters. It would be a great improvement if the clock weights were "cased in," instead of being left exposed as at present.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 1st, some members of the above society who meet at St. Sepulchre's every Sunday morning throughout the year, celebrated their tenth anniversary by dining together at the "Bush Inn," near Dorking. A sumptuous spread was provided by host Collins, who was untiring in his efforts to make all happy. The party made a strong endeavour to clear the cloth, but had to give the host best by a long way, as the supplies did not cease until the request was made to clear the table, after which the Chairman (Mr. Rumsey), gave the usual loyal toasts which were heartily received, followed by a course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Nelms, Davis, Church, Matthews, and Lovett. The toast of "The Vicar, Churchwardens, and Vestry of St. Sepulchre's" was received with musical honours, to which Mr. Hart responded. After songs by Messrs. Church, Davies, Wheeler, etc., and selections on bells by Clarkson, etc., "The Visitors" was next given.

Mr. JOHN NELMS, responding, thanked them for such a reception, and dwelt on the friendly and independent spirit of the party, urging them to work shoulder to shoulder, hoping they would have many more of these enjoyable days; after which the party separated for sports, etc. Time being called by the stewards, all made for the train, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and agreed that they had a right good Jubilee, thanks to host Collins.

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

On Monday, August 1st, this Society held its outing, the place chosen being Kingsbridge, where change-ringing has never or very little been heard of before. The members met at 7 a.m., and took train to Totnes, where a break was in waiting to convey them by road to Kingsbridge, a distance of ten miles. Arriving at the pretty little country town about 11 o'clock, and after the inner man was refreshed an adjournment was made to the tower of St. Edmund's church, where hangs a pretty peal of eight, by Mears and Stainbank, cast in the year 1876, tenor 14 cwt. in F. A start was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 1200 changes a mishap occurred which brought the peal to grief. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; J. Moss, 6; J. Batchelor, 7; G. Mundy, 8. Time not permitting to make another start for the peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in 40 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; T. J. Lake, 8. After this an adjournment was made for refreshments to the coffee tavern; and then the handbells were brought into use, some short touches being rung, also some tunes, to the enjoyment of the inhabitants, the rest of the time was very pleasantly spent with some ringing friends from Plymouth, Bickley, and the local ringers. After spending a most enjoyable day's outing, the party arrived home at 10.30 p.m. This society begs, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. A. H. Simms, for granting permission to ring, and also the local ringers for their kindness in getting all things ready.

THE MAPLE.—The Maple (*Acer campestre*, L.) is the only truly indigenous representative of the genus *Acer* and of the order *Sapindaceae*. True, its congener, the Sycamore, is a very common tree, familiar to all, as is also the Horse-chestnut, which is more distantly akin; but neither of these has been more than a few centuries in our islands, whilst the Maple is not only common, but has never been doubted to be a truly wild tree. Some of its congeners are large trees; but the Maple is seldom more than ten or twenty feet high. In sheltered situations, however, it considerably exceeds these dimensions, trees of twenty years of age being recorded as reaching thirty-four feet in height. One at Farnham Castle, in Surrey, is recorded by Loudon, in 1835, as being thirty feet high at fifty years of age; one at Finborough Hall, Suffolk, forty feet at seventy years; one at Braystock, Essex, as fifty feet at eighty years; and one growing in stoney clay at Melbury Park, Dorset, a hundred years of age and only thirty-eight feet in height, having however a trunk two feet nine inches in diameter, whilst that of its head was thirty-seven feet. The finest recorded Maple, however, is probably that at Blairlogie in Stirlingshire, growing in an exposed situation in light loam on dry gravel, which at the age of three hundred and two years had reached the height of fifty-five feet, with a diameter of four feet, and a head forty-three feet across.—From "Familiar Trees" for August.

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Tuesday, the 26th July, the above Society held their annual outing, the places selected being Dunster and Minehead. The handbells were brought out, and fired in the station previous to departure, as one old member remarked "Just to show they were ringers."

Dunster was reached about eleven, and after luncheon they proceeded to the Church of St. George, and with the assistance of Mr. C. B. Craze, of Dunster, rang 630 of Grandsire Triples. G. Staddon, 1; C. B. Craze, 2; E. Duckham, 3; G. Morgan, 4; E. Beake, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; G. Daltry, 7; G. Stallard, 8. Mr. E. Jones and Mr. Wm. Dowling stood out.

Great admiration was expressed by the ringers for this splendidly appointed belfry, none ever having seen its equal.

The ringing-room is match-boarded round, and ceiling of same stained and varnished, while every comfort for the ringers is studied, such as carpets, garden chairs, tables, looking glass, etc. The ropes fall in a good circle, inlaid mats are provided on tops of blocks to deaden sound of feet. The bells, the "go" of which is perfect, are a good ring of eight, with tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs., in F. After a course of Triples on the Dunster company's handbells, the party went by conveyance to Minehead, where in spite of the rain they managed to enjoy themselves. Selections of tunes were given on the handbells at Minehead station, and on the homeward journey, Bristol being reached shortly after twelve. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar of St. George's, Dunster, for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. B. Craze for his kindness.

G. DALTRY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 8th, eight members of the above Guild met at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for the purpose of attempting a peal of Stedman Triples, as a farewell to Mr. G. Williams, who is leaving the neighbourhood, but after ringing 1100 changes in 39 mins., the men were startled by a noise as of something falling in the clock-case, which was found to have been caused by two or three bricks having become dislodged from the tower. J. Hewett, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; H. White, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Hill, 5; J. Staples, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; G. Grafham, 8. A short touch of Treble Bob Major was then rung, after which two of the party made their way to the station, and the Rev. H. A. Spyers arriving from Purbrook, a 700 of Grandsire Triples were rung. G. Williams, 1; C. Privett, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Hill, 4; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; W. Swash, 8. And on Tuesday, August 9th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. C. Privett, 1; F. Hill, 2; G. Williams, 3; G. Grafham, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; H. White (conductor), 6. A subsequent 720 of Oxford Bob came to grief through the breaking of a rope. After splicing the rope, a start was made for a 504 of Stedman Triples, but when about half-way through, the same rope broke in another place. H. White, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; T. Passingham, 7; T. Matthews, 8.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

The Annual Business Meeting of this Society was held on Monday, the 8th inst, after the usual fortnightly practice at St. Clement's, when important matters affecting the society were discussed, and the following Officers elected to serve for the forthcoming year.—

Master:—Mr. H. Langdon.

Secretary:—Mr. J. Barry.

Treasurer:—Mr. E. Albone.

Senior Steward:—Mr. R. T. Woodley.

Junior Steward:—Mr. H. R. Newton.

Towards the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the officers for their services during the past year; especial reference being made to the retiring master, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, who, in responding, thanked the members for the support they had given to him and the other officers during that period.

"HARRY OF MONMOUTH."

An interesting commemoration of the 500th birthday of King Henry V. of England—popularly designated "Harry of Monmouth," took place on Tuesday, August 9th, at Monmouth. The bells of St. Mary's Church, said to have been brought by that King from France, were rung throughout the day. The Mayor, the Lord-Lieutenant of the county (the Duke of Beaufort), and a large party assembled to lunch. The room in which the luncheon was given was hung with portraits of the soldier King and pictures representing events in his career. Before the company rose, the following telegram was received from the Queen: "The Queen is interested to hear that you are celebrating the 500th anniversary of Henry of Monmouth.—PONSONBY." High holiday was kept in the town all day, and public sports were held, concluding with a picturesque torchlight procession.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING of the year was held at Nottingham, on Saturday, August 6th, when members attended from Burton, Derby, Duffield, Long Eaton, and Leicester. The towers of St. Mary's, All Saints', and St. Peter's churches were open to the Association during the afternoon and evening, and various touches were rung, including Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Triples. After the General Meeting was concluded, the President, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., announced his intention of inviting the members of the Association to a garden party at Duffield Bank, on Saturday, September 3rd, which announcement was received with great cheering. The following were unanimously elected as officers for the Nottingham district for the ensuing year, viz., Mr. H. W. Abbott, 44 Lamcote Grove, Arkwright Street, Nottingham, Local Hon. Secretary; Mr. S. Burton, and Mr. S. Simkin, Committee.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

The new tenor bell cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, was hung in the steeple of Long Sutton church last week. It will be remembered that the old tenor, cast by Mr. Henry Penn in 1716, was cracked last November, in tolling for the funeral of the late vicar (the Rev. E. L. Bennett). The new bell is inscribed "Te Deum Laudamus. George Spencer Leigh-Bennett, Vicar, John William Swain and Joseph Cartwright, Churchwardens, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Year, 1887." Weight 10½ cwt. in F.

AN UGLY CUSTOMER.—The Chamæleon has been thus termed after its curious designation by the Greeks. They called it Small Lion, and yet a more significant name might have been given to it, for Aristotle described the strange creature with his usual accuracy. It is one of the most extraordinary looking things in Nature, and its flattened body is surmounted by a crest of toothed skin on the thin back. The neck is creased, and the head is triangular in outline, having a pyramidal top. The eyes are large and glaring, and look in different directions, being moreover, covered with skin except in their centre. The ears are not visible, and the mouth is a slit. A long, compressed, pointed, prehensile tail is usually twisted around some object by way of safety, and the fore and hind feet have digits divided into fore and aft sets, and they clasp their supporting bough very much after the fashion of some birds. The skin is soft, knobbed, or tubercular, lax on the creature, and is like a minutely scaly shagreen, and its colour changes in a very remarkable manner. Usually very still, slow, and quiet in their movements, the Chamæleons can suddenly protrude an extremely long, fleshy, cylindrical, worm-shaped tongue, with a curious lobed cup-shaped end, and thus catch insects with singular rapidity and certainty. Indeed, it is the most active part of the animal, which usually hidden up under leaves, or on boughs much resembling it in colour, does not chase its prey, but watches and waits until an insect comes within the length of half of its body and tail, and then suddenly it protrudes its long tongue, and the victim is stuck fast to it by a viscid secretion. When the tongue is withdrawn it brings the insect into the mouth, and it is then packed away in a grove in the hard palate.—From "Cassell's Natural History" for August.

THE TWO BIG BENS.

The following paragraphs concerning these bells have been culled from various sources. They appear to be not unfit for publication in our paper, though we have no desire to initiate any discussion upon the Westminster bells. Mr. DENISON is now no more, at least under that patronymic, for he now sits in the House of Lords as Baron Grimthorpe.

REMOVAL OF THE BELL FOR THE GREAT CLOCK, WESTMINSTER PALACE.—There are few antiquarian subjects which have been so extensively popular as the history of bells. And the bells of our own day command a like share of attention; and to chronicle the casting, the naming, the removal, of a large bell, becomes an object of interest. Hence we have specially recorded the progress of the bell for the Westminster Great Clock, which on Tuesday was safely delivered from the *Wave*, by which it had been brought from the foundry, alongside Messrs. Maudslay's wharf, near Westminster-bridge, those gentlemen having kindly granted the use of their crane, etc., to Mr. Jabez James, of Broadwall, for that purpose. The Great Bell, which as our readers are aware, was founded by Messrs. Warner and Sons, was afterwards conveyed on a low truck drawn by sixteen horses, over Westminster bridge, and safely deposited in Palace-yard. Mr. Quarm, clerk of the works of the new Palace, superintended the arrangements, and Professor Taylor and Sir Charles Barry were both present. The crowd collected in Palace-yard after its arrival was so great that the police had considerable difficulty in keeping the approaches to Palace-yard clear. In the course of the afternoon the bell was lifted from the truck and swung under the massive frame erected for the purpose at the foot of the clock tower. It was then tested once or twice, and, having been pronounced entirely free from crack or flaw of any kind, it was propped up with timber to take the immense strain off the chains by which it is suspended, and so left to repose in silence after its journey for the night. All bells, we believe, are christened before they begin to toll, and on this occasion it is proposed to call our King of bells "Big Ben," in honour of Sir Benjamin Hall, the President of the Board of Works, during whose tenure of office it was cast.—*The Illustrated London News* for November 1st, 1856.

EXPERIMENT UPON THE GREAT BELL OF THE NEW PALACE AT WESTMINSTER.—Every stage of the manufacture and erection of this magnificent bell for the clock of the new Houses of Parliament is replete with interest. Indeed, from the extraordinary attention paid to the fabrication of the bell, and its involving several new theoretical views, it may be doubted whether, within memory, experimental science has been brought to bear to a like extent upon this class of manufacture. It may be as well to explain that the bell when placed in the Clock Tower, will be struck at each hour by means of a hammer, while the quarters will be struck upon four smaller bells. The first experiment made was to determine the proportionate weight of the striking hammer of the large bell, and the space through which it should fall upon the bow of the bell. The trial was made in New Palace-yard, at the foot of the tower, and here were assembled Mr. Denison, who designed the bell, Mr. Dent, the maker of the clock, and Mr. Quarm, the able clerk of the new Palace works. There were also present a few privileged spectators. To make the experiment, the ponderous hammer, of nearly, or quite a half ton weight, was placed on a stout framework of wood, at an inclination of about forty-five degrees, and slightly touching the bell: the hammer was then raised from this position some inches, at various times, by means of a crab, which was then thrown out of gear, and the massive hammer-head fell by its own weight, striking the bell with great precision, and bringing out the sound to its fullest extent. We believe the experiment to have been quite satisfactory. When the whole work is accomplished, we trust it will redound to the credit of those several gentlemen into whose hands this herculean labour has fallen.—*The Illustrated London News* for December 27th, 1856.

RECASTING THE CLOCK BELL FOR THE NEW HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.—Our readers will not have forgotten the interest excited by the elevation of "Big Ben" to his proper place in the clock tower of the Westminster Palace, nor the regret so generally felt on the discovery of his imperfect construction. They

will remember his deposition from his "pride of place" and his subjection to the unpleasant process of being pounded into pieces. But, as the poet says, "even in our ashes live their wonted fires;" and old Big Ben, like a phoenix, arises anew from his own ruins. The recasting of the great bell for the clock tower of the new Houses of Parliament took place at the bell foundry of Messrs. Mears, Whitechapel Road, on Saturday, April 12th. The old bell was begun to be broken on February 17th, 1858, and the operation lasted nearly a week. The pattern of the new bell was begun in November, from a drawing given by Mr. Denison; and the making of the mould commenced on the 18th of December, and was continued without interruption about three weeks, when it was finally put together and rammed up. The mould consists first of the core, which is built up of bricks, covered with clay, and formed to the shape of the inside of the bell, by means of a board, called the sweep or crook, travelling round a centre. When this is well dried by a fire on the inside, what may be called a clay bell in made upon it, the outside of that being "swept" out by another crook in the same way. This also has to be thoroughly dried before proceeding to the next operation, which is the making of the cope, or inside mould of the bell. This is made of clay or loam, held together with iron bands, and fitted with hooks to lift it by when it is dry. When it is lifted it brings the clay bell with it, holding by means of the thin beads, which may be seen round all large bells, and technically called "wires." The clay bell is broken out of the cope, which is then put down again over the core; and in this instance was bolted down between a large iron plate under the core, and a smaller one on the top of the cope. The pit was thirteen feet deep, and the extreme height of the bell being seven and a half feet, there was considerable space left for a dead head, or pressure of metal, which is essential to produce sound casting at the top. After the cope is put on and bolted down, the pit is filled with sand and well rammed, and this operation occupied twenty-seven men four days. The metal was melted in three furnaces, holding together very nearly eighteen tons, of which nearly sixteen tons was the metal of the old bell, and the rest new metal, previously run into ingots, in proportion of seven of tin to twenty-two of copper, as in the former bell. The larger pieces of metal remained in the furnace about twenty hours, and the smaller ones about ten hours. Mr. Mears still uses only wood fuel, as the old founders did, which does not melt the metal so quickly as coal, but it is supposed to be better in its action. An operation was performed here for the first time in bellfounding, viz., blowing hot air into the mould during the whole of the day before casting. This is now usually done in large castings of brass or gun metal, and Mr. Denison wished to have it done with the former bell, but Messrs. Warner thought it unnecessary. On this occasion it was made one of the conditions of the contract. As soon as the metal in the furnaces was pronounced hot enough, the hot air was cut off, and the airhole filled up. The fountains of metal were opened at twenty-seven minutes to eight p.m., and the mould was filled up in twenty minutes. The skill, energy, and caution of Messrs. Mears throughout the whole of this delicate operation cannot be too highly praised. "Big Ben," however, was by no means the only great bell that turned "cracked." We learn from the *Builder*, that the great bell of Montreal, the largest ever made before Big Ben, was cracked in its first year. The St. Paul's bell was cracked, and had to be recast twice, even in Sir Christopher Wren's time, and the still famous bell of Notre Dame at Paris, was cast no less than three times over, between the years 1680 and 1686, before a satisfactory result was obtained. The sooner the bells of Oxford and York share the same fate, the better, as they are both obviously defective; the former so much so, that it has been doubted whether it is not really cracked somewhere already: and the latter is almost disused.

THE LAST TOLL OF "BIG BEN."—It is with great regret that we announce that "Big Ben" tolled his last on Saturday afternoon, and its heavy doleful E natural will never again be heard booming over the metropolis. For some time past the state of the great bell has caused considerable anxiety; his voice has been less sound and vigorous than formerly, and the catastrophe has at length occurred which must doom the metal of the great bell once more to the furnace. There cannot be much doubt as to what will be the verdict of the country upon the enquiry which

must take place as to the cause of this untimely death. It was bad enough when a commission reported that there was no one in England who could make a bell, and ordered distinguished savans to visit every country in Europe to learn something about bell making: but it is far worse to have it proved upon two occasions that we are wholly incompetent to the work. Will no Frenchman, German, Russian, or Turk, come to our help and teach us how to make a bell that will not crack its own sides at the sound of its voice? The clock must be taken to pieces to get the broken bell down, and, of course, it cannot be put together again until a new bell has been cast, and hung in its place. So there will be more delay, more expense, in connection with these never ending Westminster clock and bells. The public is heartily sick of the whole question. We would recommend that Mr. Denison should be compelled to reside in the clock chamber, or belfry, of the tall tower, and himself strike the hours upon some large gongs until a proper bell is provided to do the work.—*The Observer* for October 4th, 1859.

A VISIT TO BRISTOL AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

ON Saturday afternoon, August 6th, Messrs. Priest and Howell visited Bristol for a friendly pull. All being arranged beforehand, a meet was made at Christ Church, where Mr. A. York had everything in readiness. The bells being raised in peal a start was made, which soon came to grief through the third rope slipping the wheel, and a second attempt shared the same fate, but the third start was more successful, with the bells running in fine style. A 1278 of Grandsire Caters was then rung. G. Pymm, 1; F. Tucker, 2; A. York, 3; W. Porch, 4; W. Paddock, 5; J. Priest, 6; F. Howell, 7; H. Porch (conductor), 8; J. Hinton, 9; C. Beak, 10. Aud on Sunday morning, August 7th, Messrs. Hinton, Daltry, and Howell took a walk over to Stapleton, and rang with some of the local ringers, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. F. Howell, 1; J. Bawn, 2; W. Plummer, 3; G. Daltry, 4; H. Bawn, 5; J. Hinton (conductor), 6. Also in the afternoon, Messrs. Hinton and Howell paid a visit to Twerton, near Bath, and attempted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief one course from home. J. Hinton, 1; G. Temple, 2; G. Hill, 3; J. Blackmore, 4; F. Howell, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; H. Wotton, 7; C. Bendall, 8. Also at St. Andrew's, Bath, for evening service, a short touch of Grandsire Triples. S. Wyburn, 1; J. Hinton (conductor), 2; G. Hill, 3; F. Howell, 4; —. Tovey, 5; D. Goodman, 6; —. Beasley, 7; —. 8. First quarter-peal of Caters by Messrs. Pymm, Tucker, W. Porch, Paddock, and Howell, and first 720 by Messrs. Bawn. Mr. F. Howell hails from Thornbury, and J. Priest from Wanstead, Essex. The visitors wish through the medium of this journal to tender their thanks to all the ringers of the various towers for making their visit such a pleasant one, and hope at some future date to pay another visit.

NEWHAVEN FISHER FOLKS' SUPERSTITIONS.—“Dwelling only a few bow-shots from the metropolis of an ancient kingdom, this people remain isolated,” says a writer in 1865—“apart—distinct in costume and dialect, in manners and mode of thinking. The customs, laws, and traditions of their forefathers appear as if they had been stereotyped for their use.” They believe in many of the whimsical and ideal terrors of past generations, and have many superstitions that are not entirely their own. Whilst at sea, if the idea of a cat or a pig float across their mind, their names must not be uttered, or if so, in veiled language. To think of dogs is unlucky: of hares, terrible! Should a reference be made to a “minis'er” as such, vague and undefined terror fills every bronzed visage, as he should be spoken of only as “the man in the black coat;” and Friday is an unlucky day for everything but getting married; and to talk of a certain man named Brounger is—according to the writer quoted—sure to produce consternation. John Brounger was an old fisherman of Newhaven, who, when to feeble to go to sea, used to ask for some oysters or fish from his neighbours on their return, and if not amply supplied, he cursed them, and wished them—on their next trip—“ill-luck,” and it sometimes came; to propitiate him, his moderate demands became, ere he died, an established claim. Hence it would seem that now to say to a crew at sea, “John Brounger’s in your head-sheets,” or “on board of you,” is sufficient to cause her crew to haul in the dredge, ship their oars, and pull the boat thrice round in a circle, to break the evil spell, and enough sometimes to make the crew abandon work.—From “*Cassell’s Old and New Edinburgh*” for August.

HERE AND THERE.

I should imagine that the probationer of the Oxford Guild who saw no encouragement in being called upon to pay for his own dinner, belongs to the “peculiar” people. He would have the practical change-ringer pay for himself and those who had not yet learnt, and I suppose those who would not learn to ring. Well, Mr. Probationer, no one *deserves* a dinner till it has been earned. When you can ring a bell in a 5040 of London Surprise, you will be entitled to a free ticket, and the Secretary of the Guild will be sure to send you one for the next meeting, and a free railway pass as well.

While the Cumberlands are to be congratulated upon booking the first peal upon the repleted ring of ten at Chelmsford, there are two matters in connection with the coveted ambition that are not be commended. When it became known on Whit-Monday that a band comprising members of the College Youths and Essex and Norwich Associations were arranging to start for a peal in the evening, the sudden disappearance of the contents of that mysterious black bag from the tower was bad taste. A similar band having applied for the use of the tower on Monday week the adoption of the latter title is straining rivalry to its utmost extent. By a perusal of the names of the band, it will be seen that some new blood was imported, probably this was thought requisite in order to avoid such a fatal blunder as that made on Whit-Monday.

Speaking of the appearance of the peal under three headings it is asserted that one of the band was not aware that he was a member of the Norwich Association till the peal appeared in print, while the name of another member of the band is not to be found in the list of members of the Essex Association. True, a plea may be set up that such member was elected in the tower, but no notification having appeared—as has hitherto been an unwritten law—the question arises if the peal was a *bona fide* one beyond the Cumberlands.

The attempt to book this honour by another band of the College Youths made a few weeks since did not terminate very satisfactorily. Gentlemen who do not wish to be compelled to modify their language in contending that they have never lost a peal, should not attempt a fourth’s place bob with the treble after ringing half-an-hour in Grandsire Caters.

It is unnecessary to recapitulate an account of the struggles that were made to secure the rehanging of the two Chelmsford trebles, but it would be interesting to know who has done the most fighting, the College Youths, the Cumberlands, or the outsiders that are not considered to have sufficient intelligence to belong to either of these societies. If permitted to be “in the know,” I should say that the latter have done more to secure the completion of the work than both Societies combined; under these circumstances it is far from creditable that the “Independents” should be excluded from even attempting a touch, upon the assumed ground that they had some connection with the black bag business. Bye-the-bye, if as hinted, the contents of this indispensable article form the subject of a fireside Christmas tale, we shall probably learn that the “Independents” were not in the hunt.

The heat of the past week has been most unfavourable for ringing. I suggest to my brother-strings the necessity there is of taking great care of themselves. I am told that a ringer living in the metropolitan area, after a few days ringing fell very ill and was unable to follow his employment the following day. The physician diagnosed his illness as a case of “sunstroke.” An attack of this kind fortunately does not hinder the active pen of

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THE mention of "Cressy," "Poitiers," and "Agincourt" will ever raise within the breasts of Englishmen feelings of pride and exultation of a very pardonable character. Few readers of English history will refuse to grant that the battles fought at the three places here mentioned are the most remarkable encounters ever fought and won. Whatever the cause, just or unjust, of the war in which they were engaged, the bravery, hardihood, and exertions made by the English forces under HENRY V., led by him against the French five hundred years ago, are certainly to be classed amongst the most brilliant victories ever achieved by the arms of Britain. With only a small force of men the gallant and youthful HENRY completely shattered the immense army of France, himself performing those wondrous feats of arms which have since placed him in the front rank of the "Heroes of Britain." What wonder then, that the inhabitants of Monmouth should celebrate with the greatest enthusiasm the 500th birthday of that extraordinary man who was born in their town? As the Mayor said, when the anniversary was celebrated at Monmouth last Tuesday, and when he called upon the guests assembled to do honour to the occasion and drink in solemn silence to the memory of HENRY V., "the association of the mighty Prince with that town was a circumstance of which every inhabitant was justly proud. Within a few yards of where they seated, stood the castle in which was born one of the greatest heroes the Lancaster family had given to England." Ringing cheers greeted this remark; and if any proof was wanted that the good folk of Monmouth are loyal to the ancient traditions of their country, surely it was given when a little later on in the day the following telegram was read "The Queen is interested to hear that you are celebrating the five hundredth anniversary of the birth of HENRY of Monmouth," for the company cheered again and again, while a band near played the National Anthem. Such events as these have a peculiar interest to us, especially at the present time. The Jubilee year of our Queen has only just been celebrated, and one cannot fail to make

comparisons between the days of the nineteenth century civilization, and the position of society at the time of HENRY V. What extraordinary differences existed in those days between the various classes of the people few can imagine, and perhaps none can realise. And what wonderful advances have been made in every department of public life and character! Wonderful indeed! and to the reader of history no more instructive lesson can be taught than that presented to him by the contemplation of the different stages through which this country has passed. True, the men of HENRY's days were capable of performing feats of strength in times of war, which were prodigious, and which would astonish the Britisher of to-day; but let us not forget that "peace hath her victories no less renowned than war," and that we have therefore privileges great and holy gained by the influences of peace-loving men which could not be gained nor enjoyed by all the power, wonderful though it was, of "HENRY of MONMOUTH."

There is a kind of application—we use the word in its rhetorical sense—to be reaped from such festivities as the one under notice. The old town of Monmouth has we know, a ring of bells, and a thriving young society of willing hands to ring them. A more fitting way of adding to the general rejoicing could hardly be conceived, than that provided by these same willing hands. And there was no lack in this respect. "Peals" were rung throughout the day in honour of the occasion, and again and again did the gladdening sound "float o'er hill and dale," as if once again telling the thrilling story of how victory had crowned the efforts of the soldier king. Our brotherhood all over the world will bear us out in saying that this is as it should be. Many steeples in the country, splendidly adapted to the placing of magnificent peals of bells, are yet unfortunately without such harbingers of joy. This is a fact to be deplored, but however much it may be regretted, it still exists, and until there is more advantage taken of the means of information on the subject of bells and bell-ringing, so easily to be obtained, we are afraid the reproach will be continued. There are any number of young men willing to learn the art if they have the opportunity given them, but it is impossible for such knowledge to be attained without the necessary materials. The application then is that when memorials are about to be erected for the perpetration of historical heroes, a ring of bells is one of the most appropriate it is possible to conceive.

The Select Committee on Sunday Postal Labour have completed their Report. They recommend that the Sunday delivery of books, circulars, and all printed matter other than newspapers, should be absolutely discontinued. In the case of letters they propose that the Sunday delivery should cease unless in boroughs a majority of two-thirds of the Council, and in rural districts a majority of two-thirds of the ratepayers, should declare in favour of its continuance. They suggest that where a Sunday delivery ceases there should be a window delivery, and that if a Sunday delivery is stopped in the mode proposed it should also be competent to restore it in the same way.

Throughout the whole of Wednesday afternoon, the Leyton and Leytonstone Fire Brigade was playing upon the peat in Epping Forest. In some places it was burning to the depth of nine or ten inches.

A COURT OF EQUITY.

DISPUTATIONS and wranglings are said to be proverbial among ringers. There is sufficient truth in such an assertion to give rise to a wish that some means could be devised whereby these disagreeable episodes could be abolished, and their unpleasant effects nullified. Their reduction to a minimum is not enough; we want their absolute and altogether total effacement. The many and various causes of disagreement or, it should be said, contrariety of feeling—for opinion has very little to do with it—are not so very complicated as to defy easy settlement. In fact it will generally be found that the bone of contention between ringers is a very small matter, only that the belligerents have not the tact or the sense, unfortunately, to suggest terms of accommodation or agreement between themselves. It sometimes happens, it is true, that the olive-branch is held out to promote harmony and peace. But how often do we see such a commendable action, such a movement towards goodwill, spurned and treated with contumely? It is useless to condemn such people. Those who prefer to be always habited in their war-paint are not amenable to the teaching which is given by experienced counsel. To cure such narrowmindedness it is necessary that some sort of coercion should be resorted to to force them to listen to the dictates of reason, and failing compliance, a penalty of some kind, such as a moral and social excommunication, should be inflicted.

There would under such circumstances seem to be a difficulty in denoting what kind of tribunal should be established for the purpose of bringing about such an desideratum as the amicable and just settlement of disputes, whether they savoured of reality, or were in fact merely sentimental. To advocate a species of judicature before which controversies of ringers shall be impartially decided, seems at first sight chimerical and utopian in the highest degree. Yet it appears that a judgment of such a kind has recently been given and acquiesced in. We have only to read the observations of the worthy Master of the Oxford Guild at the recent Annual Meeting to prove this statement. A member of a ringing company—so it would seem—in union with the Oxford Guild, felt himself aggrieved by the action of the Vicar of the Church to which he was attached, and the real or supposed wrong came under the cognisance of the Master of the Guild for the purpose of adjudication. As we understand the matter, the process adopted by Mr. ROBINSON and his decision, appears to have given satisfaction, and this fact in itself goes a long way to show the value of the theory and practice of arbitration to put an end to these kind of difficulties. It is contended here that similar courts of appeal could be easily established wherever Diocesan or County Guilds have sway. Maybe to some people the suggestion is ridiculous and not worthy of a moment's thought. But we are fortified in our belief in its efficacy by the example already mentioned; and there is no doubt whatever that a similar process as that could be adopted with benefit at the present time in other parts of the country.

Opposition to such a movement would of course be expected, but in the end surmounted. People who have been allowed to have their own way in belfry matters would be bound to object to anything which would have the least tendency to divest them of even a portion of their "little brief authority," but the race is nearly run of this sort of bugbear. At any rate they will not live for ever. The proposal we have ventured to shadow forth is at any rate worth consideration.

AGER FORUM.

St. Stephen's Review understands that the Queen has determined on instituting an order of literary merit, and that Her Majesty has called to aid her councils in the matter some of the leading literary men of the day. The order, as far as present arrangements go, is to consist of 20 knights, 50 knight companions, and 100 companions.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I herewith send you a short account of how the ringers in this part of Her Majesty's dominions kept Jubilee Day.

It was arranged to meet and ring from twelve to one in the early morning. Accordingly a company of eight met and rang a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, then home to bed for a few hours, to meet again at nine o'clock. When that hour arrived, or between that and ten, you should have seen the muster we had, perhaps in no other Church tower in England or out of England was there such a representative gathering, not less than twelve English counties being represented, most of them being strangers to each other, many of whom had not had a pull for a great many years. One old man turned up, saying it was forty-five years since he last tried his hand. "Do let me have a try," he said, "for I rang at the Queen's Coronation." Of course he had his try, and in fact everybody that liked. I should have said that the above old man's name, as he gave me, was T. Dwight, of London. He added—"I never was much in my day, but I had a brother who was all there at it."

I made an attempt to get five or six that actually rang at the Queen's Accession and Coronation to have a few rounds together, but could only get three. Of course in such a gathering the majority were Churchyard Bob men, but everyone was allowed to show his skill, such as it was, and so the morning passed quickly away. After a hasty dinner at an adjoining inn, and a course of Caters on the handbells, our best band took the ropes for, as the sailors would say, any port they could fetch, or in other words, to see how far we go toward the 5040, and we had some first-class ringing for 59 mins., getting nearly a third of the peal, when unfortunately the 3rd and 5th changed course, and the conductor (Mr. J. Guest, of Lichfield, Staffordshire), called "stand." We were placed as follows: C. Crang, 1; W. Shenton, 2; W. H. Albinson, jun., 3; J. Clark, 4; J. Guest, 5; W. Albinson, sen., 6; J. Murrey, 7; W. Pearson, 8. Nothing more in the shape of change-ringing was attempted, but the bells were not silent for another hour or so, for so many were there. I should have said that we rung at the Protestant Church of St. James, a light peal of eight, tenor between 13 and 14 cwt., the only peal in Melbourne in a Protestant Church, the other peal of eight being in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, which were quiet all day. Below are the English Counties represented here on this occasion:—

Cheshire	...	...	...	Wm. Albinson, sen.
"	...	...	...	Wm. Albinson, jun.
Yorkshire	...	...	...	J. Hoyle.
"	...	...	...	A. Tillotson.
Middlesex	...	...	...	W. Shenton (Hillingdon).
"	...	...	...	J. W. Durrant (Westminster).
"	...	...	...	T. Dwight (London).
"	...	...	...	W. W. Marshall (London).
Somersetshire	...	...	...	C. Crang.
Flintshire	...	...	...	J. Jones.
Stafford	...	...	...	J. Guest (Lichfield).
Bucks	...	...	...	E. Norman.
Essex	...	...	...	F. Seymour.
Wiltshire	...	...	...	J. Pontin.
Devonshire	G. F. Ware.
Berkshire	A. Cozens.
Norfolk	W. Watts.
Lancashire	J. Clark.

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Mr. A. Thomas, of Birmingham, writes:—"In the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Duffield on August 1st, the foot-note should read, 'the peal which contains the 5th and 6th each twenty-three course-ends behind the 9th, etc.' Please correct this, it was my mistake in reporting the same."

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, July 24th, at St. Paul's church, for evening service, a 630 of Grandsire Triples, with the twelve 4-6's. J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; M. Warwick, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; F. Keech, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Chapman, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also on Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Pass, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also a 240 of Bob Major. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Chapman, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. Also at St. Mary's church, on Thursday, July 28th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Barcock, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Chapman, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Keech, 6. Also on Thursday, August 4th, for practice, a 360 of College Little (nine bobs). A. Barcock, 1; M. Warwick, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; F. Keech, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And a 144 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEDALE.—On Saturday, August 6th, the Stockton company proceeded by excursion train to Bedale where they met Mr. Clark and a party of ringers who had driven over from Ripon for a pull on this heavy peal, when a 1024 of Kent Treble Bob was rung. T. Clark, 1; W. Pick, 2; A. H. Clark, 3; T. Burdon, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; W. Newson, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 8.

BENFIELDSIDE (Durham).—On Monday, August 1st, at St. Cuthbert's church, a 360 of Bob Minor. F. Barron, 1; Jno. Moffatt, 2; Wm. Reed, 3; — Spraggon, 4; R. Oliver, 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

BLACKHILL (Durham).—On Monday, August 1st, at St. Mary's (R.C.) church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. John Moffatt (South Shields), 1; William Reed (North Shields), 2; R. S. Story (Whitley; conductor), 3; R. Oliver (Jarrow), 4; Francis Lees (Newcastle), 5; Joel Hern (North Shields), 6. Tenor 23 cwt.

CONSETT (Durham).—On Monday, August 1st, at Christ Church, a 720 of Bob Minor. Henry Morgan, 1; R. S. Story, 2; David Davie, 3; Wm. Reed, 4; J. S. Taylor, 5; Wm. Story (conductor), 6. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th are local men, and this is their first 720. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Barron (Benfieldside), 1; Jno. Moffatt, 2; F. Lees, 3; R. Oliver, 4; Joel Hern, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evening service at St. Stephen's church, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. E. Watson, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; Matthew Tomlinson (Leeds), 3; W. Story, 4; T. Denton, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6; S. Power, 7; C. Wall, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

STOKESLEY.—On Saturday, July 23rd, a party of ringers drove over from Stockton, and rang on this new peal, a 720 of York Surprise. J. Clarkson, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. Burdon, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. Stephenson, 4; T. Burdon (conductor), 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday afternoon, August 7th, at St. Hildas church, for the Friendly societies demonstration service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. Robt. Hopper, 1; Jas. Moffitt, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. R. Wheldon, 4; John Moffitt, 5; Jos. Hopper, 6; J. T. Gibson (conductor), 7; Jos. Crawford, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday, August 5th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; *A. Edwards, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; W. J. Piper, 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob inside.

WRITTLE.—On Monday afternoon, August 1st, four members of this Association who had taken part that morning in the peal of Treble Bob Royal at Chelmsford, with the Rev. T. L. Papillon and A. Edwards, of Writtle, and Messrs. G. Dains and Harvey, of Widford, started for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but lost it after nearly an hour and a half's ringing through the 3rd rope slipping wheel. A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains, 2; E. F. Cole, Esq., 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; G. Newson, 6; F. Pitstow (conductor), 7; W. Harvey, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday evening, August 7th, at St. Margaret's church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung in

26½ mins. E. Raynor, 1; W. Tuffey, 2; J. Tulett, 3; G. Lindoff (R.E.), 4; W. Baker (conductor), 5; A. Haigh, 6.

FRINDSBURY (near Rochester).—On Thursday, July 28th, at All Saints' church, seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 31 mins. D. Winsor, 1; E. Collard, 2; A. Ring, 3; G. Hutchings, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt. The above was a Jubilee touch it being the occasion of the Frindsbury Sunday school Jubilee celebration, held in honour of the 50th year of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COOKHAM (Berks).—On Monday, July 26th, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins. C. Smith, 1; J. C. Truss, 2; J. Gibson (Marlow), 3; J. Garrell (Woodburn), 4; R. Flexman (Slough; conductor), 5; E. Keeley (Cookham), 6.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

Ringling done at Shireoaks, during the month of July.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for morning service, 240 of Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Sunday, July 10th, for morning service, a 720 of Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. And for evening service, a 360 of Duke of York, the band standing as before. Also on Monday, July 11th, 360 each of New London Pleasure and Duke of York. Standing as before. Also on Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, 240 each of Kent and New London Pleasure. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. And on Sunday, July 31st, a 360 of Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6.

WORKSOP.—On Monday, August 1st, a 360 of Oxford. W. Kelk (Killamarsh), 1; E. Russon, 2; H. Watkinson, 3; John Marshall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday morning, July 24th, at St. Paul's church, for divine service, 350 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; J. Worsell, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett, (conductor) 7; J. Mockett, 8. And for Divine service in the evening a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; J. Reilly, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Hill, 4; W. Gibson, 5; W. Allfrey (conductor), 6; A. Bennett, 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Thursday, July 28th, for practice, 882 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. King, 4; G. Biggerstaff, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Thursday, August 4th, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. Jesse Neves (St. Nicholas), 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; J. Worsell (first 504), 3; A. Fuller (St. Peters), 4; J. Salmon, 5; J. Reilly, 6; W. Allfrey, 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples. Herbert Eves, 1; George Biggerstaff, 2; John Salmon, 3; John Reilly, 4; George Hill, 5; William Allfrey (conductor), 6; Alfred Bennett, 7; John Mockett, 8. Time 43 minutes. This Quarter peal was composed by A. J. Perkins, of Romford, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS," of July 6th, 1887.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, August 2nd, at the house of Mr. L. Dunkley, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and 120 of Bob Doubles. E. Chapman, 1-2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6; C. Dunkley, 7-8 covering. Also 120 of Bob Doubles, with 2-4-6-8-10 covering. E. Chapman, 1-2; R. Dunkley, (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6; C. Dunkley, 7-8; C. B. Howell, 9-10. Also a course of Grandsire Triples. E. B. Howell, 1; C. Dunkley, 2; E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5-6; W. Richards, 7-8.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, July 31st, for evening service, six of the local company, assisted by two members of the St. James's Society, London (H. Langdon and G. Woodage), rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Mr. Banister's book, in 41 mins. F. French (conductor), 1; W. J. Cook, 2; G. Conyard, 3; H. Langdon, 4; J. Sloper, 5; F. Jacob, 6; J. Garard, 7; G. Woodage, 8.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Monday, August 1st, several members of the Southwark youths paid a visit to this place, and rang several touches on the bells of Holy Trinity church, assisted by members of the Dartford company.

DOUGLASS (Isle of Man).—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Thomas's church, for Divine Service at 11 o'clock, 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Sell (Douglass; conductor), 1; J. Quirk (Douglass), 2; R. Hill (Southport), 3; J. Taubmann (Douglass), 4; J. R. Pritchard (Liverpool), 5; J. Lucas (Douglass), 6. And on Monday morning, August 1st, for eight o'clock service a 360 of Grandsire Minor. J. B. Davies, 1; W. Leyland, 2; T. Orrett, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; J. R.

Pritchard (conductor), 6. Also after service a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. *J. Mercer, 1; W. Leyland, 2; T. Orrett, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 5; *J. B. Davies, 6. The ringers of the latter belong to the St. James's society, West Derby, near Liverpool, excepting the conductor. *1st 720. The visitors herewith (through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS") tender their hearty thanks to the vicar, the Rev. E. B. Savage, for his kindness in placing the bells at their disposal, and also to the steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Lucas, for having everything in good working order. The "go" of these bells are all that can be desired, and any visitors intending to have a pull on the island, will be welcomed both by the Vicar and the ringers.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. H. Perrin, jan., 1; R. Tabor, 2; H. Jermy, 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 6; W. Morris, 7; P. Springham, 8. Also three plain courses in the same method, the band standing as before. Messrs. Morris and Springham hail from Sawbridgeworth, the rest are of the local company.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Gobbett, 1; W. Cecil, 2; Y. Green, 3; S. Hayes, 4; S. Joyce, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; R. Turner, 7; T. Baker, 8. The above contains the twelve 4-6's, the twelve 7-4's and the twelve 6-7's. Composed by J. H. Barrett, of Stepney. And after service 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Turner, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; W. Cecil, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; S. Joyce, 5; H. Springall, 6; Y. Green, (conductor), 7; S. Hayes, 8.

STISTED (Essex).—Recently, for Divine service, a 720 of Plain Bob (with eight bobs and six singles). C. Duncomb, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; W. Bearman (Bocking), 3; E. Radley, 4; F. Saunders, 5; W. Radley (conductor), 6.

SALISBURY.—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, August 7th, at W. W. Gifford's rooms, Devizes road, on handbells retained in hand, 2520 o-Grandsire Triples, being the last half of Holt's ten-part peal, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8. Tenor 13 size in E. And on August 6th, at St. Martin's church, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, was attempted, but had to be abandoned after ringing 4620 changes, in 2 hrs. and 29 mins., on account of the tenor man's arms being seized with the cramp. H. D. Adams, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; N. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. McCaffrey (Trowbridge), 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. This is the third time this company has been disappointed after reaching the 10th part of this peal in each case. And on August 7th, for divine service, in the evening, a 700 of Grandsire Triples. S. Lawrence, 1; W. McCaffrey, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Tryhorn, 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, August 6th, for practice, at St. Gregory's Church, a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Tolla-day, 1; W. Griggs, 2; G. S. Brown, 3; J. Campin, 4; *W. B. Ransom, Esq., 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Cross, 7; A. Scott (conductor), 8. *Longest touch in the method.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, August 7th, for service at St. Martin's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Mills, 1; G. Hughes (conductor), 2; E. Goodreds, 3; W. Small, 4; S. Jesson, 5; A. Hill, 6; W. Pardoe, 7; B. Starkey, 8. Also for evening service, a 1087 of Grandsire Triples. S. Jesson, 3; W. Micklewright (Dudley; conductor), 5; the others as before. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RECEPTION OF THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA.—There was some fear lest the entry of the Princess into the capital would not be an unalloyed triumph. The officials of the Court had contrived to irritate the populace by several of their arrangements. The people were at first annoyed because they had been told the procession was to pass through the metropolis at a smart trot. Then the municipal dignitaries were greatly affronted because in the original plan they were to have no part in the procession. The reason given for this prohibition was that the Lord Mayor would necessarily have headed the pageant, but inasmuch as his unwieldy State coach must proceed at walking pace, his presence would have prevented the Royal carriages passing along at high speed. But when the Corporation met and expressed their anger at this interference with their prerogative, the Court officials yielded, and so it was arranged that the Lord Mayor and his train should head the procession as far as Temple Bar. But the moment the Princess appeared, her grace, her beauty, her charming simplicity of manners, carried all hearts by storm, and London was quite delirious with joyful excitement when she came on the scene.—From "The Life and Times of Queen Victoria" for August.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

DUFFIELD MAJOR.

* SIR,—I enclose you a peal of Duffield Major which has been forwarded to me by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. The composition is in two similar parts and contains as the only sixth place bells, the 4th and 6th each an equal number of courses in that position. Although no peal with the sixth moved can compare in musical value with those in which that bell remains at home throughout, still as a scientific production the peal under notice is most remarkable, and evidences an amount of labour and research which will be better appreciated when the method is more generally understood. A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

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The whole repeated.

H. EARLE BULWER, July, 1887.

USING THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

SIR,—In your issue for July 30th, the name of Mr. John R. Pritchard, Liverpool, is attached to a peal of 5040 Bob Triples, said to be rung at Tue Brook, near Liverpool, June 19th, 1886. Now I wish to inform Mr. Pritchard that the same peal can be found in *Snowdon's Ropesight*, page 91, with the name of the late J. Holt, and was first rung by the Society of Union Scholars, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, on August 12th, 1749, when it was conducted by its composer.

11, St. Leonard Street, Bedford.

C. W. CLARKE.

ERRATA.

In the issue for August 6th of "THE BELL NEWS," the foot note of a peal of Treble Bob Major by me should read thus: "And is the first time these qualities have been published in a one-part peal; 6th its extent in all positions."

C. PRICE.

AN ADDITION.—In the report of the peal rung at Ringwood, Hampshire on Monday, August 1st, it should have been stated that it was the first peal by C. Gaisford, tenor, as well as by the treble and fifth men.

J. R. J.

Would Mr. Rowbotham, of London, kindly send his address to W. T. Pates, 3, Victoria Place, Fairview, Cheltenham, or to the office of this paper.

ST. MARTIN'S COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM, AND
THE HOLT SOCIETY.

ON Monday, August 1st, the above companies proceeded to Duffield for their annual picnic. They were timed to leave New Street Station by the 8 a.m. train, but thanks to the excellent arrangements of Messrs. Cook, a special carriage was promised to be attached to the 9 a.m. express to Derby, and consequently some thirty members of the party booked for this train, which on arriving at No. 1 platform was found to be already occupied, and one compartment only reserved, the traffic superintendent informing the remainder of the company that they must get in there (pointing to a luggage van "our special"), or be left behind. This they thought was rather "cool" treatment, but some twenty of them tumbled in, and to their surprise found that the compartment was more frigid still, one end of it being packed with blocks of ice. This no doubt acted in a somewhat refreshing manner upon their already overheated temperaments, at being so unceremoniously handled by the officials, for almost before they had well cleared Birmingham, joke were going freely around "our special coach." It will be readily imagined by the readers of "THE BELL NEWS," to what a severe strain the officials of these Companies were subjected, when we state that according to the "official returns" some 43,520 passengers left this station on Bank Holiday. On arriving at Duffield, the company proceeded to the tower, and after a few members had made a brief examination of the frame, fittings, etc., which were greatly admired, Mr. Bastable placed his band at their respective ropes, and a start was made for Stedman Caters. During the progress of the peal, a few members of the company could be seen strolling leisurely about in the adjoining meadows enjoying a quiet pipe, whilst others more venturesome were trying their skill at "feathering the oar." At 3 p.m. about forty assembled at the "Bridge Inn," where an excellent dinner had been provided, after which it was announced to the company that Mr. Heywood had very kindly invited them to his beautiful grounds, where they were soon rambling.

On entering the park-like grounds we passed along the drive and up the grassy slope at the back of "The Home," which we left on our right, and continuing our climbing came to a "wicket," and thence along the hilly path leading to "Lawn Tennis Station," where we found our host awaiting us.

An excursion had been arranged from this station, and having a general pass (thereby avoiding individual booking), the company lost time in securing seats, and in a few minutes found themselves steaming along the (D. B. R.) Duffield Bank Railway. This railway, although running almost contiguous to the Midland, will be in no way affected by the threatened strike of drivers on that section, inasmuch as the "Managing Director" piloted our train. The signals being against us, we were compelled to stay for a short time at "Gorse Station," but on continuing our trip through "a wild and hilly country" we found ourselves at the "Rough," a station facing due north, from which elevated position could be seen the hilly country around Matlock, whilst in the valley beneath us the Derwent was winding its course among the rocks, and on the opposite bank the busy trains of the Midland dashing along to and from Derby. Such scenes as these to the eyes of persons more accustomed to look upon the lofty smoke stacks of our manufacturing towns, and to hear the dull thud of the stamp, the shrill screech of the piercer, or the busy hum of the burnish brush, are not readily described. After leaving this beautiful natural panorama, we proceeded through the woodlands passing Manor Copse Station, and crossing over a chasm, at the bottom of which could be seen a hammock slung from the trees, and other indications of its being "a cool resort," whilst from the girders of the bridge swings were suspended for the juveniles.

We now crossed the home sidings, and on past the lawn entered a cutting, which forcibly reminded us of the notice affixed to the carriages that "passengers are requested to allow nothing to protrude beyond the sides of the carriages," whilst in this cutting the lofty head-gear of one of the company, who in order the better to view the circuitous route of our train, had been standing, seemed to be in imminent danger, but the shrill whistle from our engine reminded him of our nearness to the tunnel, and he resumed his seat.

After passing this tunnel we came into what appeared to be the bottom of a "huge george," with its rocks, and trees towering above us, and with another short tower for its outlet, this brought us to our destination, "Lawn Tennis station," from which we had started only a short time previously. On the lawn at this station, Messrs. C. and T. Hattersley, Buffery, Russam, Kent and Reeves rang some Grandsire Cinques, whilst others were amusing themselves at that old English game—Bowls. During an express round Messrs. Joynes, Kent, T. Hattersley and Dixon rang a touch of Grandsire Triples in the train, also some Bob Major. On arriving at the Lawn station, tea, which had been liberally provided by our host, was in readiness in the carriage sheds, after which Messrs. Kent, Carter, Russam and Heywood rang a course of Duffield Major, and Messrs. Carter, Day, Thomas and Heywood a short touch of Stedman Triples.

After a brief interval the company, which included ringers from Hull, Sheffield, Derby, Nottingham, Burton-on-Trent, West Bromwich, Tipton, Wolverhampton, whilst Birmingham towers were represented as following: St. Martin's, St. Phillip's, St. Chad's (R. C. C.), St. John's, Deritend, St. John's, Perry Bar, St. Mary's, Handsworth, and Aston parish church, these were assembled in one corner of the lawn, and then Mr. C. H. Hattersley, on behalf of the company, appropriately thanked Mr. Heywood for the privilege he had extended to the St. Martin's company by allowing them to ring a peal on the bells of his parish church, also for the hospitable manner in which he had entertained the company that afternoon. This was attended with musical honours.

MR. HEYWOOD in thanking the company remarked that it was at all times a very great pleasure to him to welcome such a company of ringers as St. Martin's, Birmingham, and their friends, some of whom he had that day met for the first time, but he trusted that the acquaintance may be extended through a number of years, and that they may have many such gatherings in the future.

An adjournment was now made to the tower, where touches were rung in the four standard methods, whilst those who had come from a distance left to catch the 7.12 p.m. train from Duffield. One of the company had become so much enraptured with the afternoon's entertainment, that he could not be induced to leave "our horse," until he had seen it brought down the steep declivity, and along its circuitous path, and safely housed in "its stall." Some of the members enjoyed a quiet evening through the fields to Derby, the remainder after ringing had ceased for the day, left by the 9 p.m. train from Duffield, and on account of its being Bank Holiday, did not reach Birmingham until the small hours of Tuesday morning, although they had again succeeded in securing "our special coach."

A. T.

Mr. Justice Lawson, second Judge of the Queen's Bench Division in Ireland, died on Wednesday evening, aged 70, at his residence at Clanhara, county Dublin. He was called to the Bar in 1840, was made Queen's Counsel in 1857, Attorney General in 1865, and a Judge of the Common Pleas Division in 1868. He became Second Judge of the Queen's Bench in 1882. He also filled the office of legal member of the Irish Church Temporalities Commission.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT SPILSBY.

The annual meeting of this association took place at Spilsby, on Saturday, July 30th. A company of campanologists left Boston at 7.30 by road, and at Sibsey Mr. Mawer joined them. They then proceeded through Stickney and Sticford, and a pleasant drive of about an hour brought them to the foot of the hill at West Keal. Here the second halt was made; W. Hand having kindly provided breakfast. Afterwards the tower of West Keal was visited, the bells having been got in readiness and a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), was rung, in 21 mins. W. Vickers, (West Keal), 1; J. A. Hand, (West Keal), 2; G. Clark (Skirbeck), 3; J. Mawer (Sibsey), 4; A. Barber (Frieston), 5; E. Mason (conductor, Skirbeck), 6. The company then proceeded to Spilsby, and were met by ringers from Langton, East Keal, West Keal, Spilsby, Burgh, Halton Friskney and Frieston. At 12 Divine Service was held in the parish church, the preacher being the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, who is staying in the neighbourhood. The rev. gentleman took his text from Exodus xxviii., 34 and 35: "A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate upon the hem of the robe round about. And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and the sound shall be heard, when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord and when he cometh out." The preacher said:—

Very particular care the orders given for the holy garments which priest Aaron was to wear, when he went into the holy place before the Lord, as to the breastplate, too, with twelve precious stones, one precious stone for each tribe of Israel, the Urim and Thummim, the lights and perfections of holy worship, the plate of the priestly mitre, the ephod of all blue, pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet, and bells of gold between the many coloured pomegranates round about, all upon Aaron so ministering. Tinkle, tinkle, little golden bells, may be a pretty, musical sound, heard in the holy place. Bells, says the prophet Zachariah, may be holiness to the Lord. By what is holy, we mean what is set apart from all profanity. There are steps of holiness, as of most things both good and bad. These steps are the steps of a divine ladder, set on earth reaching to heaven. Even lifeless things, as bells and vestures and stones and wood and brass and silver and gold, may be holy; hence God helping us up this mystic ladder, we may reach the holiness of persons, thence from the offices of persons, a step much higher (for here there is a large space between the steps) to holiness of heart; holy men and holy women; then higher still holy angels, and holy souls in holy heaven; then the highest step, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three persons one God. But though no profanity can touch God, no angels, nor spirits of men and women in Heaven, yet, alas! profanity may touch at times the hearts even of holy men and women on earth; it touches and defiles the hearts of common christians, though once baptized in an holy font; it touches all sorts of inanimate things, when neglected or little cared for, or debased to common or even bad uses. Very often has the tower of a Church been regarded as hardly part of the Church, separated from it, the lumber house, untidy and dusty and cobwebby and dirty, a scene of noise and quarrelling. Then did beer and bells go together, beer and bells, bells and beer, were the changes rung and drunk, beer not in moderation but in excess. In the life of Bunyan, who wrote the "Pilgrim's Progress," we are told that one day when he was with the bell-ringers in the belfry a terror got over him, and he fled from the tower to the outside, fearing that the steeple might come down upon him and bury him in the midst of his sin, and take him off straight to hell, where if any bells are rung they must be devil's bells. A clergyman in Somersetshire told me when he came to his parish, he found that all fights between the villagers were fought in the belfry, as the regular place. When he shut the doors of the belfry there was anger against him, so that he was threatened with violence. Then he made the belfry all one with the body of the church, and these scenes came to an end. It is a sign of improvement that the tower is regarded as part of the church, and bell-ringers as members of the Church and its belongings. From such orderly ringing Bunyan would not have fled. Bells have, as it were, voices, and may be thought to join in the praise of the Lord. Their voices reach far, over fields and rivers and valleys and hills. They reach further than the voice of any minister, however good his lungs. They are borne further than the hymn of any choir, however large and powerful. Distance makes them sound better. They are a music when rung skilfully. When a jubilee is kept they add to the joy. Evening bells are specially pleasant to one walking our fields. They are popular. They please the young and they soothe the sad. Somehow or another nothing brings back the past so much as the sound of bells. One has written thus:—

O! solemn bells whose consecrated tones
Recall the faith of old—
O! tinkling bells, that lulled with twilight magic
The spiritual fold.

A high wind and a wild evening make the sound of bells to rise and fall in a musical cadence. Merry are bells at a wedding; solemn is the passing bell, solemn is the tone at a funeral. We cannot tell what influence the sound may have on the heart. Bells ring out the old year with muffled peal; with unmuffled voice they ring in the new year. They celebrate merry Christmas. They summon to church. Heartily and earnestly should they be rung; not without joy, and yet with a thought of where they are rung, and in the honour and to the glory of whom, even our Lord God.

At 1.30 dinner was provided at the White Hart Hotel, and was presided over by the Rev. H. J. Cheales, Vicar of Friskney and president of the Association. He was supported by Canon Lonsdale and the Rev. F. Besant, Vicar of Sibsey, and thirty-five ringers and friends. After dinner, the Chairman in submitting "the Queen," said very few words of commendation were required in an assembly like this, because the ringing which had been done this jubilee year would speak for itself that ringers were as loyal as anyone. Referring to what they had heard from the preacher that morning, he said they really took upon themselves great responsibility when they became bellringers. He concluded by urging upon them to always remember their responsibility.—Mr. Mason (the secretary) being called upon for the yearly report, said he was able again to congratulate the members on another fairly successful year: they were steadily increasing in numbers. The quarterly meetings had been very well attended, and the ringing much better and more of it having been done. He was able to carry a good balance forward, as would be seen by the balance-sheet. He hoped next year the Association would still go on increasing. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Lonsdale for his kindness in giving them an address that day. Canon Lonsdale briefly responded. The Rev. F. Besant proposed that the officers be re-elected for the ensuing year. It was also proposed, in addition, that Mr. J. A. Hand, of West Keal, assist the secretary in getting the subscriptions; in The President proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Mason for his services as hon. secretary, and complimented him on the way in which the business of the association was conducted. The company then proceeded to the tower and rang 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Cheetham (East Keal), 1; J. A. Hand (West Keal), 2; G. Clark, (Skirbeck) 3; J. Mawer (Sibsey), 4; H. Daulton (West Keal), 5; E. Mason (conductor, Skirbeck), 6. Four 720's of Grandshire Doubles, and one 720 of Plain Bob were rung by Messrs. Seymour, Smith, Vickers, Hand, Green, Dalton, Smith and Wright S. Steeper (Frieston), W. F. Harwood, and J. Harwood. The company also paid a visit to Halton Church, which contains a fine peal of six bells. A 720 of Minor was attempted, but owing to the bells not going very well, was brought out at the half-peal end, by Messrs. Cheetham, Hand, Clark, Mawer, Barber, Mason (conductor). Several 720's of Grandshire Doubles were rung by F. Haw, J. Green, A. Barber, S. Steeper, J. Rogers Smith, F. Harwood, J. Harwood, Routen and Meads. Fourteen new members were were elected during the day, including the Rev. P. Kendall, Vicar of Spilsby. The company started for home at 7.30 after having spent one of the pleasantest days since the association has been formed.

On Saturday, July 22nd, a committee meeting was held at Sibsey, and the accounts were audited, after which two 720's of Bob Minor (one with eighteen bobs and two singles, and the other, fourteen bobs and two singles), were rung. A. Barber, 1; J. A. Hand, 2; G. Clarke, 3; J. Mawer, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. The second 720 was rung with Mr. T. Rogers at the treble.

LITTLE BEDWYN, WILTS.

A new tenor bell cast by Mears and Stainbank, London, has been hung in the steeple in place of an old one which was cracked. The new bell weighs 9 cwt., and is inscribed "Recast in the Jubilee year of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, 1887, Charles Henry Townsend, Vicar, Samuel William Farmer, Churchwardens, Laus Deo." The peal consists of four bells only. The old tenor was by Wallis of Salisbury, 1581.

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RINGERS' OUTING.

On Bank holiday, August 1st, seven of the Rayleigh company (also members of the Essex Association), drove to Stanford-le-Hope, and, permission having been previously obtained, they proceeded at once to the tower, where 720 of Bob Minor was "struggled with" but finally lost. After this 720 of College Single was brought round in good style. H. Deal, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 4; F. Strugnell, 4; F. Brewer, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. Leaving Stanford they drove to Orsett, staying on the way to admire the beautiful scenery lying around that part of the country. Just before reaching Orsett, a Stanford ringer who had joined the party called at the house of the parish clerk of Orsett, who, bring an enthusiastic ringer at once expressed a wish to render all assistance in his power. But "alas for human wishes" his better-half (keenly alive to the situation) rushed out saluting with—"You ain't a'goen a' them, your goter come along a' we." She also improved the occasion by passing complimentary remarks on ringers in general. These had the effect of making the "hen-pecked" think that "discretion was the better part of valour," so he was "left alone in his glory." Some few minutes were spent by those present in recovering from the effects of the depression caused by the amiable spouse; as they, being bachelors, knew not what might be in store for them. Orsett being by this time reached, and some of our "silent original's" pupils being ready for the party, a move was made for the tower, where proceedings commenced with 720 Kent Treble Rob. G. Smith, 1; H. Deal, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell 4; F. Brewer, 5; W. H. Judd (conductor), 6. After which 240 with H. Smith, in place of W. H. Judd, the others as before. The Rector (Rev. Canon Whittington) gave the party a very hearty welcome, and kindly pointed out the many objects of interest in his beautiful church.

Leaving Orsett, the Laindon Hills were reached after considerable "bone-shaking," the noble steed provided going at a pace of two miles per hour. However the destination was at length reached, where a substantial dinner was partaken of. At Laindon a start was made for 720 of Oxford Treble Bob which was lost in the last course. This was followed by short touches as it was then to warm for much work. The bells are a very musical peal of six, tenor about 16 cwt. The local ringers of course came up to the tower, among other pretences for leaving their work one was from the steeplekeeper, who said that he was "looking for a cow" (a cow in a steeple!). As time would not permit of further delay, the party returned to Stanford, where 720 of Bob Minor was again attempted, this time successfully. G. Smith, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. H. Judd, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; D. Howell (first 720), 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. After partaking of more refreshment in the way of tea, the ringers returned passing through ten miles of waving corn and dusty road to Rayleigh, from a most enjoyable excursion.

The members take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

THE NIGHT OF HORRORS AT BADAJOZ.—Again and again did the fierce stormers hurl their strength up to the breaches, to be repelled by these barriers of bristling steel; while the bursting shells and the thundering powder-barrels shed tempests of iron splinters and blazing brands among them. Hundreds had fallen, and hundreds more were falling, wounded unto death by mutilations of every description. Blood and brains, torn corpses and dismembered fragments, made the ascent of the breaches and all the approaches thereto beyond description horrible and loathly. Barrels of flaming pitch, and bags of gunpowder that exploded on reaching the ground, were poured into the crowded ditches, where the bundles of hay that had been used to facilitate a descent took fire, and thus many of the helpless wounded were unhappily burned to death. Into these ditches the storming parties were ultimately driven, where, unable to advance, yet unwilling to retire, they remained, enduring with a degree of patience that was most marvellous the weight of a fire to which even they had seen no parallel. Gathered in dark groups, they leaned on their muskets and looked with fierce desperation at the Trinidad; while the French, stepping out upon the ramparts, aimed shot after shot among them by the brilliant but ghastly light of the fire-balls, which they threw over from time to time. "Why don't you come into Badajoz?" was ever and anon their mocking cry. Ere the cathedral bells tolled midnight more than a thousand of our men had fallen.—From "*British Battles on Land and Sea*" for August.

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ANNUAL OUTING.

ON Monday, August 1st, the members of the Southwark Youths paid a visit to Crayford and held their annual dinner and tea (kindly given by the rector of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, the Rev. Burman Cassin), at the "British Workman" tavern. After dinner the ringers went to the parish church and rang several touches on the bells, and in the evening returned to London, having spent a most enjoyable day.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the ringers took advantage of an excursion trip to Hastings and St. Leonards. On their arrival they were very kindly received by Mr. Butler, the aimable sexton of All Saints. This gentlemen had made arrangements for the excursionists to have a pull at both churches. Touches were rung on the five bells of All Saints and the eight steel bells of St. Clements were also put in motion. The ringers desire to thank the medium of the "THE BELL NEWS" to thank Mr. Butler for his kind offices rendered on that day. The ringers returned home quite elated with the day's proceedings.

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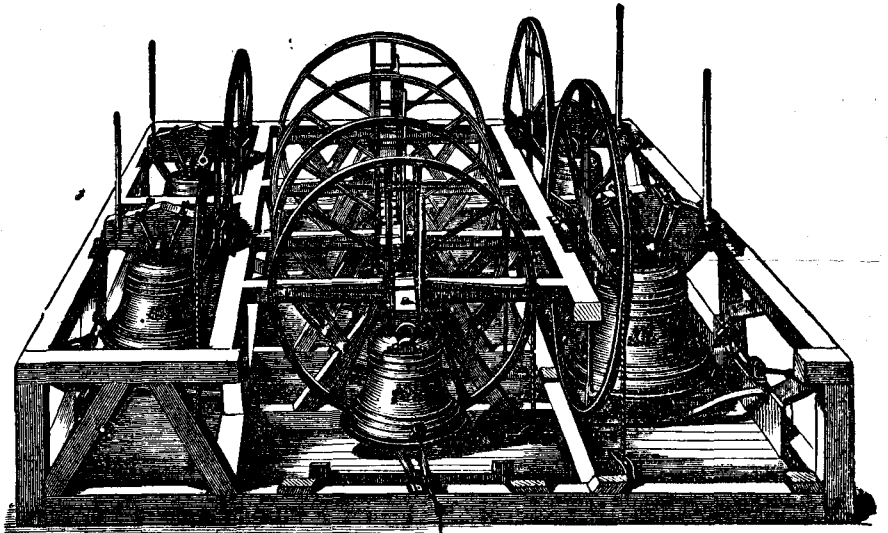


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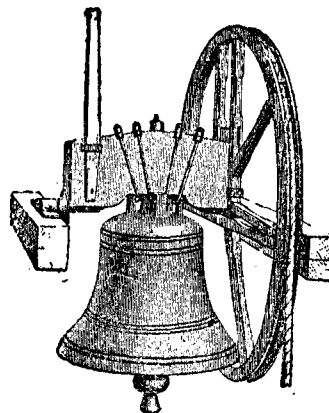
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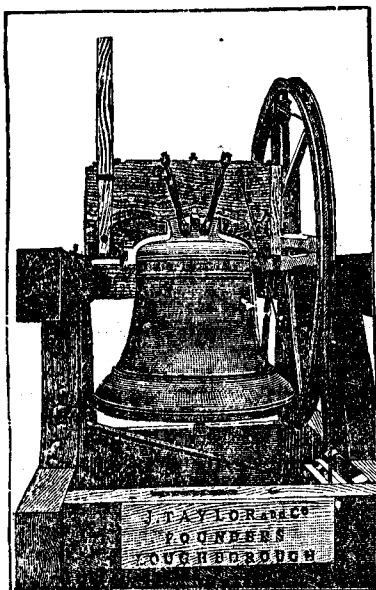
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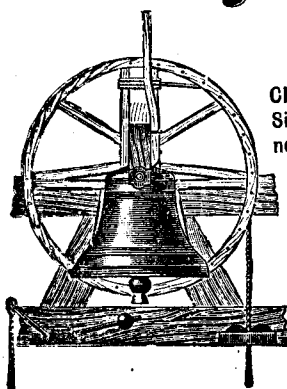
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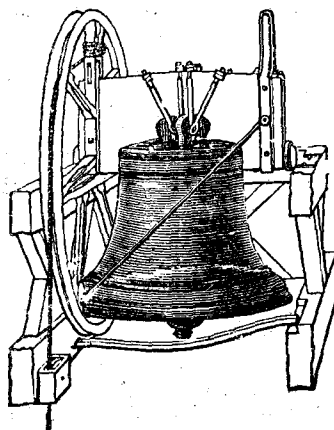
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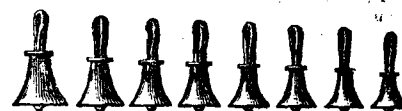
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RE-OPENING OF PAINSWICK BELLS.

On Thursday, August 11th, the annual industrial exhibition and flower show was held in Painswick. The Messrs. Morris had been busily engaged in getting the bells in ringing order, so as to ring for the occasion. The gudgeons and brasses of the bells were in a very worn condition, and had been condemned some months ago, by the Vicar and Churchwardens, as being unsafe for ringing. At a meeting of parishioners of Painswick, held in the parish room, it was unanimously agreed that the rehangings of the church bells would form a fitting memorial of Her Majesty's Jubilee, and with the aid of subscriptions the church authorities were enabled to have the whole of the lower ten rehung, new stocks being placed where necessary, and the whole having new gudgeons and brasses fitted to them. The new gudgeons were fitted in the stocks and turned in their position in the lathe, so that both sides are perfectly central, and work with great accuracy. The tenor has been raised in the stock four inches, and has a new clapper affixed to it. The "go" is beautiful, ringing as easily as any of the smaller bells, and is a decided improvement. The two trebles of the twelve, which have always been a source of annoyance on account of their not being in unison with the other ten, will, it is expected, be soon recast to their proper tune, the correct note for them has in fact been taken by the firm of Mears and Stainbank. As it was quite uncertain whether the bells would be ringable by Thursday, the 11th, no notice could be given in "THE BELL NEWS" for fear of disappointment, but Messrs. Morris finished at 8 o'clock on the night before, and the local company raised the bells in peal and rang a 448 of Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; D. Marment, 6; G. Smith, 7; T. Wright, 8. Also a 168 standing as before. The bells were left up during the night and it had been arranged that three of the Painswick Youths and five of the Stroud Society should attempt Taylor's bob-and-single peal in the morning at nine o'clock, but as only four of the Stroud Company came, it had to be abandoned, though with great regret, by the Painswick Youths. While waiting, two plain courses of Grandsire Doubles, two of Minor, and one of Triples, was tapped on the handbells by W. Hale, and one course with the bells retained in hand. W. Hale, 1-2; W. Sloman, 3-4; G. Latham, 5-6; F. Stephens, 7-8. The tower bells were then pulled off and a start made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but after forty-five minutes ringing it came to grief. A. Trigg, 1; W. Sloman, 2; C. King, 3; W. Hale, 4; J. Wager, 5; G. Latham (conductor), 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith, 8. Another start was made, and a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was brought round in 52 mins., standing as before, with the exception of D. Marment at the 5th. On the opening of the exhibition at 2 o'clock, another touch of Grandsire Triples (896 changes). A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; D. Marment, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; J. Powell, 8. Afterwards the company adjourned to the "New Inn" where the inner man was attended to, and some excellent tunes and courses were rung on the handbells, retained in hand. Another move was made to the tower, when several plain courses were rung to give the young members a pull. The company then visited the exhibition, and at half-past eight the ten bells were rung in the Queen's changes and fired, and also fired down. On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service, some plain leads were rung, and after service a 448 Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8.

There has not been a peal rung on these bells for more than twenty years, although several attempts have at different times

been made, which have had to be abandoned on account of the bad "go" of the bells, but the members of the Painswick company trust now that the difficulty is overcome, their friends will take the opportunity of paying them a visit and scoring a peal. The society will make their visitors as welcome as possible, and assist them in anything they can if short-handed. If any society should contemplate a visit, who are unacquainted with the Vicar or Churchwardens, and do not know to whom to send any communication a letter will be received with pleasure and an answer returned by Mr. William Hale, The Rookery, Painswick, leader of the local company, who will also meet intending visitors at the tower, and see that all is in readiness for them.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

The Annual outing of the St. Mary's Society took place on Monday, August 8th, Brighton being the place selected. The choir, joining in the excursion, with friends, to the number of about eighty, started from Red Hill by the 8.20 a.m. train, arriving at Brighton at 9.30. The ringers were met by Mr. Jay, the steeple-keeper of St. Peter's, and they made their way to that church, where some short touches of Grandsire and Union Triples being rung by the Bletchingley band, and a 576 of Treble Bob Major, with some of the Brighton band. L. Killick, 1; G. F. Attree, Esq., 2; F. Smith, 3; J. Bashford, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. King, 6; T. Boniface, 7; N. Hawkins (conductor), 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples. H. Weston, 1; G. King, 2; J. Bashford, 3; T. Boniface, 4; J. Jay, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; W. Mayne, 8. The company then made their way to St. Paul's church, where they had been invited to have a pull by the steeple-keeper, Mr. Bennett. The day's ringing was brought to a close with touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, and one of Bob Major. The party then broke up and went in different directions to enjoy themselves. After spending a most pleasant day they made their way to the station, and starting from Brighton at 9.30 they arrived at Red Hill in about an hour, all well-pleased with their day's outing. The members of this Society wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all those that helped to make their outing such a pleasant one.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Monday, August 1st, eight members of the Stanstead branch of the Essex Association, paid a visit to Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, and rang on the fine toned peal of six a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a short touch of College Single, and Bob Minor. I. Hammond, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt. On their way homeward they called at Newport (Essex), and rang on this fine-toned peal of six a 720 of Single Minor in 26½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6.

THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CAMBERWELL.

On Monday, August 15th, the members of this Society had an afternoon's outing at Bromley, Kent, where, by the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, they rang several touches upon the bells in the tower of the parish church. After the first touch the party adjourned to the Coffee Palace, where justice was done to an ample knife and fork tea, which was capitally served and much enjoyed by all the ringers, who after a short stroll in the recreation ground, again ascended the church tower and rang some touches of Grandsire Doubles, with the 4th, 6th, and 8th behind. The following members were present. Messrs. R. C. and E. French, H. Flower (Secretary), J. Hayward, T. Windley, H. H. Peters, T. Warwick, and J. E. Davis. The weather was very fine, and the outing greatly enjoyed by all who took part in it, the unavoidable absence of some of the members being much regretted.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT LEWES.

THE Members of this Association held their third meeting for the present year, on Monday, August 1st, at the county town of Lewes, and from its central position attracted a considerable number of ringers, the following branches being represented: Alfriston, Arundel, Brighton, Chailey, Crawley, Eastbourne, Henfield, Southover, Ringmer, Steyning, Warnham, Westham, and several other independent members and visitors were also present. The proceedings commenced at the tower of Southover church (the only one out of the seven parish churches of Lewes which possesses a peal of bells) at 10 o'clock, when touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were brought round. During the morning and afternoon bands were formed to visit Ringmer and Seaford. A list of touches rung at each place is given below. A capital luncheon was served at the "Bear Hotel" at 1.30, when about forty members were present. A larger number attended the business meeting which followed. One new branch, the nine ringers connected with the Lymminster Parish church, was elected. A discussion then followed upon the question of scoring peals for the challenge bell, several members suggesting that a branch ringing several methods, but a smaller number of peals should take precedence to another band scoring a larger number of peals, but all in one or two methods. It was decided on being put to the vote that for the present year the greatest number of peals should secure the bell, and the matter was referred to the sub-committee to prepare a scale for scoring peals in different methods for next year. It was then decided to hold the next district meeting at Warnham, during October or November, and votes of thanks were accorded to the rector of Southover, the vicar of Ringmer and Seaford, and the churchwardens of the respective churches, for kindly allowing the members the use of the bells, and to the Rev. J. Buttick, vicar of Alfriston, for kindly presiding at the luncheon and meeting.

The following touches were brought round:

At Southover church, a 504 Stedman Triples, in 18 mins. G. Mash (London), 1; L. W. Whiting, 2; J. Jay, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; S. Brooker, 7; W. Chamberlain, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. C. Nash, 1; J. Reilly, 2; G. Staples, 3; W. Chamberlain, 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 5; H. Weston (conductor), 6; C. Tyler, 7; G. Mash, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Jay, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; C. Mash, 3; H. Weston, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; C. Tyler, 6; S. Brooker, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. And a 518 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. Jesse Neve, 1; W. Palmer, 2; H. Weston (conductor), 3; T. Wood (Walthamstow), 4; F. Harding, 5; F. Wickens, 6; T. Hart, 7; S. Lewis, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples, in 17½ mins. W. Palmer, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Wood, 4; W. Short, 5; T. Hart, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; H. Cornwall, 8. A 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. Jesse Neve, 1; H. A. Bennett, 2; T. Colbran, 3; J. Reilly, 4; G. C. Hammond, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; T. Hart, 7; T. Lewis, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 22 mins. J. Jay, 1; J. Reilly, 2; W. Wadey, 3; C. Mash, 4; W. Short, 5; G. C. Hammond, 6; H. Weston, 7; T. Scarlett (Walthamstow, conductor), 8. At Ringmer church, a 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; W. Siggs, 3; W. Wadey, 4; F. Harding, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6; T. Lewis, 7; P. Hodges, 8. A quarter-peal of Stedman was also attempted but came to grief after ringing about 1000 changes. At Seaford church, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. A. Fuller, 1; H. A. Bennett, 2; J. E. Worsell, 3; J. Fox, 4; G. Biggerstaff, 5; G. Thwaites, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Mockett, 8. Also 168 in the same method.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will take place at Gloucester, on Tuesday, August 30th, 1887. Divine Service in the Cathedral at 10.30. Short sermon by the Rev. J. P. A. Bowers. Business meeting in chapter room immediately afterwards. Dinner at the "Spread Eagle," 1 p.m. at 1s. per head to all who have sent notice to the Hon. Secretary by August 25th; 2s. 6d. to others, and to hon. members, who are also kindly asked to give notice. All members and friends are earnestly requested to attend Divine Service. The following belfries will be open to the Association: Cathedral of St. Peter, 8; St. Mary de Crypt, 8; St. Michael's, 8; St. Mary de Lode, 6; St. Nicholas, 6.

OUTING OF THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BLACKHILL.

This Society had their annual outing on Saturday, August 6th, the trysting place this time being Hexham. Unfortunately, however, the Abbey bells were not placed at their disposal, for some reason best known to the authorities. Nevertheless they spent a most enjoyable day in examining places of interest in the old Abbey, and surrounding district, boating, etc. Tea was provided by Mrs. Richardson, of "The Bush," to which upwards of thirty sat down in right good earnest. Tea over, and the cloth removed, a pleasant hour was spent to the tune of piano, concertina, and the octave of handbells, mixed with a few songs by those present. Much credit is due to Mr. J. Moore, Secretary, and Mr. A. Nicholson (conductor), for the able manner in which they carried out the arrangements.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Newchurch, on Saturday, August 6th. Various companies were present, and rung at intervals during the afternoon and evening. A meeting was also held in the School at 6.30. Mr. J. T. Stott was elected chairman, and gave a cordial welcome to the visitors. Mr. Redford addressed the members, and returned thanks to the Rossendale company for joining the Lancashire Association in such large numbers. Mr. A. E. Wreaks and Mr. Nutter also addressed the meeting. On the motion of Mr. Curtis a vote of thanks was proposed to the vicar and churchwardens, and to the local company, which was suitably acknowledged by the chairman.

A curious bequest, which has had effect given to it by Mr. Justice Chitty, will no doubt attract the attention of many a poor curate besides the six who will be selected. Miss Ann Ball, of Islington, gave by her will numerous charitable legacies, including "to six episcopal curates of the Church of England whose respective incomes are less than £100 per annum, and who shall have each more than four children, the sum of £50 each. Such curates to be selected by my executors. In allowing the legacy on Thursday Mr. Justice Chitty gave the executors twelve months in which to select the recipients.

THE LAST PLACE ON THE EARTH.—A visitor describes Bruni as perhaps "the last place on the face of the earth;" and it is perhaps not accusing the world of too great geographical ignorance to say that there are not a hundred people in England who ever heard of it, though it is the capital of a kingdom. The whole city is built on piles in the usual Malay fashion—over the river or creek, which here expands into broad shallows. This system is very convenient for the lazy inhabitants, who simply raise the flimsy bamboo floor, and shoot all rubbish into the river beneath. It is also handy for those ladies who wish a flirtation without the risk of absenting themselves. The suitor paddles up under the house, when the signal of a white rag hung out informs him that the coast is clear: occasionally, also, elopements are effected by the same means. All locomotion in Bruni is effected by means of canoes—the gondolas of the city—and there is a market held, in which the shops are goods-laden praus and canoes. There is not a path outside the city in any direction. On every side is trackless jungle. How the people all manage to live is a mystery, for a little rice will suffice a Malay for a whole week. One might be driven to suppose that, like the Scilly Islanders, they subsist by washing each others clothes; but the general dinginess of the cotton garments forbids this hypothesis. The Chinese are the chief traders in the city, and though roguish, and often worse, they are infinitely the best class of the inhabitants—energetic, reasonable, liberal in their household arrangements, and altogether different personages from their countrymen at home. Many of them are intermarrying with the natives, and as a result of these marriages a new race is arising in Borneo, and other of the Malay islands, though there are grounds for believing that at an earlier date there were Chinese colonies as far south as the Malay Archipelago. But so bad is the Government that even the patient Celestials find it difficult to live in Bruni. Crime, if committed by the relations or followers of a high noble, is unpunished, as no one will act against him from fear of the enmity of his chief. Not long ago, a noted thief lived quite unpunished in the city, and was even received in "good society," though his character was perfectly well known. When in want of funds he made visits of inspection to the different shops, where he was treated with a kind of "familiar deference," though for days afterwards the Chinese lived in a state of nervous suspense until the *coup* came off—From "The Countries of the World" for August.

IS NONCONFORMITY DECLINING?

A correspondent of *The Guardian* says that the question is being anxiously discussed in some of the Nonconformist papers whether Nonconformity is advancing or not, and the answer is not by any means doubtful. From the statistics and reports of the various Dissenting communities it appears certain that they are all, with the one striking exception of the Salvation Army, either standing still or losing ground. The returns of the Methodist bodies for the year ending in March last have just been given in, and they are singularly alike in character. The Wesleyans have 412,287 members, a decrease of 71; the Primitive Methodists report 191,663, increase of 2; the New Connexion has 30,096 members, an increase of 182; whilst the Methodist Free Churches return a decrease of 448. The net result is that there are in the different Methodist communities of Great Britain 335 fewer members than there were twelve months ago. This is not a large number, it is true, but it is on the wrong side, and it comes at the close of the year which has been marked by an unusual amount of special effort, amongst the Wesleyans particularly, to gather in new members by means of revival missions. In the older Nonconformist bodies the same tale is being told. The last Baptist statistics showed a decrease in the total membership. From the Congregationalists no figures can be obtained, but all the indications of their numerical condition point in the direction of decline. The *British Weekly* said in a recent issue:—

The serious decrease of some of our Independent congregations in north and east London is becoming a grave matter. One North London church, formerly large and influential, presents a dreary account of empty pews, although admirably situated in the midst of a dense population. In the east the minister of one of the largest churches, and some time ago one of the most vigorous is said to have had to pay a considerable part of the year's expenses out of his own pocket.

The complaint of the *Nonconformist* that, "Nonconformity in Cardiff has not, in recent years, made satisfactory progress," is well known, and is doubtless applicable to many other towns. In Scotland it is said that the Free Church, which, with a membership of 331,242 has just reported an increase of 678 for the year, and the United Presbyterian Church are not keeping pace with the growth of the population. To these figures one most significant fact may be added, for which we are indebted to the admirable determination of the *British Weekly* to present Nonconformity as it really is. On April 29th, it said:—

We are told that every profession in this country is crowded, and that it becomes more and more difficult to push a way through the thick ranks. Is there not one striking exception? We mean the Nonconformist ministry. The experience in all the Nonconformist bodies is that when positions of first class importance become vacant it is most difficult to fill them satisfactorily. Prolonged vacancies are becoming the rule, and while there is no want of men of mark and likelihood amongst younger Nonconformist ministers, there is hardly in any Church the clear promise of adequate successors to the present leaders.

This decline appears to extend over the last two years. Up to that time, as the figures published in the *Guardian* twelve months ago conclusively show, Nonconformity, taken as a whole, was keeping pace in its increase with the growth of population. Now, according to its own adherents, "it is barely holding its own," while, according to the same authority, "in England and Scotland the State Churches are increasing in numbers." How is this most important change to be accounted for? The *British Weekly* sets it down to various causes:—The work of the Dissenters is not so directly aggressive as it ought to be; some chapels are placed in the midst of a decreasing population which under present circumstances is over supplied with places of worship; the true Gospel is not being preached in some pulpits; but most of all "the separate existence of so many denominations" is of doubtful justification; and it concludes that "the question of Church union is the first problem which will have to be faced by the Christian wisdom of our time." The *United Methodist Free Church's Magazine*, in acknowledging the present condition of that body to be "unsatisfactory," sets it down to the want of brave strong leaders and new methods of work, such as the Church of England is fearlessly employing.

The *Methodist Times*, in commenting on this statement, kindly suggests that now "the Wesleyan Connexion has been reformed and liberalised, the *raison d'être* of Free Methodism is gone."

The *Christian World* thinks that the pew-rent system and the want of more bright and lively preaching is largely answerable for the lack of success. It is, however, too soon to dogmatise. We must wait and see whether this decrease be a passing phase of Nonconformity or the beginning of a period of serious decline.

THE BANGOR DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

This Conference was held on Thursday week, at the Penrhyn Hall, Bangor, under the presidency of the Bishop. The following resolution on the tithe question was proposed by Mr. J. R. Williams (Treffos):—

"That this conference of the diocese of Bangor, consisting of the clergy and lay delegates, desire to express its thanks to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the firmness with which they have resisted the demand for the reduction of the tithe rent-charge, upholding the principle that tithes are a first charge upon the land, and as such are due to the titheowner to the amount settled by the Act of Commutation, subject only to the fluctuation regulated from year to year by law. Also that the thanks of the conference are due to those landowners in this diocese who have assisted in allaying the present agitation by recognising their responsibility, and themselves paying the tithes chargeable on their property."

He considered that the present agitation had done incalculable good to the Church in Wales. The inquiry which was being held had brought out the truth. Every shilling allowed by the clergy in abatement went into the pocket of the landowner, whom in these hard times the clergy could not afford to assist. Alterations might be necessary in the tithe laws, and he thought that the period of seven years was too long for calculating averages. He hoped the landowners would not oppose the Tithe Bill, for they could not show whether they were true and honest friends to the Church. Mr. Powell seconded, and the Rev. Eleazer Williams supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

AUGUST GARDENING.—In August our single dahlias will be at their gayest. These and all flowers that require stakes must now be properly secured; the chrysanthemums, for example, will require this attention, for as the autumn comes gradually on, so also will these showy flowers, the last hope, for the most part, of our out-door flower-show. Then, again, for those who like to raise bulbous-rooted plants, this is a good month for sowing such seed, which can be done as soon as it is ripe; the seed, for example, of all sorts of lilies, hyacinths, tulips, crocuses, &c., may now be sown either in large pots or in the open ground; if in the last named, take care that the seed be not afterwards disturbed. Have it well raked in, and a little light earth sifted over the whole. If you sow in large pots, place them in a cool frame until the seeds germinate in the spring. August is also the month for that interesting operation of layering out carnations and picotees, and though this should not be done until the bloom has passed its prime, yet it is important to have the layering done early in the season, as unless the shoots get well rooted before they are cut off, they will run a chance of being "cut off" in a very different way by the severity of the winter. Then, again, in the rose garden, budding in a warm and thundery season may still go on, but a constant and careful examination of those stocks that were budded last month should be made; and most important is it for the first two months after budding that all growth be rubbed off the stock. Failing this attention, your buds will only fall off altogether.—From "*Cassell's Family Magazine*" for August.

SURF BOATS OF MADRAS.—Madras stands close upon the shore, and is unfavourably situated, either for the purposes of commerce or the requirements of a capital. The coast forms nearly a straight line, swept by the current above mentioned; and until the construction of the new harbour, with its double piers, there was neither port for shipping nor island to break the tremendous surge. The craft of the country, generally called *masulaks*, or accommodation boats, which are used for crossing this dangerous surf, are singularly formed. They are large and light, with a bench at one end, cushioned and curtained, so that passengers may be kept dry while the wild surf is breaking all round them. An European boat, enduring one-half of the concussions which these *masulaks* hourly undergo unharmed, would infallibly be torn to pieces.—From "*Cassell's Illustrated History of India*" for August.

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

Repeated.

This peal has the extent without the 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place at course-ends.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5001.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6	4	5	16
*6 1 2 3 5 4	-	-	-
6 1 4 2 5 3	-	-	-
4 1 6 3 5 2	-	-	-
4 1 2 6 5 3	-	-	-
2 1 4 3 5 6	-	-	-
2 1 6 4 5 3	-	-	-
2 1 3 6 5 4	-	-	-
3 1 2 4 5 6	-	-	-
3 1 6 2 5 4	-	-	-
6 1 3 4 5 2	-	-	-
3 1 2 5 6 4	-	-	-
2 1 3 4 6 5	-	-	-
2 1 5 3 6 4	-	-	-
5 1 2 4 6 3	-	-	-
5 1 3 2 6 4	-	-	-
5 1 4 3 6 2	-	-	-
4 1 5 2 6 3	-	-	-
4 1 3 5 6 2	-	-	-
3 1 4 2 6 5	-	-	-

*Produced by bobs at 1, 2, 8, 11, 14, 18, 23 sixes.

These nine courses repeated, and eight courses for 5th part brings up 6 1 5 4 2 3—when bobs at 10, 12, 16, brings the bells round in 1 six 1 change.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

5376.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss*.

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

Three times repeated.

With single at 2nd and 4th part-ends.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th each twenty times at home.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN HOPWOOD,

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
6 4 3 5 2	-	-	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	-	-
5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-
6 4 2 3 5	-	-	-
5 2 6 4 3	-	-	-
3 6 5 2 4	-	-	-
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-
6 4 5 2 3	-	-	-
3 5 6 4 2	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5248.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
2 4 5 3 6	I	-	2	2
3 5 4 2 6	-	2	2	
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	2	
3 2 4 6 5	2	-	2	
2 5 4 6 3	2	-	I	2
3 6 4 5 2	2	-	2	I
3 4 5 6 2	-	I	2	
2 4 6 5 3	2	-	I	
3 2 5 4 6	-	2	2	
2 6 5 4 3	I	-	2	
4 5 6 2 3	I	-	2	
5 6 2 3 4	I	-	2	
5 6 2 3 4	I	-	2	
3 5 6 4 2	2	-	2	2
2 3 4 5 6	-	2	2	

This peal contains the 6th its extent in all positions, and the 4th eighteen times each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
6 5 4 3 2	-	-	-	-
6 5 3 2 4	-	-	-	-
3 6 5 2 4	-	-	-	-
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-	-
3 5 2 6 4	-	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-	-
5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-	-
2 5 6 3 4	-	-	-	-
6 2 5 3 4	-	-	-	-
6 2 3 4 5	-	-	-	-
3 6 2 4 5	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 6 5	-	-	-	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	-	-	-
4 3 2 6 5	-	-	-	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	-	-	-
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-	-
6 4 2 3 5	-	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-	-
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-	-
3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-	-
2 4 3 5 6	-	-	s	-

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th twelve times each way.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5040.

By W. H. HOWARD, *York*.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1	2	3	4	5	2 4 3 6 5 8 7 9
2 3 4 5 6 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	2 4 3 6 5 9 8 7
3 5 4 2	-	-	-	-	-	4 6 3 2
5 2 4 3	-	-	-	-	-	6 2 3 4
4 5 2 3	-	-	-	-	-	3 6 2 4
2 4 5 3	-	-	-	-	-	2 3 6 4
4 3 5 2	-	-	-	-	-	3 4 6 2
5 4 3 2 6 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	6 3 4 2 5
2 4 6 5 3	-	-	-	-	-	2 3 5 6 4
4 5 6 2	-	-	-	-	-	3 6 5 2
5 2 6 4	-	-	-	-	-	6 2 5 3
6 5 2 4	-	-	-	-	-	5 6 2 3
2 6 5 4	-	-	-	-	-	2 5 6 3
6 4 5 2	-	-	-	-	-	5 3 6 2
5 6 4 2 3 9 7 8	-	-	-	-	-	6 5 3 2 4 9 8 7
6 5 3 2 4 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	s	5 6 4 2 3 7 8 9
5 2 3 6	-	-	-	-	-	6 2 4 5
2 6 3 5	-	-	-	-	-	2 5 5 6
3 2 6 5	-	-	-	-	-	4 2 5 6
6 3 2 5	-	-	-	-	-	5 4 2 6
3 5 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	4 6 2 5
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-	-	-	2 4 6 5 3
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-	-	-	5 4 3 2 6
3 2 4 6	-	-	-	-	-	4 2 3 5
2 6 4 3	-	-	-	-	-	2 5 3 4
4 2 6 3	-	-	-	-	-	3 2 5 4
6 4 2 3	-	-	-	-	-	5 3 2 4
4 3 2 6	-	-	-	-	-	3 4 2 5
2 4 3 6 5 8 7 9	-	-	-	-	-	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

In this peal one calling does for each half.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB ROYAL.

9900.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, Ipswich.

2 3 4 5 6 I 3 8

6 4 3 5 2 - -

4 3 6 5 2 - -

6 5 4 3 2 - -

5 4 6 3 2 - -

6 3 5 4 2 - -

* 3 5 6 4 2 - -

5 6 3 4 2 - -

3 4 5 6 2 - -

4 5 3 6 2 - -

5 3 4 6 2 - -

4 6 5 3 2 - -

Four times repeated.
Four times repeated from * for 5400. For 5040.—

2 3 4 5 6 I 3 8

6 4 3 5 2 - -

3 5 6 4 2 - -

6 4 5 2 3 - - -

4 5 6 2 3 - -

And call the first eight courses twice, completes the peal.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5280.

By GEORGE H. HARDY, Earlsheaton.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

5 2 3 6 4 2 2 2

3 4 6 2 5 1 1 2

5 2 6 4 3 2 - 2 1

4 5 2 3 0 - - 2

3 4 2 5 6 1 - 2

Twice repeated.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

4 6 5 3 2 2 - 2 2

3 2 4 6 5 2 1

2 5 4 6 3 1 - 2

6 4 5 2 3 - 2 2

4 2 3 5 6 2 -

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, Diss.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

6 4 2 3 5 - - -

2 3 6 4 5 - - -

5 6 2 3 4 - - -

4 2 5 6 3 - - -

3 5 4 2 6 - - -

6 4 3 5 2 - - -

3 5 6 4 2 - - -

2 6 3 5 4 - - -

3 2 4 6 5 - - -

5 4 3 2 6 - - -

3 2 5 4 6 - - -

6 5 3 2 4 - - -

4 3 6 5 2 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - -

5 4 2 6 3 - - -

2 6 5 4 3 - - -

3 5 2 6 4 - - -

4 2 3 5 6 - - -

Twice repeated

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT
BOB MAJOR.

13,440.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

6 3 5 2 4 - - S

2 5 3 6 4 - - -

5 3 2 6 4 - - -

3 2 5 6 4 - - -

4 6 2 3 5 - - -

5 6 3 4 2 - - S

2 5 6 4 3 - - S

3 4 5 2 6 - - -

6 4 3 2 5 - - -

4 2 3 6 5 - - -

Eleven times repeated.

Adding singles at 6 in the last course of the 6th and 12th parts.

Omit the half-way single and the bells come round at 6720.

This peal contains the extent with the tenors together.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By JAMES S. WILDE, Hyde, Cheshire.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 4 5 3 6 1 - 2 2

3 2 4 6 5 - - 2

2 5 4 6 3 2 - 1 2

5 6 3 4 2 2 - -

2 6 4 3 5 2 - 1

5 4 6 3 2 1 - 1

6 4 3 5 2 1 - 1

3 2 5 4 6 2 - 2 2

3 5 4 2 6 1 - 2 2

2 3 5 6 4 - - 2

3 4 5 6 2 2 - 1 2

6 2 4 5 3 2 - 2

6 5 2 4 3 - - 1

2 3 4 5 6 2 - 2 2

This peal has the 6th its extent in all positions.

By repeating the calling of the first eight courses the peal will run to 5312.

A PEAL OF VIOLET MAJOR.

5600.

By the late W. HARRISON, Mottram-in-Longdendale.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

4 2 6 3 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 - - -

4 2 5 6 3 - - -

2 5 4 6 3 - - -

5 4 2 6 3 - - -

Four times repeated.

By omitting the bob at home in third course of any one, the part end will be produced and the peal reduced to 5152.

First rung as 5152, at St. Chad's Church, Saddleworth, on Saturday, May 14th, 1887, conducted by Franklin Brierley.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, Liverpool.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

* 3 5 4 2 6

4 3 5 2 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

6 3 4 2 5 - -

4 6 3 2 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

3 2 4 5 6 S

4 5 3 2 6 - -

3 4 5 2 6 - -

5 3 4 2 6 - -

4 2 5 3 6 - -

5 4 2 3 6 - -

6 2 4 3 5 - -

4 6 2 3 5 - -

2 3 4 6 5 - -

4 2 3 6 5 - -

3 4 2 6 5 - -

5 2 3 4 6 - - -

3 5 2 4 6 - -

2 4 3 5 6 - -

2 3 4 5 6 S

*This course with bobs at 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th leads.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB
MAJOR.

5024.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, Liverpool.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

4 5 3 6 2 - - -

3 4 5 6 2 - -

5 3 4 6 2 - -

2 4 3 6 5 - -

3 2 4 6 5 - -

4 3 2 6 5 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

3 5 2 6 4 - -

4 2 5 6 3 - -

5 4 2 6 3 - -

2 5 4 6 3 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - 2 -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

3 5 4 2 6 - -

4 2 3 5 6 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

2 3 4 5 6 - -

The Bishop of Bath and Wells and Lady Arthur Hervey gave a garden party on Thursday in the Palace grounds, in aid of funds for providing recreation grounds for the city, his lordship having initiated the movement by way of commemorating her Majesty's Jubilee.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1887.

ON all sides we hear of the extreme heat with which we have of late been favored—or afflicted, as the case may be. Man is to some considerable extent, so far as our climate is concerned, a very dissatisfied being. When a long period of fine weather occurs; then he wishes for the rain to fall, and scarcely has that made its appearance before he again sighs for the appearance of SOL's powerful and efficacious rays. If weather could be obtained to order, it is very doubtful that universal satisfaction would follow, so many different inclinations and necessities with respect to the climatic conditions are there.

It goes without saying that the weather has a most important influence upon the practice of ringing. Especially has this been exemplified during the past few weeks. The paucity of reports during the above period has never been equalled, we believe, since the establishment of our journal, and if we remember aright, never did "THE BELL NEWS" appear till last week without a record appearing therein of at least one peal of 5040 changes or upwards. This is to be accounted for in a great measure by the hot weather. The ringing-chambers of very many steeples have become unbearable, which proper ventilation would in some degree have prevented. Church towers, so far as the masonry is concerned, are frequently of such a thickness as to defy, to a certain extent, both cold and heat. But how frequently is it that the provision—or we ought to say want of provision—in the ringing-chamber neutralises such effects. A low ceiling to the room, small casement windows not made to open, and the necessity for some sort of artificial light, turns the

apartment provided for the ringers into a kind of fiery furnace, impossible to be borne for any length of time, and not without some elements of danger to the health of its occupants. Where the apartment is properly built, and efficiently ventilated, ringing may be practised and enjoyed almost in defiance of all kind of weather, either cold or hot.

As we write, however, a most pleasant change in the atmosphere has arisen, which will be welcome not only to ringers, but to those whose anxiety with respect to the cultivation of crops has been shown during the season of drought. We, therefore, are not the only ones benefitted by the change. The grateful and copious showers now descending upon the parched earth, accompanied with intervals of glorious sunshine, will fill many hearts with joy and thankfulness. Meetings which many of our friends have put off; attempts at peals which have been postponed till the excessive heat had passed, will be brought forward once more, and dates fixed for their achievement. Those who from the same cause have deferred their day's outing will enter into the necessary arrangements with increased vigour, and when the day arrives, enjoy the few hours' innocent relaxation none the less because the month happens to be September instead of July. Under such circumstances the heat of the past few days will be entirely forgotten. And so we go on. We shall very soon be compelled to trudge to practice through November fog and December sleet, grumbling all the while at the weather's inclemency. But anon the snow and frost of December will set in, and we shall be found congratulating each other on its seasonableness.

THE TITHE WAR IN WALES.

THE REV. WILLIAM VENABLES-WILLIAMS, rector of Colwyn Bay, and chairman of the bench of magistrates for the Petty Sessional Division of Conway, makes a serious charge in the local papers against the anti-tithe residents in his parish. He asserts that the mysterious destruction of his church by fire in October last was the act of an incendiary. He alleges that the evidence in his possession, though, perhaps not yet quite sufficient for a legal conviction, leaves no doubt whatever as to the guilt of the individual. He had also received a letter threatening to blow up the vicarage with dynamite unless he conceded a reduction of 25 per cent. Mr. Venables-Williams concluded by alleging that shortly before the Mochdre riots a quantity of lime and two casks of gas tar were taken to a Welsh farmhouse, and that of these materials solid balls were made for the purpose of maiming the police, some of whom were confidentially warned not to go Mochdre.

NAPIER'S WITCHCRAFT.—The greatest inmate of Merchiston Castle, near Edinburgh, was John Napier, the famous mathematician (born 1550, died 1617). As was often the case in those days the people in the neighbourhood looked upon his lonely studies with much suspicion, and a black cock which he possessed was regarded as his agent in the working of marvels. Napier, who no doubt, rather enjoyed the terrors of which he was the cause, used to tell these ignorant folk that this barn-door fowl would detect any of their secrets. On one occasion, the story goes, he turned the silly fears to good account. Having lost some valuables, he ordered his servants to go one by one into a dark room in the castle tower and stroke the cock, telling them that it would crow when touched by the hand of the guilty person. The cock was silent during the process, but Napier found that the hand of one of the servants was quite free from the soot which had been smeared on the bird's feathers. This was the thief. He, of course, had believed the cock would really crow, and his safest plan, therefore, was not to touch it at all. As to the rest, knowing they were innocent, they did not hesitate to stroke the bird. By this ingenious device, then, Napier succeeded in discovering who had stole his valuable articles, and in freeing at the same time the other servants from all suspicion.—From "Little Folks" Magazine for August.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 13, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM BARON Treble.	WILLIAM JONES 5.
HENRY DAINS 2.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM 3.	†GEORGE WILD 7.
HENRY SWAIN 4.	*WILLIAM LAMB Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

The Provinces.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

HARRY FRUIN* Treble.	*GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
WILLIAM WOOD 2.	†ARTHUR HIND 6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	THOMAS PAYNE 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 4.	*JOHN WEST Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal in any method.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 42 cwt in C.

CHARLES TOLLEY Treble.	WILLIAM C. BASTON 5.
WILLIAM JEFFREY 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	ANTHONY STRANGE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This is the quickest peal ever rung on the Cathedral bells, and great credit is due to the men at the heavy end for the fine striking. George Williams belongs to Farcham, Hants.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

On Saturday, August 13, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD HAMMANT* .. Treble.	FREDERICK HAYES 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	FREDERICK FRENCH 6.
WILLIAM T. COOK* 3.	JOHN GARRARD 7.
THOMAS DURLING 4.	*WILLIAM SAXBY Tenor.

Conducted by F. FRENCH.

*First peal; aged 17 years. F. Hayes hails from Gravesend; T. Durling from Chislehurst; the rest belong to the local band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 13, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 30 cwt. in Eb.

ERNEST MITCHELL* .. Treble.	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5.
ALFRED BARNES† 2.	WALTER BATTLE 6.
GEORGE GIBBARD 3.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 7.
EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 4.	HENRY L. WADDINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY G. FAIRBRASS.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. G. Gibbard hails from Bushey, Watford; H. G. Fairbrass from Canterbury.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH.—On Sunday, July 3rd, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs), in 27 mins. H. Deal (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. W. Haslam, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; F. H. Brewer, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—Also on Monday, July 11th, on handbells, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 19 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; *F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method, and first 720 by all on handbells. And on Monday, July 18th, on the church bells, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, in 26 mins. H. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. Also on Sunday, July 31st, after evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. W. H. Judd (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; H. Deal, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; F. H. Brewer, 6.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—*Muffled Peal*.—On Thursday, August 11th, at the parish church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples (being the first two parts of Holt's ten-part peal), was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. J. Lewis, for many years chaplain of Her Majesty's prison, Spalding. J. S. Wright, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; G. Ladd, 3; C. Neavey, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; G. Skeef, 8.

HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONMOUTH.—On Tuesday, August 9th, eight members of the above Guild attempted to ring at the Church of St. Mary, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it was lost after ringing 2,744 changes, in 1 hr. and 45 mins., on account of the tenor going bad. W. Preece, 1; J. G. Wall, 2; A. Bird, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. H. Jones, 5; T. M. Preece, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; H. Brown, 8. After refreshing the inner man, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), in the same method was rung, in 46 mins. T. Jones, 1; J. G. Wall, 2; W. Honeyfield, Esq., 3; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 4; T. H. Jones, 5; T. M. Preece, 6; A. Bird, 7; H. Brown, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. This quarter-peal has the 5th at home every three leads, and contains twelve 6-7's, and was rung in honour of the 500th anniversary of the birth of King Henry V. of Monmouth.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 14th, at the church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evening service, seven members with Mr. George Sellers, of Penzance rang a 560 of Grandsire Triples. H. Alford, jun., 1; W. Chew, 2; G. Sellers, 3; H. Langdon, 4; G. Banks, 5; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 6; G. Wild, 7; E. Carter, 1. Afterwards a plain course of Grandsire Caters. H. Alford, jun., 1; R. T. Woodley, 2; G. Sellers, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; H. Langdon, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; Ezra Carter, 7; G. Wild, 8; R. Freach, 9; G. R. Banks, 10.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP.—On Bank Holiday, at the Abbey Church, six members of this association, assisted by Messrs. Tinker (Gainsborough), and Darcy (Newark), rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, including one of 1036 changes in 42 mins. J. Marshall, 1; S. Joynes, 2; W. A. Darcy, 3; W. Drake, 4; N. Hunt, 5; R. Potter, 6; J. D. Tinker (conductor), 7; R. Beeston, 8.

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service at St. Sidwell's church, a Jubilee touch of Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; W. Mundy (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. This touch begins and ends with the "Queens," and has fifty treble leads. Composed by Miss E. C. Sharland, of Tiverton.

BATLEY CARR—*Handbell Ringing*.—On the 12th August for practice, 120 College Exercise, and 120 Oxford Delight. J. W. Simon, 1-2; W. Idle, 3-4; G. H. Simon, 5-6. Also 112 Bob Major, and 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. W. Simon, 1-2; J. A. Idle, 3-4; W. Idle, 5-6; G. H. Simon, conductor), 7, 8.

BOLSOVER (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 14th, at the Parish Church, a 720 of New London Pleasure. W. Price, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; W. Worthington, 3; H. Madin (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Broadhead, 6. And a 720 of Violet. W. Price, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; W. Worthington, 3; H. Madin (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Harris, 6. And 360 of Oxford. W. Price, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; F. Smedley, 3; H. Madin (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Harris, 6. Also 360 of Violet. A. Worthington, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; W. Worthington, 3; H. Madin (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Harris, 6. W. Price and G. Marsden, hail from Eckington; the others from Staveley.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, August 11th, at Christ Church, a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and a touch of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton. Tenor 12 cwt.

EXETER.—Recently, at St. Edmund's church, eight members of St. Edmund's society, rang 1400 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Townsend, 1; Sydney Herbert, 2; E. Pitt, 3; H. Swift, 4; W. G. Goss, 5; W. C. Marsh (conductor), 6; W. Richardson, 7; A. W. Searle, 8. This touch was composed by Mr. D. Astin, of Gloucester.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, July 20th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 47 mins. W. Andrews, 1; A. Foreman, 2; J. H. Small, 3; Rev. F. J. Helmore (conductor), 4; A. A. Andrews, 5; H. F. Fairbrass, 6; R. Goodbourn, 7; A. Allen, 8. All of the above belong to Canterbury.

HALSALL (Lancashire).—On Monday, August 15th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. George Prescott, 1; William B. Lloyd, 2; James Higginson, 3; James Schollicar, 4; William Ellis, 5; William Bentham (conductor), 6. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

RAMSBOTTOM (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, August 16th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Jos. Smith, 1; J. Wolstenholme, 2; A. Clegg, 3; J. T. Roston, 4; J. W. Laycock, 5; H. Nutter (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, July 23rd, at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, a 720 of Oxford Bob. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Prior, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, July 30th, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob. J. Luckey, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), composed by F. Pitstow. W. T. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also on August 6th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (2nd the observation), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, August 7th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins., composed by W. Palmer, King's Norton, Worcestershire. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single, in 24 mins. W. T. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Prior, 3; G. Prior, 4; Isaac Hammond, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, August 14th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. J. Luckey, 1; W. Watts, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Prior, 5; Isaac Hammond, 6. And a 360 of Double Court Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; C. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday evening, August 15th, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the back six, in 29 mins. C. Barrett, 1; J. Brookes, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; H. Harris, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Mason (conductor), 6. Also a 210 of Grandsire Triples. J. Guest, 1; H. Mason, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Brookes, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; W. Hartshorn (conductor), 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; C. Barrett, 8. Also a course of Bob Major. C. Barrett, 1; J. Guest, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Brookes, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; W. Hartshorn, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; H. Mason, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in E. Messrs. Guest and Hartshorn hail from Brierley Hill; Brookes from Lye; Mason from Old Hill; Lawrence from Wordsley; the rest are local men.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, 4th August, for Divine Service, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 168 College Single Minor (six singles); 120 of Grandsire Minor (four bobs and four singles); and 120 Oxford Single Bob Minor (two singles). In the evening, 120 Single Court Bob Minor, and a touch of London Single Bob Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. J. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And on Monday evening, 15th of August, on handbells, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. R. Hurst, 1; H. Kelly, 2; J. Nightingale, 3; H. Spinks, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; J. Tweedley, 6. These are the first 120's for the above except the conductor. Tenor 9 cwt.

WASHINGTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 14th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. M. Richardson, 1; W. Thorns, 2; J. Golds (conductor), 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5. Also two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. M. Richardson, 1; W. Lillywhite, 2; H. Tidy, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart (conductor), 5. G. Smart and E. Brackley are members of the Sussex County Association.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 14TH.—

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, July 24th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. G. Thwaites, 1; J. Reilly, 2; Alfrey, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Cornwall, 7; D. Ross, 8. Also a 360 of Bob Minor. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Jay, 2; G. Thwaites, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; H. Cornwall, 5; H. Weston, 6. Also on Sunday, August 7th, 504 of Grandsire Triples in 17½ mins. G. F. Attree, 1; H. Weston, 2; A. Bennett, 3; Biggerstaffe, 4; S. Davies, 5; J. Reilly, (conductor), 6; G. King, 7; H. Cornwall, 8. And on Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Plain Bob Major, in 48 mins. H. J. Davies (London), 1; J. Reilly, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; G. A. King, 4; G. Thwaites, 5; G. W. Cartmel (St. Albans), 6; W. Palmer, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8.

Also at St. Nicholas, Brighton.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. J. Neve, 1; W. Palmer, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 4; C. Tyler, 5; J. Fox, 6; A. King, 7; E. Butler, 8.

By the Crawley branch, at Crawley.—On Tuesday, July 26th, a 420 of Court Bob Triples, in 24 mins. J. Dean, 1; J. Newnham, 2; G. Wickens, 3; W. Collinson, 4; F. Rice, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pearce, 8. Also a 714 of Grandsire Triples in 30 mins. J. Dean, 1; W. Collinson, 2; W. Pearson, 3; J. Newnham (conductor), 4; F. Rice, 5; F. Wickens, 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pearce, 8. Also on Sunday, July 31st, a 714 of Grandsire Triples, in 28 mins. J. Collinson, 1; W. Parsons, 2; W. Wady, 3; J. Newnham (conductor), 4; F. Rice, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; H. Burstow, 7; E. Pearce, 8. Also a 910 of Court Bob Triples, in 33 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wady, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; H. Burstow, 7; E. Pearce, 8. Also on Tuesday, August 9th, two 120's of Plain Bob Doubles, and two 120's of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles. J. Deans, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Rice, 3; W. Collinson, 4; F. Wickens (conductor), 5. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. J. Dean, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Collinson, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; E. Pearce, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; W. Ward, 8. 6 and 8 cover. And on Sunday, July 31st, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wady, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; H. Burstow (cover), 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 24 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wady, 3; F. Caffin, 4; F. Rice, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; E. Pearce, 8. Also a 420 of Court Bob Triples, in 15 mins. F. Caffin, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wady, 3; G. Wickens, 4; F. Rice, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pearce, 8.

By the Christ Church, Eastbourne, branch at Christ Church.—On Sunday, June 19th, a 360 of Yorkshire Court, in 12 mins. T. Smith, 1; J. Sharp, 2; G. Howse, 3; G. Smith, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of College Single. P. Peters, 1; J. Sharp, 2; H. Colbran, 3; G. Smith, 4; G. Howse, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, June 20th, a 720 of Single Court, in 24 mins. R. Howse, 1; T. Smith, 2; G. Howse, 3; J. Sharp, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, July 17th, a 360 of Yorkshire Court. R. Howse, 1; F. Harding, 2; H. Colbran, 3; G. Smith, 4; G. Howse, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6.

By the Henfield branch at Henfield.—On Sunday morning, August 7th, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Boniface, 1; M. Summersall (West Grinstead), 2; W. Pearce, 2; W. Pearce, 3; H. Burstow (Horsham), 4; T. Stringer (conductor), 5; T. West, 6. Also in the evening, six 6-scores in the same method, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Ward, 1; W. Pierce, 2; W. Stringer, 3; T. Stringer, 4; H. Freeman (conductor), 5; T. West, 6.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Sunday, July 24th, a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Yorkshire Court. J. Matthews, 1; G. Smart, 2; G. Gatland, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, July 31st, a 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; C. Chambers, 2; F. Morris, 3; T. Searle, 4; E. Brackley, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, August 7th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Searle, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

WAKEFIELD BISHOPRIC FUND.—The Guardian publishes a letter from the Bishop of Ripon embodying an appeal on behalf of this fund. It appears that about £9000 is still wanting to complete the scheme. A generous subscriber, Mr. W. Balme, has given £500 towards this sum, in addition to his previous munificence; and the Bishop promises another £250. The Earl of Devon, as Chairman of the additional Home Bishopricks Fund, also makes an appeal for the establishment of the new Northern See.

THE ENFIELD (MIDDLESEX) PARISH RINGERS.

The annual outing of the Enfield parish ringers took place on Saturday, July 30th. A cheap fast train from Liverpool Street at 7.15 a.m. being advertised to run to Yarmouth on that day, advantage was taken of the opportunity, and accordingly at 5.37 the company started from the Enfield Station, reaching Liverpool Street in ample time to catch the train to Yarmouth, which steamed out of the station at 7.35. After a most delightful ride, the famous sea-side town was reached at 10.50. Arrangements having been made for dining, the company made for the market, one of the finest in England. The market cross has gone, but a stone cross on the ground marks the place where, in days long gone by, bulls were baited, troublesome wives were whipped at the cart tail, and where in Cromwell's time banns of marriage were read, no less than 187 couples being published between the 1st February, 1653, and June 6th, 1657. Leaving the market, which was in a full swing of business, a visit was paid to the parish church of St. Nicholas, the largest parish church in the kingdom. The building is rich in memorial windows, those to the memory of Sarah Martin (a poor dressmaker), and to C. S. T. Mills, Esq., being very magnificent. Immediately underneath the latter is a most curious seat, formed of the base of the skull of a huge whale supposed to have come ashore at Caster, in 1582. The pulpit is a most elaborate work of art, carved figures at the lower part representing Jonah, Daniel, and seven other familiar Old Testament worthies, while the upper figures represent John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. Paul, and the four evangelists. The total cost of this most beautiful piece of workmanship was, we were informed £579 16s. The ancient reading desk, the vinegar Bible, etc., were viewed with much interest, and after the secretary had inscribed his name in the visitor's book, on behalf of his fellow ringers, the party left the church, much regretting that more time could not be spared to linger there still longer. A move was then made to the beach, and after a dip, the usual amusements to be had were freely indulged in. At 2.15 the company were assembled at the dining rooms of Mr. Coleman, near the Town Hall, discussing a most excellent dinner. This having been satisfactorily accomplished, a move was again made for the beach, where the few hours left were most merrily spent, and at 6.30 the company with very great regret turned their faces towards the station, Mr. Boswell, the foreman, being a great epicure in all that appertains to the finny tribe, purchasing on the way a box of real Yarmouth bloaters. The homeward journey began at 7.40, but owing to numerous stoppages, this train evidently being one of the noted fast trains that are advertised not to stop at the stations, but do so just outside, it was midnight by the time Stratford was reached. The last Enfield train from Liverpool Street, had by this time left, but luckily there was the 12.5 down main line to Ponders End. This the party availed themselves of, and at 1 a.m. reached this station. Now commenced the rather long walk for the somewhat weary travellers, but, buckling to the task, the ringers strode merrily along, Mr. Boswell manfully shouldering his box of real live Yarmouth, which however, seemed to get heavier, necessitating a constant shifting from shoulder to shoulder, but with the prospect of such a breakfast before him, what cared our foreman? Sad to relate, however, on arriving home and raising the lid to display his treasure, the box was found to contain nothing but coal, paper, straw, etc., evidently shipped at Chelmsford. Great was the disappointment, but our "old Charley" dearly loves a joke, and when the real fish were discovered in the belfry the same morning tied up in a very neat parcel, he was very ready to acknowledge that "they were all very fine and large." So ended the ringers' outing, a day that will ever be looked back upon with unmixed pleasure, and the parish ringers take this opportunity of tendering their sincere thanks to those parishioners of Enfield whose kind contributions enabled them to carry so pleasant a day to such a successful conclusion.—*Local Paper.*

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association are invited by the President to a garden party at Duffield Bank on Saturday, September 3rd, from 2 to 6 o'clock. The ten bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of ringers during the afternoon. Members' friends who belong to other Associations will also be welcome.

HERE AND THERE.

In common with many of my fellow-readers of our paper, I read the remarks of the Rev. F. E. Robinson relative to the dispute between the ringer and his vicar with very great interest, and as a correspondent once said, "with the most uncommon satisfaction." Could all disagreement be thus arranged what a world this would be. And it could be arranged in this or a similar manner if the leading spirits of the Guilds were to interest themselves about it, and go to work the right way. The writer who signs himself "Ager Forum" hits the nail on the head. If his ideas could be carried out, good-bye to the proverbial despotism of those tyrants and ignoramuses known as "Jacks-in-office." Their race is well-nigh run.

The "model" belfries of Wiltshire must be a source of infinite fun to my friend Mr. Jerram. There is no doubt he revels in this kind of thing, and he is just the man to make the most of it. To prate of belfry reform where there are only three bells is rather good. How J. R. J. must have laughed, to be sure.

Speaking of belfry reform and the spread of the art of change-ringing by different associations, the voluntary band at St. Swithin's, East Retford, in union with the Shireoaks and Work-sop and other ringers in North Nottinghamshire deserve a compliment for their pluck in organising, of their own free will, a ringing association for that division of their county, which possesses some splendid rings of bells, notably one of ten, several of eight, and many of six. The Dukes of Newcastle and Portland, with the Bishop of Southwell, are said to be patrons of this association, and if the clergy of the district evince an interest in the same, it may be expected to prosper as it deserves.

In my opinion, we don't hear often enough of the doings of our brother-strings on the other side of the world, so that the "News from Australia" published last week is very acceptable, and also very interesting. What are the ringers about in New Zealand, where they have a peal of ten? Wake up, some of you people over the way there. Can't you go in for the greatest length of Stedman or Grandsire Caters? Want a bob-caller or a tenor-man, do you? Let me know; because there's an individual in the old country who can call anything, and everything, and ring all the bells himself. That is to say, he has never called anything very difficult, not even such a simple matter as a peal of Stedman Triples off the treble, but he knows he *could* do it. He evidently can't get the opportunity here. The antipodes is the place for him, without a doubt, but even there I am afraid he couldn't rest. He would soon be wanting to ring a peal in Terra del Fuego or Spitzbergen.

It would have been a capital "get" for the "Melbournians" if they could have secured the peal they attempted on the Jubilee day. "The first peal out of the British Islands!" How well that sentence would have looked on a peal-board. This "first peal" business is becoming a nuisance here. But "the first peal in the Colonies" I am sure all would excuse.

"Forty-five years since I had a turn." * * * "I had a brother who was all there at it." The name of the individual who uttered the above in that far off tower on Jubilee morning bears a striking likeness to that of the hero of the once famous peal of Stedman Cinques. The period is a long one to go without a pull, but the desire to do so shows the love for the science that must once have reigned in our friend's bosom. It would be interesting to many of our readers to know if T. and J. Dwight are brothers, if so, has forty-five years elapsed without a return of the former to the mother country? while if our Editor will kindly give us a portrait of the latter and a history of his ringing career, he will much oblige his numerous readers, and earn the lasting gratitude of
A NEW MAN.

ANTWERP.

[From a Correspondent.]

The English visitor on arriving at this famous old Belgic city will inevitably be attracted to the Cathedral. If he should happen to be a lover of the fine arts, he will be anxious to see within the edifice that masterpiece of Rubens, "The Descent from the Cross," which is to be found on the wall of the south transept; similarly hung in the north transept is the beautiful but less famous picture of the "Elevation of the Cross." The fee to see these pictures is one franc, but on Thursday morning and Sunday they can be seen for nothing, thanks to the liberal thoughtfulness of the Antwerp municipality. The Cathedral itself is one of the finest Gothic structures in Europe, with a roof supported by 125 pillars, and a magnificent spire, which viewed from a short distance, has the appearance of Mechlin lace. From this lofty spire, frequent carillons are rung—five minutes before every hour and half-hour—and it is said that on the 99 bells which hung here, any known musical composition can be played.

The Cathedral is dedicated to Our Lady, and has fourteen side chapels, all containing works of art, more or less interesting, but in the chapel of St. Antony is a window specially interesting to the English tourist, as it represents the wedding of Henry the Seventh with Elizabeth of York. Visitors can freely walk about, except during the hours of Divine Service, and they will do well to notice the beautiful work in black and white behind the high altar, which cannot easily be distinguished from the surrounding sculptured marble. At a charge of 75c. for one person, and a franc for two, visitors can ascend the clock-tower, from the summit of which a noble view can be obtained. Immediately in front of the tower, in the square, the visitor will see the famous well of Quentin Matsys. The cover of this is a splendid piece of wrought iron work, hammered by the smith himself who, as all know, became afterwards a more famous painter, having forsaken the hammer for the palette and the brush, in order to win the love of one of Antwerp's maidens. A stone let into the Cathedral wall close by commemorates this pleasing episode of the early history of the town.

Near this stone and immediately at the base of the tower will be found another stone forming part of the pavement, on which will be seen certain marks made by the insertion of small pieces of metal. This is to indicate the exact spot on which a workman fell from the summit of the towering height above. According to popular tradition the metal pieces show how fearfully mangled the body was by its fall, the number of pieces being the same as the number of pieces into which the body was broken. "A death's head and cross bones" let into the base of the Cathedral wall is said to have under them a record of the incident, but age has rendered the lettering indecipherable.

Next in interest to the Cathedral, perhaps, come the churches, and as these lie close to each other the visitor can soon do the round of them. The first in importance is the church of St. Jacques, which has a venerable, imposing looking tower. The building is of later Gothic style, and contains pictures by Rubens, Vandyck, Otto Venius, etc. There are here some very fine statuary and a splendid organ. Next the church of St. Paul can be visited. This was built by Dominicans on the site of an ancient church. Visitors will do well to note the splendid entrance, and inside they will be charmed with the sculptured woodwork.

The tourist must not leave this church without seeing the famous Calvary, intended, according to the notions of former times, to excite feelings of religious devotion, but now inspiring little more than curiosity even in believers.

The Church of St. Charles Borromée, which lies midway between the Museum and the Cathedral is only interesting as furnishing an example of the architectural ability of Rubens. Nearly all the interior was destroyed by fire in 1718, so that there is little inside to tempt the visitor. Immediately opposite is the public library, and in front of this building is a statue to Henry Conscience, the popular Flemish novelist.

The church of St. André, Rue des Augustins, contains some good works of Art by Otto Venius, M.M. des Vos, Verlat, &c. There is here an interesting portrait of Mary Queen of Scots, by

Forbes. The visitor will also do well to note the wood carving of the pulpit, and also a marble group by Verbruggen.

The church of St. Augustin, Rue des Peignes, contains a very fine altar piece by Rubens.

The church of St. Antoine also contains pictures by Rubens and Van Dyck.

There are several other churches in the town, but none of them contain objects of interest to the tourist.

The English church is in the Rue des Tannuers, a street opening out of the Place de Meir. The usual services are held on Sundays, and all visitors can easily find sittings. English Services are also held every Sunday in the Chapel of the Mariners' Institute, Avenue de Commerce. The services are intended for the seamen frequenting the port.

The transition from the churches to the printing of the Bible is an easy one, and it will be interesting to the English tourist to recall to mind that William Tyndale printed his translation of the Holy Scriptures into English at Antwerp, and that he was afterwards burnt as a heretic at Vilvorde near Brussels, A.D. 1536. The knowledge of this will make more interesting a visit to the Musée Plantin, which was once the dwelling place and business premises of the famous printer Christopher Plantin, who died here in 1589. His descendants carried on the business for upwards of two hundred years, and accumulated a perfect treasury of antique furniture, tapestries, miniatures, missals, and other interesting objects connected with printing and the fine arts. There are in the Museum no less than fourteen portraits by Rubens and two by Van Dyck. The whole was purchased by the town about ten years ago, and the treasures thrown open to the inspection of the public. The charge for admission is one franc, but it is free on Thursdays and Sundays.

Writing of Tyndale's martyrdom we shall next introduce our readers to the Old Steen, or Museum of Antiquities, which once formed part of the old castle of Antwerp. It is a fine monument of the feudal times, and a visit to its dungeons will vividly recall the horrors of the Spanish inquisition which held its tribunal within its gloomy walls. There are many interesting objects in the rooms above, if the tourist can devote time to their careful inspection. In the attic will be found the red shirt in which parricides went to execution, and immediately opposite the case containing it are the block and knife used to cut off the culprit's hand before he was led away to his doom. There is a charge for admission to the Steen, but on Thursday and Sunday all is free, except one penny each person, to defray the cost of the candle used in visiting the dungeons. On emerging from the Steen, the visitor will see a building a little nearer the town, a quadrilateral gothic structure built in red and white brick with hexagonal turrets at each corner. This is the House of the Butchers, a once powerful Corporation; and under the shade of this edifice the visitor will find himself in the centre of the old town. There are other houses belonging to the old corporations still standing in various parts of the city, the most interesting of which are those which belonged to the Hanseatic and Hessian Leagues. These will repay a visit, as they are silent witnesses of the power of the old trading guilds. The former is to be used in future for the storage of grain, and an American Elevator is now being fitted up in the interior.

A visit must be paid to the noble Town Hall, or Hotel de Ville, which was begun in the year 1560, but was burnt down at the time of the Spanish Fury in 1576. It was rebuilt in the Renaissance style and has an imposing exterior. There are inside some fine pieces of statuary by Geefs and others, and a collection of pictures by Leys (died 1869) which illustrate events in the history of Antwerp. On emerging from the town hall the visitor will see in the Grand Place a very picturesque old house of several stories in height, which is all that remains of the palace of Charles V. Leaving the Cathedral on his right the tourist can inquire for the Longue rue Neuve, where he will find the exchange or Bourse, which is a very handsome building, and if the visitor will but station himself in one of the galleries between one and two o'clock p.m., and gaze upon the surging mass below, he will behold a most impressive spectacle. When the business of the day is over he will do well to descend and inspect the maps, charts and plans which decorate the walls in a style quite unknown in England.

The visitor may quit the Bourse by the southern door, and pass on to the magnificent Place de Meir, up which he can walk

and survey the exterior of the King's palace and the house of Rubens. In this same place there are other buildings of pronounced and elegant architecture. Passing the Place Teniers, where he will see the statue of the famous painter, he will reach the line of the Boulevards. These were once the limits of the city, and where now is the magnificent shaded drive nearly three miles in length, was once found the city moat.

Before leaving the town the tourist must visit the celebrated zoological gardens, which he can enter on payment of a franc. There he can inspect a magnificent collection of animals, finely housed in well laid out grounds. Bands of music frequently play, and there is a well ordered restaurant. Indeed it would be difficult to find a better place in which to lounge away the early summer evening. Here too is a fine panorama of the battle of Worth, the charge of admission to which is half a franc. Proceeding along the Boulevards either by fly (charge one and a half franc), or by tramway at a cost of twenty centimes, the visitor will arrive at the Palais de l'Industrie, where the triennial International Exhibitions are held. A visit to these beautiful grounds alone will amply repay the tourist, as he will see there, if nowhere else, how well the Belgians know how to enjoy out door life. Recreative pleasures of all kinds for young and old are to be found here. Fetes are of almost daily occurrence. Open air concerts are held twice a day in Summer, and there are frequent displays of fireworks. But the Exhibitions will naturally be the chief attraction. That of the present year is for furniture, textile fabrics, and ornamentation of parks and gardens.

In conclusion we may point out that Antwerp well deserves a visit not only on account of its own merit, but because it is an admirable centre from which to take trips or excursions into the interior of Europe. Holland is reached within an hour: Germany within six hours, and the excursionist may visit Spa, Brussels, Bruges, Ghent, and other well known places without ever being far from a part from which he may again easily reach the United Kingdom. From London, Dover, Grimsby, Hull, Newcastle, and Harwich frequent steamers run to Antwerp, and nothing can excel the passenger accommodation afforded by the steamers of the Great Eastern Railway which make a short and pleasant daily passage between Harwich and the river Scheldt.

RIGHT-HANDEDNESS.—Around the youthful pupil stand parents, nurse, preceptor all anxious that he should leave off the use of the "wrong hand," either in labour, or as a matter of courtesy. So persistent and universal is this education that some authorities have deemed the whole difference between right and left hand an affair of fashion; and that if both hands were educated alike, it would be a great gain. Nevertheless, if right-handedness be a fashion, it is all but universal, and the most ancient fashion we know. The history of writing, the evidence of language, and the drawings and tools, not only of Egyptians, Assyrians, Greeks, and Romans, but of races the memory of whose existence had passed away ere the earliest extant records had been penned, and whose rude tools, weapons, and artistic representations have been disinterred from caves, kitchen-middens, and crannogs, gives us early evidence of right-handedness. These drawings represent faces in profile, looking towards the left, just as a street Arab, unless he be left-handed, chalks them on any unoccupied surface. Such is a sketch of the mammoth, on a piece of ivory, found in the rock-shelter at La Madeline, in the Dordogne. So, also, is the reindeer, etched with great spirit and skill on bones procured from a cave near Bruniquel. Another drawing, in which an eel, two horses' heads, and what Dr. E. B. Tylor has pronounced as possibly the earliest known portrait of man, represents the implement held in the right hand. Professor Daniel Wilson has given three engravings of bronze sickles from the lake of Brienne, all constructed for right-handed men of the Bronze Period. One such handle, found in 1872 was the first example of a complete hafted instrument; and as Dr. Wilson remarks is carefully fashioned, so as to adapt it to the grasp of a very small hand, and as incapable of use by a left-handed shearer as a mower's scythe.—From "Science for All" for August.

A CORRECTION.—In the peal of Duffield Major on page 249 of last week's issue, second course-end from bottom of first column, for: 43125 1 B O, read 43125 1 B.

We request that all correspondence intended for publication may reach us on or before Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current number.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP.

SIR,—In your issue of to-day it is hinted (by the writer of "Here and There") that the peal of Treble Bob Royal rung at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday last is not a *bona fide* Essex Association peal, because no public notification has been given of the election of one of the band in the tower before starting for the peal. Allow me to point out that the gentleman in question had rung in an Essex Association peal of Treble Bob Major at Galleywood, on the previous Saturday (see "THE BELL NEWS" August 6th) before, which peal I understand that he was duly elected by the members present. A report of his election, together with his subscription, has since been forwarded to me. If that election was valid, no further election was necessary two days afterwards. And it certainly is not invalidated, so far as the rules of the Essex Association are concerned, by the mere omission of the usual notification in a newspaper report of the peal.

T. L. PAPILLON,
Hon. Sec. Essex Association.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford, August 13th.

A FALSE CLAIM.

SIR,—In your issue of August 6th, Mr. Charles Price, of Eccleston, published a peal of Treble Bob with the 6th bell extent all positions, and home at five course-ends. Now, Sir, this is a grave error, and one calculated to mislead readers. Mr. Price calls a bob at starting, which brings up 42356. This he terms a course-end, as I before said, in error. I hope Mr. Price will see, when pointed out to him, that this is simply a bob lead, and not a course-end, and that 34256 can be used as he uses 42356, in fact the whole peal can be given by bob leads, as in days of yore—see the Treble Bob peals in *Clavis* to wit. I am sure your correspondent will cheerfully relinquish his claim when he sees the peals I have made and placed beside his own, each properly described. He should try again and again if at first unsuccessful.

MR. PRICE'S PEAL.

5056.	M	B	W	H
23456				
52364	-		2	
24365	2	-	1	2
56342	2	-	2	1
25463	-	2	1	2
53462	2	-	1	2
36245	2	-		
43652	-		2	
32654	1		2	
62534	1	-	1	
23645	-			
52436	-	2	2	
54326	1	-	2	2
64235	2	-	1	
25346	2	-	2	2
23456	1	-	2	2

This peal contains the 6th extent all positions at four course-ends each way in 5-6.

TWO PEALS BY H. DAINS.

5056.	M	B	W	H
23436				
62534	-	2	2	
65324		1	2	
35264		2	1	
54263	2	-	1	2
23645	2	-	2	2
46325		2	2	
24653	-		2	
52436	-		2	
23564	-			
32465	2	-	2	
65243	2	-	2	
34256	2	-	2	1
32546		1	2	
35426	1	-	2	2
23456	1	-	2	

This peal contains all the 8-6's and 8-6-7's; six at four course-ends; W extent at five course-ends home; 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end.

This peal contains the 6th extent all positions, at four course-ends, W., and five course-ends home.

H. DAINS.

"USING THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS."

SIR,—If the peal of Superlative Surprise Major rang at Drayton, Berkshire, on Saturday, the 30th ult., be the same 6048 as published in your issue of the same date, then I wish to point to Mr. Washbrook that the same peal was composed in 1854 by the late John Cox. It

was rang by Squire Proctor's band in 1855, and published on page 100 and 145 of *Hubbard's* 1876 edition, and again in your issue of "THE BELL NEWS" of Sep. 19, 1885, by the late J. W. Snowdon, Esq., in his lists of Surprise peals. It is reducible to 5152 changes, by omitting the last six bobs at home of any part, and was thus rang by members of the Royal Cumberlands at Redenhall, Norfolk, in the year 1877. I will give Mr. Washbrook credit for making the best possible variation the original peal is capable of, and for the correct description of the qualities contained, but as I entertain grave doubts as to the possibility of composing another original peal upon this plan, I hope the gentlemen concerned will place the composition to the credit of its author in their Association records. Allow me also to point out that the 6048 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major given by Mr. Washbrook, in your issue of August 6th, may be reduced to a various number of changes by omitting bobs at home in the last three or six courses of any part of his peal. I note the opening of a new column in "THE BELL NEWS," by "A New Man, under the title of "Here and There." This is all very well in a way, but if your assistant goes on as indicated, we shall all be laughing at one another soon, and so nobody can grumble. His remarks about long peals cause me to ponder as to the time that elapsed between the Earlsheaton performance and its denouncement, and let us venture a fervent hope that no other vicissitudes may overtake identical medals, and no other documents will be missing.

H. DAINS.

THE PEAL AT CHELMSFORD.

SIR,—In your last week's issue a correspondent signing himself "A New Man," objects to the above appearing under three headings. Were it not for the flippant style which the writer assumes (for reasons best known to himself), one would think that he was an aggrieved party in the transaction. I presume that J. Smith is the one whose name does not appear on the books of the Essex Association, but Mr. Smith was elected a member on Saturday, July 30th, previous to the peal at Galleywood. This was reported to the Secretary the following morning, being the day before the peal in question was rung. As regards the Norwich Association, as we were leaving our lodgings (in fact some of the members were already on their way to church) it was suggested that if we made two members the peal could also appear under the name of this Association. A quorum was formed, the two names were put to the meeting and carried, therefore all that was done was in conformity with the rules of the respective associations. Then as to the fresh blood imported, I may say the same members were invited that were in the attempt on Whit-Monday. Two could not attend, and their places were filled to the best advantage. I leave the black bag business for "A New Man" to explain, as it is evident by his remarks that he is quite as much "in the know" as myself in regard to this matter.

GEO. NEWSON.

SIR,—Thanks to the keen eye of "the New Man," the peal recently rung at the above place will probably not be entered in the Essex book until the worthy hon. sec. is satisfied that J. Smith is a *bona fide* member of the Association. Gentlemen who wish to have their peals entered in certain books should be certain that the whole band are members of the various societies in which they want their peals recorded.

HONESTY.

SIR,—I notice in your last issue some comments on the Chelmsford peal by "A New Man"? I am inclined to think that he is an "Old Un," but still too young to be in the peal referred to. He says that one of them are not to be found in the list of "Essex Members" (I suppose he means Mr. J. Smith). We know that or we should not have proposed and "elected" him in Galleywood tower previous to starting for the peal of Oxford. I am surprised, Sir, that the person who sent the report to you should have omitted to mention this matter, as it would then have satisfied the mind of the "New Man"? and others as to its being a *bona fide* "Essex Association peal." Your "New Man" first attacks Mr. Probationer, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as belonging to the "Peculiar people;" he goes on to say that when Mr. Probationer can ring a bell through a "5040" of London Surprise, he will be entitled to a free ticket, and so will the "New Man" when he can compose a peal in that method with that number of changes. And I certainly should favour a "promising" probationer with a free ticket rather than a conceited "Old Un," who happens "to be in the know;" my experience teaches me that their room is better than their company. After challenging the peal as an Association one, he says that the disappearance of the black bag from the tower was bad taste. I admit it, but as the ropes were brought from a distance, the parties concerned were compelled to take them off and replace the old ones before dark. I for one was sorry to see them taken off for the sake of our Ipswich friends, who I am sure all ringers (that know them) greatly

respect. Then "new blood" was imported to avoid the "fatal blunder," Mr. Taylor was asked, but he could not come, as he was going out with his own company, and I am quite sure both him and Mr. Doran are reliable men in Treble Bob. We will "permit" The New Man to be in the know, as from what I can gather all who know him reckon he knows a lot.

F. PITSTOW,

Member of the Essex Association.

DOUBLE COURT AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BARKING ROAD, WEST HAM.

SIR,—In the issue of "THE BELL NEWS" for August 6th, among the miscellaneous performances is a record of a 720 Double Court at the above church, which it states was rung at the first attempt. This, Sir, is an error. Dictionaries of the English language on the basis of Walker, Johnson, Webster, etc., give the word attempt "a trial." Allow me, Sir, to state that there had been five previous attempts upon the same ring for the same 720 in which three of the same band took part. This may appear rather a small matter to take up, but as our friends at West Ham are such staunch believers in infallibility, they should remember that it is dangerous for those who live in glass houses to throw stones.

B. KEEBLE.

WHY THE SIXTY COURSES OF STEDMAN CATERS SHOULD NOT BE GOT.

SIR,—There has been of late years a great deal of opinion as to whether the above number of courses "being all in course" is possible or not. I was talking to a gentleman the other day who went so far as to say that he had produced them. With your permission, Mr. Editor, I will just shew the utter impossibility of such a composition. Now with bells fixed at 2 7 8 and 9, you have the use of bobs at the 4th, 5th, and 16th sixes of each course. Any other effecting the other bells so must not be used. There are four sets of courses that can be utilized for the purpose, which are as follows:—

1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
4 5 16	4 16	5 16	16 or 5 or 4
5 16	16	16	16 5 4
4 5 16	16	16	16 5 4
5 16	4 16	5 16	—
4 5 16	16	16	—
5 16	16	16	—
	4 16	5 16	—
	16	16	—
	16	16	—

Each one of the above sets bring back rounds, with a chance of splicing in any other sets you want for your peal. Now suppose we start with the 3rd set, which is the best adapted by far, we shall have to splice our other courses in with bobs at 4. Well every bob at 4 transposes three bells, and therefore three bobs bring you back to the course from which you first call with two courses to the good, and if you splice in three 16's between each of your 4's, you get six courses to the good, and still further, if you splice in a 5 between the 16's you will have eighteen courses to the good. Suppose you find it possible to do this twice, "which of course can be done," reckoning your starting set, you would have forty-five courses, fifteen more courses wanting; well, say you splice in with 4's and 16's, you can easily get twelve more. Then by splicing in finally with 4's only, you get two more, alas! one short, and no remedy, as there are not sets of that number, thus impossible. If you use as your starting set number one, you arrive at the same difficulty, as you must use that family of bobs in courses where you first use them, and in the finish you are two courses short of sixty. And as all composers know that cutting up the courses leads to utter confusion and a much shorter finish, it is useless to say anything on those lines. By using a s, you can produce the 120 courses, but not the sixty without a s. This also applies to Double Norwich, Bob Major, Duffield Major, etc. I hope these few lines will be of interest to composers generally.

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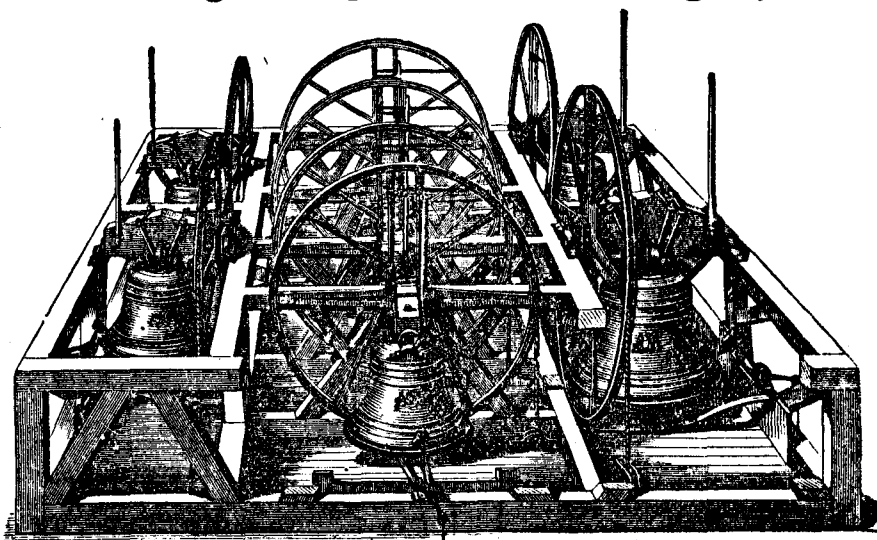


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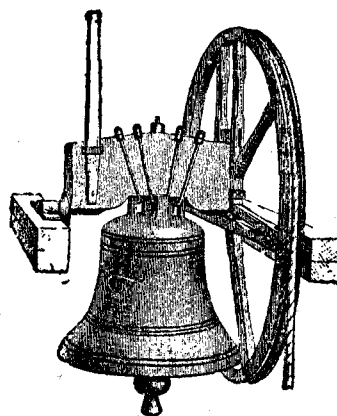
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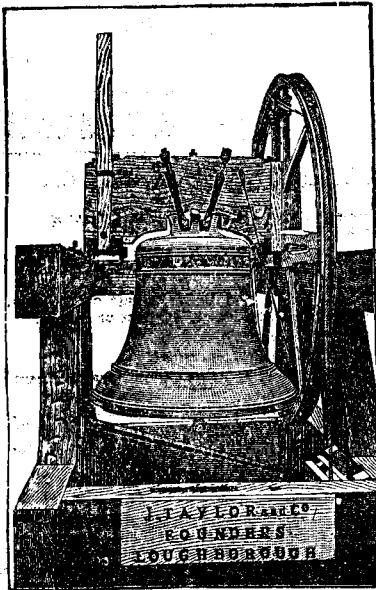
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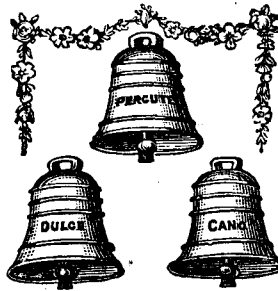
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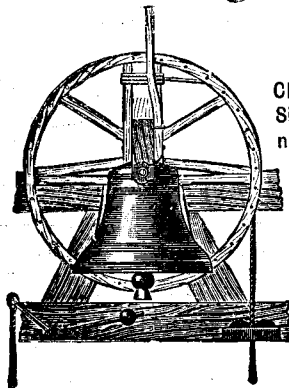
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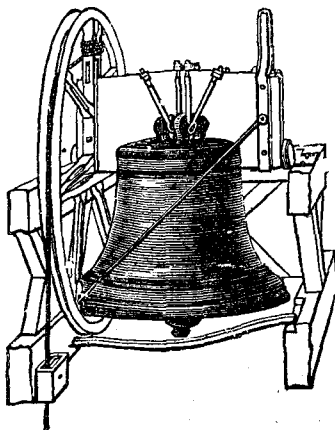
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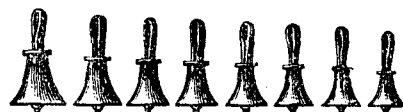
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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING IN SHREWSBURY.—ST. MARY'S BELLS.

Some weeks ago we published a copy of the inscriptions on the bells of St. Alkmund's Church, in Shrewsbury. A resident of that ancient town has sent us the following extracts from various local publications which he would fain hope will be interesting to the readers of our journal. They are given under the respective headings as they first appeared.

The peal of ten bells in the steeple of St. Mary's Church is said by Mr. Pidgeon to be unsurpassed in tone by any peal in the kingdom. Owing to the altitude of their position they are heard with great advantage in the environs of the town. Mr. Pidgeon speaks of "their varying and soul-subduing melody," their "mellow cadences floating on the gale" as they peal "in sweetest numbers from the heavenward-pointed spire." Rhapsody apart, there is no doubt that St. Mary's bells may justly be considered a *nulii secundi* among parish church bells. They were originally a peal of eight, cast by Pack and Chapman, of London, in 1776. Of the bells of this church prior to this date there is no record beyond the fact that an old MS., dated 1594, calls St. Mary's "the pleasantest and comfortablest ring of bells in all the towne," and speaks of them being "ronge verrey solemnly to the comforte of all the hearers." The cost of the eight bells in 1776 was borne by public subscription, aided by the sale of the old bells. The Union Society, of which Mr. Ralph Vernon was then the moving spirit, was mainly instrumental in making the subscription a success. These eight bells bear the following inscriptions:—1, "We were fixed by voluntary subscription." 2, "Happiness to all worthy contributors." 3, "Success to the Worshipful Company of Drapers." 4, "Unanimity and welfare to all the suburbs of Salop." 5, "Peace and felicity to this Church." 6, "Prosperity to St. Mary's Church." 7, "Edward Blakeway, minister; John Watkiss, Edward Elsmere, Henry Kent, Churchwardens." Tenor, "May all who I summon to the grave enjoy everlasting blessings." In 1810 the parishioners held a meeting, of which the following are the minutes which I copy from a MS. appeal for subscriptions addressed to Colonel Lyster, of Rowton Castle:

"At a meeting of the parishioners of St. Mary's, held in the Vestry on July 23rd, 1810, it was resolved unanimously that the estimate of Mr. Mears for new hanging the bells be accepted, and that he be requested to execute the work as soon as possible. It was also agreed upon that two new bells be added to the present peal, provided a subscription can be raised sufficiently to defray the expense of the same, which is estimated at about 120 guineas. The gentlemen of the Committee and Churchwardens of St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, present their most respectful compliments to Colonel Lyster, and should feel themselves highly honoured and obliged if Colonel Lyster would do them the favour to sanction the above subscription with his name in whatever way he may think proper, and would please to signify to Mr. Gwyn, the Schools, Salop, as early as shall suit his convenience."

A copy of the subscription list to date is annexed, on which the following well-known Shrewsbury names of four-score years ago appear:—Ringing members of the Union Society, £10 10s; Earl Tankerville, £5 5s; Mrs. Powis (Powys), £5 5s; Hon. H. G. Bennett, £5 5s; Hon. W. Hill, £5 5s; Sir T. Jones, Bart., £5 5s; John Cotes, Esq., £5 5s; J. Kynaston Powell, Esq., £5 5s. Among lesser amounts are the names of Thomas Lloyd, Esq., Rev. Mr. Butler, Rev. J. B. Blakeway, the Saddlers' Company, Rowland Hunt, Esq., Mr. Tomlins, Mr. Burd, Mr. Carline, Rev. H. Owen, Mr. Oakley, Mr. Bowen, and many others, of some of whom the children and grandchildren live to listen to what is, as was said of the older peal three hundred years since, "the pleasantest and comfortablest ring of bells in the towne."

THE UNION SOCIETY.

The following notice of the annual meeting of this society in 1789 appeared in the then current issue of the *Shrewsbury Chronicle*:—

"On Tuesday the Anniversary of the Union Society was held at the "Lion Inn," where the members of the society met, and dined with the President, Mr. James Wilding. The evening was spent with that harmony and conviviality which has always

distinguished that Meeting, when many loyal and constitutional toasts were drank."

OLD ST. CHAD'S CHURCH AND ITS DOWNFALL.

Extract of a letter from Thomas Telford, Esq., to a friend in Scotland. Mr. Telford, in reference to a consultation with the churchwardens of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, writes:—"I discovered that there were large fractures in the walls, on tracing which I found that the old building was in a most shattered and decrepit condition, though until then it had scarcely been noticed. Upon this I declined giving any recommendations as to repairs of the roof, unless they would come to the resolution to secure the more essential parts, as the fabric appeared to me in a very alarming condition. I sent in a written report to the same effect. The Vestry met again, and the report was read. Popular clamour overcame my report. These fractures, exclaimed the vestrymen, have been there for time immemorial, and there were some, otherwise sensible persons, who remarked that professional men always wanted to carve out some employment for themselves, and that the whole of the necessary repairs could be done at a comparatively small expense." Mr. Telford then left the meeting, advising an adjournment to some place not likely to tumble on their heads. "Three days afterwards the church fell, and the very parts he had pointed out were those which gave way, and down tumbled the tower, forming a very remarkable ruin, which astonished and surprised the vestry, and roused them from their infatuation, though they have not recovered from the shock." I have taken the above from a MS. book, which is apparently in the handwriting of the late Mr. Pidgeon, compiled in the year 1836. I have not seen it in print, and it may be of use to collectors of materials for local history.

BELLS AND BELL RINGING IN SHREWSBURY.

A few more traces of the Union Society still linger. The late Mr. P. Cross, of Cophthorne, had in his possession an upright silver drinking cup without a handle, which formed one of a set presented to the society by one of its members, whose crest it bears (a bull's head) and the inscription "The gift of a Brother Member to the Union Society, Salop." On other parts of the cup are engraved two hands in friendly grasp and a bell. This came into its late owner's possession from Mr. Richard Cross, a prominent member of the Union Society, to whom reference will be made hereafter in noticing the history of St. Chad's bells. Another cup precisely similar is now in possession of Mr. T. Morgan, printer, of Swan-hill, Shrewsbury, who is also the possessor of the set of thirteen handbells, upon which the members of the Union Society were wont to add to the harmony of their festive meetings. Mr. Morgan's father was probably one of the last, if not the last, surviving member of the Union Society, of which, by the way, the Rev. Professor Lee was, during his early life in Shrewsbury, a member. Visiting Shrewsbury at a time when academical honours were thick upon him, the Professor met some of his old ringing associates in St. Chad's belfry to ring a peal, but his hand and ear had lost their cunning, so far as bellringing was concerned, and he had to confess that he was unable to go on with the business. Several records of successful change-ringing at St. Chad's by the Union Society are near me. Among these are those to be found recorded on the tablets in the belfry, and many others recorded from time to time in the columns of the *Shrewsbury Chronicle*: e.g.

"On Monday evening, December 6th, 1802, in St. Chad's tower, Shrewsbury, was completed in a correct and masterly stile by the Union Society, a peal of Grandsire Catons, containing 5058 changes in 3 hrs. 30 mins., forming a selection of the most harmonious courses with 5,2,4,6 behind the 9th in regular succession, being the first true 5000 ever rung on those bells in the above method, composed and called by Mr. William Bull."

"On the evening of August 4th, 1801, was rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, by the Union Society, a peal of Bob Maximus, containing 5016 changes, which they compleated in forty-two minutes, being the first of that method compleated on those bells."

BELLS AND BELL RINGING IN SHREWSBURY.

In the tower of old St. Chad's were several tablets recording the execution of successful peals by the ringers of that church,

and by members of the Union Society. Three peals of Grand-sire Triples were recorded in the years 1762, 1769, and 1770. In March, 1772 was rung a peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 6210 changes, in 3 hrs. 58 mins. and 30 seconds, the ringers being Thomas Hodges, treble; William Hodges, 2nd; John Wood, 3rd; George Farr, 4th; John Hanley, 5th; Philip Heath, 6th; William Farrall, 7th; William Fradgley, 8th; Andrew Doley, 9th; Samuel Hill, tenor. Other tablets described several remarkable peals subsequently rung by the Union Society at Shrewsbury and other places in the county, with references to their records for the particulars. All these tablets were destroyed by the falling of the church in 1788. It appears thus far that the Union Society, "began in 1714," and existing for some hundred and fifty years, was the source and life of the art for which Shrewsbury ringers were in the last century so famous. That the new Archidiaconal Association may be successful in reviving the popularity of bellringing is a desire in which few will refuse to participate. Commencing with the metropolitan church, I have gleaned the following particulars as to

ST. CHAD'S BELLS.

The bells of old St. Chad's originally consisted of a peal of five, the weight of the tenor being 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. It was stated on one of the tablets in the church that Mr. Rowley, of Hill's-lane, in addition to his other benefactions, gave a bell to make up six. The parishioners afterwards increased the number to eight, and subsequently, when the bells were increased to ten, two trebles (by far the best) were presented (as stated by the late Mr. H. Pidgeon), by a company of comedians! Of these bells the greater portion were broken to pieces by the fall of the church on July 9th, 1788 at 4 a.m. On the very day before that much to be lamented event, the Union Society had arranged to meet in the belfry to ring a peal of several thousand changes, composed by one of the members. At the appointed hour all were assembled except Mr. Richard Cross. A messenger was sent for him, but he refused to attend, alleging that he believed the tower of the church was unsafe. The peal, therefore, went unringed, and on the following morning Mr. Cross's worst fears were realised. When the new church was opened in 1792, a new clock of bad construction was erected in the tower, and three of the old bells hung for the hours and quarters to be struck upon. A subscription was also set on foot in the parish for the purpose of providing a good new peal, but several of the leading trustees of the church and its charities, were hostile to the purpose, and placed all the obstacles in their power in its way. In this state things remained for several years, until during the memorable contested election for the borough which commenced in 1796 between the hills of Hawkstone and Attingham, it was thought desirable to test the spirit and liberality of the contending parties, by soliciting the leading gentlemen on each side to complete the subscription. Accordingly a committee of eleven parishioners was formed, at the head of which was Mr. Thomas Powell, London waggon proprietor. Mr. Mears, bell founder, was applied to for an estimate for a peal of twelve bells, the tenor to be 36 cwt., and it was calculated that £800 would be wanted, exclusive of the value of the old bells and broken metal recovered from the ruins on Belmont.

BELLS AND BELL RINGING IN SHREWSBURY.

ST. CHAD'S BELLS (Continued).

A circular soliciting subscriptions was put forth by the Committee, and a deputation of the body appointed to wait upon Sir William Pulteney, the senior borough member, in the first instance. He received the deputation very courteously, asking them to name what sum they thought he, in heading the subscription list, should put down, as he was desirous to meet their views and wishes, by way of example, before they presented the list to other gentlemen. To this Mr. Powell replied that the deputation would think £100 very handsome, provided that amount met with approval. After some thought, Sir William said as £800 was a large sum to raise by voluntary subscription, he would beg of them to place £150 opposite his name. The subscription so fairly started realised £724 15s, the following being the names of all who gave more than two guineas each:

Sir Wm. Pulteney, Bart., £150; Sir Richard Hill, Bart., £100; John Hill, Esq., £50; Right Hon. Lord Berwick, £50; Hon. W. Hill, £50; John Kynaston Powell, Esq., £50; John Corbet, Esq., £30; John Mytton, Esq., £30; the Countess of Bath, £25; the Company of Mercers, £21; Ralph Vernon, Esq., £10 10s; Rev. George Scott, Betton, £10 10s; Rev. T. Stedman, £5 5s; Robert Jeffreys, Esq., £5 5s; the Company of Saddlers, £5 5s; the Company of Miners (Mr. Powell), £5 5s; Thomas Lloyd, £4 4s; Mr. Thomas Powell, £4 4s; Mr. E. Stanier, £4 4s; Mr. G. Crump, £4 4s; John Bishop, Esq., £2 2s; Humphrey Sandford, Esq., £2 2s; Mr. Purslow, £2 2s; Mr. Robert Hill, £2 2s; Mr. R. Lloyd, £2 2s; Mr. Richard Cross, £2 2s; subscriptions under two guineas, £97 7s. It being found necessary to put an additional floor in the tower, the same was paid for out of the subscription, and after paying for the bells, the frames, and the expenses of hanging and fitting with ropes, etc., a surplus of £33 was distributed by the Committee among the poor of the parish. This account of the subscription which is taken from an authentic document, shows that Archdeacon Owen's account of the same (*vide* Ancient and present State of Shrewsbury, p. 182), is to some extent inaccurate. On July 14th, 1798, the new bells arrived in Shrewsbury by water carriage, and were landed at Mardol Quay. On the 18th, the hanging was completed, and twelve members of the celebrated London Campanological Society, known as the College Youths, having tested the tone of the bells in the founders' yard at White-chapel, arrived in Shrewsbury at their own expense and were permitted to ring the first peal upon the new bells.

BELLS AND BELL RINGING IN SHREWSBURY.

ST. CHAD'S BELLS (Continued).

The mottoes on St. Chad's bells were specially composed by Mr. Wilding, the master of High Ercall Grammar School. They appeared in the *Shrewsbury Chronicle* for July 27th, 1798, but as no account of the bells of the town would be complete without them, I must repeat them here. The weight of each bell is also given:—

Treble, wt. 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

In sweetest sound let each its note reveal;
Mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal.

Second, 6. 1. 4.

The public rais'd us with a liberal hand,
We come with harmony to cheer the land.

Third, 6. 3. 13.

Wide thro' the air, extend each gen'rous theme;
And float melodious down SABRINA's stream.

Fourth, 6. 3. 0.

When female virtue weds with manly worth,
We catch the rapture, and we spread it forth.

Fifth, 7. 2. 13.

Does battle rage? do sanguine foes contend?
We hail the victor—if he's BRITAIN's friend.

Sixth, 8. 0. 16.

Here let us pause, and now with one accord,
Salute the Church, triumphant in the Lord.

Seventh, 10. 0. 10.

May GEORGE long reign who now the sceptre sways,
And British valour ever rule the seas!

Eighth, 12. 1. 3.

Success attend our gallant host in arms;
And glory crown the brave whom honour warms!

Ninth, 13. 3. 23.

May ENGLAND's coasts the pride of Commerce see,
And SALOP's pride be always to be free?

Tenth, 16. 2. 21.

May Peace return to bless BRITANNIA's shore,
And Faction fail to raise her head no more?

Eleventh, 24. 1. 5.

May each subscriber in these numbers live,
And UNIONS ever feel those joys they give.

Tenor, 34. 0. 23.

May all whom I shall summon to the Grave,
The blessing of a well-pent life receive.

The tenor belonging to this otherwise fine peal being complained of by competent judges as ineffective both for ringing

purposes and for striking the hours, a meeting of the trustees was held on February 11th, 1825, the Venerable Archdeacon Owen in the chair. It was resolved that the bell should be recast with from six to eight hundredweight of additional metal, and the necessary instructions were given to Mr. Mears, of London, to carry out the work. The bell arrived in "Owner Rees's" barge at the Union Wharf in the following August, and was landed in the presence of the leading members of the Union Society. Its measurements are: height, 4ft. 6in., diameter, 5ft. 3in., circumference at mouth, 16ft. 6in., at head, 8ft. 9in.; weight 2 tons 1 cwt., being some 5 cwt. heavier than the old bell. Round the head is the following inscription in Roman capitals:—

"St. Chad's Peal of twelve bells was cast 1798. The Rev. T. Steadman, Minister; T. Jones. A. Drinkwater, W. Harley, R. Lloyd, Churchwardens. The Tenor having been found ineffective was exchanged for this bell 1825. T. Steadman. T. Mears, of London Fecit. Samuel Taylor, Philip Hughes, Thomas Jones, Charles T. Clarke, Churchwardens;" with the motto as on original bell.

At this period there were only eleven peals of twelve in the kingdom, seven of them belonging to the London churches.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, August 20th, punctually at the time appointed (6 p.m.), a friendly meeting of this Society arranged to meet at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, to celebrate the erection of a peal-board to commemorate a Jubilee Peal, rang on May 5th, which was the second in the City of London, and which was presented by Mr. Churchwarden Webb, who was present in the tower. The ringing commenced with a touch of Grandsire Triples, the performers standing the same as in the peal with the exception of Mr. West, who rang the sixth in lieu of Mr. Beech; the next was a touch of Stedman Triples by Haworth, Bonny, Langdon, S. Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), Barry, M. A. Wood (conductor), Newman, D. Living, and afterwards a touch of Treble Bob Major. The ringers were subsequently very kindly invited to drink the health of Mr. Churchwarden Webb, and spent a very pleasant evening with the parochial ringers, and Messrs. Monday, Tyack, Cecil, &c. Mr. D. Living having brought in the handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Messrs. Barry, 1-2; Haworth, 3-4; M. A. Wood, 5-6; S. Wood (Ashton), 7-8; W. H. George, 9-10.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will take place in the National Schoolroom, Brierley Hill, on Saturday, September 3rd, 1887, at 5 o'clock prompt. The Rev. J. Stone, Rector, has kindly promised to preside. The towers of St. Michael's, Brierley Hill (six bells); St. Thomas's, Stourbridge (eight bells); and St. James's, Wollaston (six bells); will be open for ringing during the afternoon. The Secretary hopes that those members who have not yet paid their contributions will do so at this meeting, and to take this as a notice to attend should they receive no other.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

CO-OPERATIVE PRODUCTION.—Very few persons are probably aware how far this movement has extended, and what a considerable amount of success has attended it. The last Annual report of the Labour Association for promoting workshops, based on the principle of participation in profits between capital and labour, states that there are over thirty workshops of the kind in Great Britain with 5000 members, £90,000 share capital, and £70,000 loan capital. The average profit recorded was over 14 per cent. on the capital, a remarkable result in these times of commercial depression. Nearly all the leading Co-operative Workshops will be represented at the Exhibition attached to the National Co-operative Flower Show at South Kensington, on Tuesday next. The Exhibition will fill the whole of the East Quadrant attached to the Albert Hall, and will comprise, worsted linen and cotton fabrics, boots and shoes, bags, portmanteaus and trunks, watches, hardware, fustians, quilts, hosiery, bookbinding, locks and padlocks, agricultural materials and products, washing, wringing machines and furniture, and other productions. The London public will then, for the first time, have an opportunity of judging of the manufacturing skill and taste of the associated workers.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 20th, the ringers of St. John's Church, Deptford, had their annual outing, going by brake to Bromley, where they were met by Messrs. Golds and Dunn (Bromley), and Mr. Henry Bright (of Woolwich). Ascending the tower, a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung. G. Golds, 1; E. Dunn, 2; J. Rose, 3; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 4; T. Rose, 5; J. Laws, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; W. James, 8. After partaking of refreshments, a move was made to Hayes, where hangs a handy peal of six. Here they were met by Lord Sackville Cecil, who is captain of the Hayes band. Time not allowing for a 720, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung. J. Rose, 1; T. Rose, 2; W. Jeffery, 3; J. Laws, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; Lord Sackville Cecil, 6. The following also took part in the ringing: Messrs. Bright, Bedwell, Golds, Palmer, Wilkins, Bathe, and Eustace.

A move was then made to West Wickham, arriving at the Railway Hotel, the party sat down to a substantial tea. After doing full justice to the good things provided, the handbells were brought into use, and after various touches and tunes, also songs by Messrs. Jeffery, Palmer, Rose, Bathe, Weatherstone etc., it was found time to start for home, which was reached by 11.0 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank Mr. Golds (Bromley), and Lord Sackville Cecil (Hayes), for kindly making arrangements for ringing, which greatly added to the enjoyment of all.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association are invited by the President to a garden party at Duffield Bank on Saturday, September 3rd, from 2 to 6 o'clock. The ten bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of ringers during the afternoon. Members' friends who belong to other Associations will also be welcome.

In Memoriam.

CHARLES STEER.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above gentleman, who died at Sheffield on Sunday, August 14th, at the age of 61. The funeral took place on Thursday, August 18th, the service being conducted by the Vicar, who is a member of the Yorkshire Association. Mr. Steer had been a member of the Sheffield society for twenty-seven years, and joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1872, and the Yorkshire Association in 1878. A course of Grandsire Triples was rang over the grave, and at the parish church in the evening, Grandsire Caters and Cinques was rung with the bells muffled.

JOHN ECCLES.

We regret to have announce the death of the above gentleman, one of the parish church ringers of All Saints' Church, Higher Walton, and also one of the handbell ringers, who died after a short but severe illness, on Thursday, August 4th, and was interred at All Saints' Church on Saturday, August 6th. During the funeral procession, the parish ringers, kindly assisted by John Robinson, of Walton-le-dale, rang the whole pull and stand, with the bells deeply muffled, and after the interment with the bells half-muffled, a date touch of 1899 changes in four methods, in 1 hr. 13 mins., being the date of his death, viz., fourth day of the eighth month of 1887, and made up as follows; 99 Plain Bob; 360 Coronation Exercise; 720 College Single; and 720 Oxford Bob. G. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Harwood, 2; H. Hunt, 3; H. Brewer, 4; J. Robinson, 5; J. Mather, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs. Mr. Eccles was appointed a parish ringer in February, 1873, and with the exception of from May 29th, 1873 to January 31st, 1875, and September 21st, 1879, to November 30th, 1880, was a ringer up to his death, and has taken part in a host of miscellaneous performances.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Diss.*

2 3 4 5 6 W M

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

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and right, and the 5th nine, and is obtained without a call at home.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5280.

By JAMES S. WILDE, *Hyde, Cheshire.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By HENRY J. TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford.*

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Three times repeated.

Single at the end of 2nd and 4th part-ends. It contains the 4th and 5th each eighteen times in 6th's place, and the 6th twelve times wrong and twelve times right.

First rung at St Mary's, Harlow, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 I 3 8

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

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

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

4 6 3 2 5 - - -

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

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

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

The above has the 6th twelve times wrong.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5120

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

2 3 4 5 6 M in out 5th w h

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

The 4th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6. If the alternate calling is used in the last course, the peal will be 5088.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

10,001.

By W. L. CATCHPOLE, *Ipswich.*

2 3 4 5 6 5 6 19 8-9 lay still going off

6 I 4 3 5 2*

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

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

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

*Produced by bobs at 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14, 20, 30, 33, 34.

These last eleven courses five times repeated with bob added at 1 in the first course of the first part, and at 7 in last course of last part, produce 134265879x0. Bob produces rounds in three changes.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5280

By JAMES S. WILDE, *Hyde, Cheshire.*

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.

A CORRECTION.—In the 13,440 of Double Norwich, on page 257 of last week's issue, the bob at 1 in the 7th course should be omitted.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT
BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 5 6

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

Five times repeated, with single at 6 in the 6th course of 3rd and 6th parts.

First rung at Abingdon, on February 14th, 1887, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By JAMES S. WILDE, *Hyde, Cheshire*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

Repeated. 6th its extent in all positions.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5037.

By WILLIAM LOMAS, *Sheffield*.

2 3 1 4 5 6

3 1 6 4 2 5 I 4 5 6

6 1 5 2 3 4	4	16
6 1 4 5 3 2		16
4 1 6 2 3 5	5	16
4 1 5 6 3 2		16
5 1 4 2 3 6	5	16
5 1 6 4 3 2		16
5 1 2 6 3 4		16
2 1 5 4 3 6	5	16
2 1 6 5 3 4		16
2 1 4 6 3 5		16
4 1 2 5 3 6	5	16

The last eleven courses three times repeated produce:

2 1 5 3 6 4

5 1 6 3 2 4

Brought round with bobs at 2, 4, 5, 7, 6.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By HENRY J. TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6384.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Bressingham*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

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

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

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th each twelve times wrong and right.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

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

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

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB
MAJOR.

6016.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB
MAXIMUS.

5088.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By SAMUEL WOOD, *Ashlon-under-Lyne*.

2 3 4 5 6 M O W H

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

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

Rung at Holy Trinity church, Stalybridge, conducted by its composer.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1887.

THE letter of Mr. J. W. WASHBROOK, which appeared in our last number, has created more than a little commotion in the ringing world, at any rate among that portion of the Exercise who give their attention to the construction of peals. Very many of these latter gentlemen have got the whole history of composition at their fingers' ends, so to speak, so that the assertions of the gentleman in question, which appear to overthrow what for many years has been accepted as orthodox, naturally has created some little excitement. In fact the statements of our correspondent have been received in certain quarters with some degree of irritation, if not of resentment. Of course such feelings are not by any means personal, as we understand the word, but arise solely from a praise-worthy desire to champion the productions of those celebrated men who maintained that they had given to the world compositions which have now become historical, compositions which have hitherto been held to possess the properties claimed for them. Perhaps the somewhat authoritative manner of the writer might have had something to do in provoking a spirited retort. However this may be, the fact remains that a statement has been made, if not with assurance, at least with confidence, that a peal of Stedman Caters, containing sixty-courses with the large bells undisturbed, and with a fixed bell in second's place at the course-end has never yet been produced.

This is, at any rate, how we understand the position assumed by Mr. WASHBROOK. And here it should be understood that what follows need not be regarded as final or conclusive upon the matter. We will not arrogate to ourselves the right to decide upon such a question. We merely express an opinion upon it.

Those who have replied to the statements of Mr. WASHBROOK appear to have lost sight of one important fact. There is a difference between "the sixty courses" and "the sixty course-ends." The latter may be obtained without the former being had, as is well known. But it is the "sixty courses," not the "sixty course-ends," which Mr. WASHBROOK deals with. This may to some appear a distinction unworthy troubling about, a kind of straw-splitting, in fact, not worthy of notice. But this is without doubt the kernel of the question. Are there in any one or the peals alluded to in this week's number of our paper, sixty complete courses in regular order with the bells in question undisturbed? The opening course may have those bells in the positions only in part, and the same may be said of the last or coming round course, therefore such peals as those fail in not having the positions required.

What we have endeavoured to point out appears necessary in the discussion, the end of which cannot be foreseen, and that must be our apology for dealing with the matter.

The Metropolis.

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

Handbell Peal.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes, AT THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL MEETING HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 16.

GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN	1-2.	SAMUEL WOOD	.. .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY	.. 1-2.	JOHN MURRAY HAYES	.. 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

Mr. Wood hails from Ashton-under-Lyne, and it is his first peal on handbells. Umpire—Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham; and Messrs. Woodley and Longden heard the latter part of the peal.

The Provinces.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 20, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES BARRETT*	.. .. Treble.	*GEORGE H. PAGETT..	.. 5.
WILLIAM JAMES†	.. .. 2.	†WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE	6.
THOMAS LEES*	.. .. 3.	GEORGE HAYWARD	.. 7.
HARRY HARRIS*	.. .. 4.	*WILLIAM A. PUGH	.. .. Tenor.

Composed by the late CHARLES RAVENCROFT, of Bromsgrove, and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

The above is the first Peal in the method on the bells. †First peal. *First in the method. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rector, the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, for the use of the bells. Messrs. Barrett, Lees, Harris, Pagett, and Pugh belong to St. Thomas's Society, Stourbridge; Messrs. Hayward and James belong to Bromsgrove; and Mr. Hartshorne to Brierley Hill.

***HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, August 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PRITCHARD'S VARIATION OF PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE M. BROWNRIGG	.. Treble.	CHARLES BENNETT	.. 5.
CHARLES JACKSON	.. .. 2.	HARRY CUTTER	.. 6.
TOM STOCKDALE	.. .. 3.	FRANK DRABBLE	.. 7.
HARRY JENKINS	.. .. 4.	FREDERICK MERRISON	.. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

CHELTENHAM.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee and Birthday Peal.

On Monday, August 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

F. MUSTY	Treble.	T. R. HOOPER	6.
H. KARN	2.	W. T. PATES	7.
H. HODGES	3.	G. H. PHILLOTT, Esq. ..	8.
H. ROBERTS	4.	H. J. TUCKER	9.
F. E. WARD, Esq. ..	5.	A. W. HUMPHRIES	Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.

The conductor was nominated for membership prior to starting for the peal, which was rung on his 29th birthday.

Date Touch.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE.—On Friday, August 19th, a date touch, 1887 changes, composed by Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. E. Dains (Widford), 1; J. Everard (Writtle), 2; J. Dains (Widford), 3; A. Edwards (Writtle), 4; H. F. DeLisle, Esq. (Galleywood), 5; A. Tarbun (Widford), 6; W. Lincoln (conductor; Writtle), 7; W. J. Piper (Widford), 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. The above was rung in honour of the 21st birthday of the conductor, Mr. W. Lincoln, and also the 17th birthday of A. Edwards, their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns of the day. At the same time a peal-board was opened, commemorating a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung here on Whit-Monday, by a band of the Essex Association and the Cumberland society, and presented by the vicar, the Rev. T. L. Papillon, who however, was unavoidably absent on this occasion.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Stephen's Church, Westminster, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major, in the Kent Variation (1248 changes) in 52 mins. *H. Nicolls, 1; *H. R. Newton, 2; *A. Pittam, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; *A. Tennant, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; E. Carter, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, August 11th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (with thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), composed by H. Johnson, of Birmingham. A. Barcock, 1; I. Hills, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Biggs (conductor), 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. And on Thursday, August 18th, for practice, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, August 13th, at the house of Mr. A. Wheatley, on handbells retained in hand, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick (conductor), 2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; W. Biggs, 5-6. And six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. M. Warwick, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; J. Spencer (1st 720 double handed), 5-6. And on Sunday, August 14th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Paul's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, containing five 4-6's, 7-4's, 6-7's, Queen's and titmums; composed by H. J. Tucker. J. Spencer, 1; W. Allen, 2; C. Pass (longest length in the method with a bob bell), 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; M. Warwick, 6; I. Hills, 7; H. Chapman, 8. And a course of Bob Major. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 608 Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. Biggs, 7; I. Hills, 8. And a 378 of Grandsire Triples, containing Queen's, titmums and rounds. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; I. Hills, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Chapman, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; W. Biggs (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. And on Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 503 of Grandsire Triples, with Queen's and titmums. C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; M. Warwick, 3; W. Allan, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; A. Andrews (longest length), 8. And for Divine Service in the evening a 720 of Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; W. Allan, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; C.

W. Clarke (conductor), 4; M. Warwick, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; H. Chapman, 8. And a 503 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; W. Allan, 2; F. Keech, 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 7; W. Hall, 8. And on Monday, August 22nd, for practice, a 480 of Bob Major. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; M. Warwick, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; W. Allan, 8. Tenor 27 cwt in D.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday evening, August 16th, at St. John's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Little, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; R. Moncaster (conductor), 5; T. Houghton, 6. Tedor 16 cwt. in G. T. Houghton hails from Daresbury, Cheshire.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, August 23rd, at St. John's Church, a course of Bob Minor. R. J. Robson, 1; R. S. Story, 2; H. Ferguson, 3; C. Wall, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Story, 6. First course of Minor by C. Wall. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, July 21st, for Divine Service at the parish church of St. Michael and All Angels, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; S. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

WRITTLE.—On Sunday, August 21st, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6.

WIDFORD.—On Friday, August 12th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; *A. Edwards, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; W. J. Piper, 6. *First in the method with a bob bell. Also 360 of New London Pleasure, and a touch of Plain Bob, with E. Dains, 1; and W. Harvey, 4. The rest as before.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER.—On Sunday morning, August 21st, at St. Margaret's Church, the St. Margaret's Company, assisted by A. Haigh, from Gillingham, rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. Raynor, 1; J. Talett, 2; G. Chantler, 3; W. Baker, 4; G. Lindoff (R.E.), 5; A. Haigh (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, August 21st at St. Peter's-in-the-east Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Washbrook, 1; F. Castle, 2; W. Finch, 3; C. Tolley, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 16th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Hyde, 1; B. E. Battum (conductor), 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; J. W. Driver, 5; R. Moss, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BIDDENHAM (Bedfordshire).—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. James's church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. West, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. West, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; H. Chapman, 6. Tenor about 14 cwt. in G.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, August 13th, at the house of C. Dunkley, 120 of Bob Doubles. C. Dunkley, 1; F. Smith, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. Also at the house of Mr. J. Chapman, 120 of Bob Doubles. E. B. Howell, 1; C. Dunkley, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. Also a course of Grandsire Triples. F. H. Smith, 1-2; F. E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5-6; W. Richards, 7-8; E. B. Howell, 9-10; C. Dunkley, 11-12; covering. Also a plain course of Bob Triples. E. B. Howell, 1; J. Martin, 2; E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5-6; W. Richards, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Triples, with 6, 8, and 10 covering. F. H. Smith, 1-2; E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5-6; W. Richards, 7-8; J. Martin, 9-10. Also 120 of Bob Doubles. W. Richards, 1; F. E. Chapman, 2-3; R. Dunkley (conductor), 4-5; J. Cade, 6.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday evening, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 32 mins. W. Brown, 1; G. Curry, 2; J. Anderson, 3; T. Walker, 4; J. Huntley, 5; J. Swinburn (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 accomplished by the local company.

BARKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 23rd, at St. Margaret's Church, for evening service, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. W. Nash, 1; J. Gobbet, 2; W. Cecil, 3; G. Pearl, 4; H. Springall, 5; S. Hayes, 6; Y. Green (conductor), 7; W. Greenleaf, 8. Also after service, 1312 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 52 mins. R. Sewell, 1; J. Gobbet, 2; W. Cecil, 3; G. Pearl, 4; H. Springall, 5; S. Hayes, 6; Y. Green (conductor), 7; W. Greenleaf, 8.

CROMER.—On Monday, August 13th, the St. Peter's society, Norwich, paid a visit to this place, and after viewing the fine tower rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. J. Smith, 1; F. Knights, 2; E. Francis, 3; P. Sadler, 4; G. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Skinner, 6. And some touches of Bob Minor were rung, conducted by E. Francis and J. Fiddiment. Tenor 12 cwt.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Monday, August 15th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. S. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; E. W. Downs, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; F. Wells, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater, 6.

DARESBURY (Cheshire).—On Sunday, August 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. P. Hamblett (conductor), 1; D. Melbourne, 2; A. de Prez, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, junr., 6. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 720 in the same method, in 23 mins. T. Johnson, 2; the rest standing as before. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. The above was rung on the occasion of Mr. Thomas Houghton, sen., completing his fortieth year as clerk and sexton of the parish, which offices have now been held in the family one hundred and ten years.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Martin's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; Thos. Titchener, 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; T. Gleed, 4; J. Nixon, 5; A. Pittam, 6. And on Sunday morning, August 21st, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 24 mins. T. Gleed, 1; J. Nixon, 2; A. Pittam, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; J. Leach, 5; A. Tennant, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LANCASTER.—On Tuesday evening, August 23rd, at the parish church, for practice, a 504 of Plain Bob Triples, in 21 mins. R. S. Hirst (conductor), 1; W. Clayton, 2; G. Winn, 3; W. Jackson, 4; H. Wilcock, 5; R. Suart, 6; T. J. Parker, 7; W. H. Hirst, 8.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, evening, August 14th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Symonds, 1; I. G. Shade (conductor), 2; H. Combs, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Howell, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6; H. Harper, 7; W. Moore, 8. After which three courses of Plain Bob Major was rung. H. Combs, 1; I. G. Shade, 2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3; W. Cross, 4; H. Harper, 5; W. Howell, 6; J. Boby, 7; W. Moore, 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, August 22nd, the following attempted a peal of Stedman Caters, which unfortunately came to grief through the slipping of a rope off the wheel, after ringing fourteen courses, in 1 hr and 2 mins. Richard Williams, 1; Thomas Hammond, 2; James Wood, 3; Charles Williams, 4; W. Booth, 5; Charles Henry Hattersley (composer and conductor), 6; William Davies, 7; George Longden, 8; Robert Williams, 9; William Brooks, 10. Afterwards 1120 of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung. Richard Williams, 1; Charles Hy. Hattersley, 2; Thomas Hammond, 3; Jas. Wood, 4; Robert Williams, 5; Charles Williams, 6; John R. Pritchard, 7; William Booth, 8; William Davies, 9; George Longden (conductor), 10. Tenor 25 cwt. C. H. Hattersley hails from Sheffield. Messrs. Longden and Wood from Ashton-under-Lyne.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, August 22nd, at St. Stephens Church, two 120's of Bob Doubles. R. J. Robson, 1; C. Wall, 2; W. Story, 3; R. S. Story, 4; E. W. Pyle, 5; E. Scott, 6; W. Haswell, 7; J. Scott, 8. In the second 120, J. D. Henderson, 6; E. Scott, 7; and G. Reavely, 8. First 120 for C. Wall. All the above excepting E. Scott, are members of the Durham and Newcastle Association. Tenor 30 cwt.

NORTHWICH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, evening August 16th, a touch of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. William Forster (conductor), 1; Samuel Forster, 2; Richard Chantler, 3; Thomas Forster, 4; Joseph Bell, 5; R. H. Barton, 6. R. H. Barton belongs to Christ Church, Bootle. Tenor 16½ cwt.

PONTEFRAC (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, at the parish church, a 1008 Bob Major, and in the evening, 1168 in the same method, in about 42 mins. G. Spurr, 1; J. Carter, 2; H. Spurr, 3; F. Moody, 4; C. Watts, 5; S. Brooks, 6; F. Hargreaves, 7; W. Pearson (conductor), 8.

ST. ALBANS Herts.—(Chiming.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Peter's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. T. Waller, 1-2; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 3-4; R. M. Pratt, 5-6.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Thomas's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 600 of Grandsire Triples. W. A. Pugh, 1; W. James, 2; T. Lees, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; W. Lawrence, 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; J. Crump, 8. Messrs. Hayward and James hail from Bromsgrove, Lawrence from Wordsley, the rest are members of the local company.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Thursday, August 11th, the following members of the local company met at St. Peter's Church for practice, and rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1024 changes). F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3; M. Cross, 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Griggs, 7; H. Harper, 8. Also on Thursday, August 18th, at St. Peter's Church, a touch of Bob Major (559 changes). N. W. Taylor, Esq., 1; F. Tolliday, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. B. Ransom, Esq., 4; W. Cross, 5; A. Scott, 6; N. Hawkins (Belchampt), 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also a touch of 783 of Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; W. Griggs, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; H. Harper, 8. Also on Sunday, August 21st, after the evening service, a 685 of Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; R. Mingay (Foxearth), 3; J. Lee (Foxearth), 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb. Also on Saturday, August 20th, a peal of Bob Major was attempted at St. Gregory's Church, but after ringing eight courses the 7th rope broke. W. Howell, 1; W. Griggs, 2; C. Herbert (Woburn, Beds.), 3; J. Campin, 4; S. Hammond (Melford), 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

TUNBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the following members of the local band: Messrs. Charlton, Cavilier, Chivers, Buckingham, Dunk, Mitchell, Rabbitt, Warwick, Wells and Warner.

TWERTON, NEAR BATH.—On Sunday, August 21st, at the parish church, the local company met to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 700 it came to grief owing to a shift. J. Smith, 1; G. Temple, 2; W. Chew (London), 3; J. Holman, 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; H. Brown (Bath), 7; C. Bendell, 8.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 14th, at Christ church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Rann, 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Barnett, 3; G. Cornell, 4; W. Lebbon (conductor), 5; J. Priest, 6. And after service a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Priest, 1; Gobbet, 2; J. Nunn, 3; E. Barnett, 4; A. H. Gardom (conductor), 5; W. Lebbon, 6.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, August 20th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Rev. A. S. Dowling, 1; J. P. Bradley, 2; R. Ford, 3; G. Pearl, 4; S. Hayes, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. This is the first 720 in the Oxford variation on the bells.

WINSHILL (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, August 16th, at St. Mark's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. C. Golder, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; Fred. Wallis, 3; L. Bullock, 4; J. Austin, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6. And several 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and after ringing 600 in Grandsire Minor, the 2nd rope slipped wheel. Mr. F. Wallis, who formerly belonged to Burton-on-Trent, hails from Rhyll.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, August 18th, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor was rung. A. S. Barrell, 1; J. Gobett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; J. Priest, 4; E. Barnett (conductor), 5; H. Scarlett, 6.

WOODFORD (Northamptonshire).—On Tuesday evening, August 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, assisted by W. Gilbert, of Raunds, the following different methods was rang:—a 6-score of New Doubles, a 6-score of Morning Delight, a 6-score of Stedman Slow Course, a 6-score of Old Doubles, two 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, a 6-score of Canterbury Pleasure, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. B. Green, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; J. Bunning, 3; T. Wilson, 4; W. Meadows (conductor), 5. Also a 6-score of Old Doubles. H. Bunning, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; J. Bunning, 3; W. Meadows, 4; T. Wilson (conductor), 5.

WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. James's church, a 720 of Grandsire minor, in 24½ mins. W. Fryer, 1; J. H. Parker, 2; G. Howells, 3; C. Baggott, 4; J. Lewis, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

After an interval of two years, the Worcester branch of the above Association resumed their annual outing, which took place on Monday, the 15th ultimo., Cheltenham and Prestbury being the places selected.

On arrival at the first named place, the company was met by Mr. J. Belcher, G. H. Phillott, Esq., and others, who conducted them to the belfry of St. Mary's Church. The ringing business commenced with good touches of Grandsire Caters, an adjournment then took place for dinner, a rather important and almost an essential matter for ringers on these occasions. Dinner over, the company then proceeded, via road, to Prestbury, a delightful and picturesque village directly under the celebrated Cotswold Hills. The Churchwarden (Mr. Davis), was waiting to receive them, and in a very courteous manner welcomed the visitors, handing them the keys of the tower, which was at once ascended, when a well-struck quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples was rung, in which Messrs. Wale, Cotton, Pheasant, Blandford, Jenkins, Hobbs, G. Cleal (conductor), and W. Hale took part.

We here take the opportunity of remarking the pleasure felt by the company at the well appointed little tower, the musical tone of the bells, and the excellent go of them, which reflects the greatest credit on those who have recently been entrusted with the augmenting of the peal from six to eight bells.

Another touch of Triples, the party then made a move back to Cheltenham to meet the Society, as arranged in the morning, most of the members being there to receive them. The tower was again ascended, when some good touches of Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung, Messrs. Cleal, Cotton, and Jenkins among the visitors taking part.

A well-known adjacent Hostelry, "The Eight Bells," was then adjourned to, when touches upon the hand-bells were performed by a mixed band. Time had now arrived for departure for "The Faithful City," which was reached by 11.0 p.m., all expressing themselves thoroughly satisfied with the courtesy and kindness they had received at both churches.

They also take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will take place at Gloucester, on Tuesday, August 30th, 1887. Divine Service in the Cathedral at 10.30. Short sermon by the Rev. J. P. A. Bowers. Business meeting in chapter room immediately afterwards. Dinner at the "Spread Eagle," 1 p.m. at 1s. per head to all who have sent notice to the Hon. Secretary by August 25th; 2s. 6d. to others, and to hon. members, who are also kindly asked to give notice. All members and friends are earnestly requested to attend Divine Service. The following belfries will be open to the Association: Cathedral of St. Peter, 8; St. Mary de Crypt, 8; St. Michael's, 8; St. Mary de Lode, 6; St. Nicholas, 6.

THE LAST OF THE CONQUEROR.—It was in the Priory of St. Gervais that William the Conqueror ended his stormy career. Enraged at a coarse joke of the French King, he had been engaged in ravaging that monarch's territory, and was threatening to advance and attack Paris. But whilst gloating over the burning churches and convents of Mantes, his horse trod on some hot cinders and stumbled, and William received a severe internal injury from the pommel of his saddle. He travelled with great difficulty to his palace at Rouen, but there his troubled mind could find no rest, and he caused himself to be conveyed to the Priory of St. Gervais. For many weeks he lay in suffering, and professed the most sincere penitence, while to quiet his conscience he bequeathed money to rebuild the churches at Mantes, and had all prisoners set at liberty. His barons, fearing that anarchy or invasion would follow the decease of their leader, fled to guard their possessions. His sons departed to secure their inheritances. Friends and courtiers all forsook him. At length in September, 1087, the Conqueror died, praying to the Virgin. The servants scarcely waited for his last breath to lay hands on all within their reach, stripping the very body of its raiment, and leaving it alone and uncared for. A knight dwelling in the vicinity paid for the expenses of the funeral cortege, and escorted it to Caen, where, with maimed rights, the body of William I., King of England and Duke of Normandy, was hastily and ignominiously consigned to the tomb.—From "Cities of the World" for August.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 20th Messrs. Henry Barnett, George Lucas, Joseph Waghorn, sen., Arthur Hubbard, and Thomas Hughes (probationer), members of the All Hallows Society, Tottenham, proceeded to Dovercourt, where they were met by two other probationers, Messrs. Hammond and Randall, and after a refreshing dip in the briny, a pleasant walk through the Spa and along the esplanade brought them to St. Nicholas church, Harwich, where, thanks to Mr. J. Brewster, captain of the Harwich ringers, all was found in good order for ringing, the bells having been greased and the ropes looked to, and defects remedied so carefully that no mishap occurred to mar the day's pleasure. After raising the bells, and ringing a few rounds just to get the feel and go of them, an adjournment was made to the Hanover Square Hotel, when the host, Mr. Lawrence, had provided a substantial cold luncheon, to which ample justice was done. At the church tower they were met, as previously arranged, by Messrs I. S. Alexander, A. R. Aldham, and W. Motts from Ipswich, with whose assistance and with Mr. G. Knock, one of the Harwich band on the tenor, business was commenced with 312 of Stedman Triples, conducted by G. Lucas. Messrs W. Easter, W. Green, and F. Goddard, members of the Harwich band having arrived, with their assistance, 252 of Bob Major, conducted by H. Barnett, 527 of Grandsire Major conducted by Geo. Lucas, and 408 of Grandsire Triples conducted by F. Goddard, and a few shorter touches were rung, and during one of the intervals the Harwich band performed several tunes on the handbells in a masterly manner, affording very great pleasure to the visitors. Tea time having arrived. Host Lawrence again catered in a highly satisfactory manner. Again ascending the tower the Tottenham and Ipswich bands, with Mr. Hughes at the tenor, put together a well struck 420 of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Aldham, after which 224 of Bob Major was conducted by Mr. H. Barnett. The inevitable train time having arrived the visitors were accompanied to the station by the Harwich company, after spending a most enjoyable day. The visitors tender their sincere thanks to the Harwich ringers for the very cordial reception they received, and to the Vicar and Churchwardens for allowing them the use of the tower. Just one wrinkle to visitors to Harwich. The accommodation at Host Lawrence's is good and clean, the viands choice and abundant, and the charges extremely moderate.

IDENTITY ESTABLISHED.

Our old friend Mr. James Dwight sends us the following letter:— "The Thomas Dwight, of Melbourne, who was mentioned in your issues of the 13th and 20th inst., is my own brother. He was born at Limehouse on April 7th, 1818, and is two years and about three months younger than myself. We both began to ring at the same time in 1830, and could only ring call changes, but he could do that well. He is in the same trade as myself, and worked with me up to the time of his going away, which was on September 4th, 1852, or about thirty-five years ago, but he did not ring for a long time before he went away. We scarcely rang anywhere else than Stepney, and never saw any half pull ringing. We have both rung on the twelve bells at Spitalfields, which church was burnt down in 1836. I had a letter from him about three years ago, but have lost it and have not got his address. If you want my ringing career I think it will be a long job for me, for as I have no writing to do I don't get on at it."

WHY?

Bulwer is pronounced Buller.
Talbot is pronounced Talbut.
Thames is pronounced Tems.
Cowper is pronounced Cooper.
Wemyss is pronounced Weems.
Knollys is pronounced Knowles.
Cockburn is pronounced Coburn.
Brougham is pronounced Broom.
Cirencester is pronounced Sissiter.
St. Leger is pronounced Sillinger.
Colquhoun is pronounced Cohoon.
Grosvenor is pronounced Grovenor.
Salisbury is pronounced Sawlsbury.
Beauchamp is pronounced Beecham.
Majoribanks is pronounced Marchbanks.
Bolingbroke is pronounced Bullingbroke.
Harwarden is pronounced Harden.

HERE AND THERE.

"A Daniel come to judgment" in the person of J. W. Washbrook! What's this about "sixty courses" of Stedman Caters? I thought that was settled long ago. Is it left for J. W. W. to discover that we have all along been the victim of a fraud, and that these "sixty courses" have never yet been got? What about the published and unpublished compositions of such men as Cox, Hubbard, Haley, and, last, but by no means least, oh no, of Henry Johnson? I shall be very anxious to hear what the yet living veteran says about the statements somewhat recklessly made, I think.

American steaks, so long as they come from Yarmouth, and are real, are to many a dainty morsel. They are known in almost every household from John O'Groats to Lands End, but to find them packed in a belfry is a new feature. A joke is all very well if not carried too far, but there is a medium to everything. Doubtless the owner of the box which found its way to Enfield was somewhat disappointed upon opening the same to find what a treasure awaited him. It is to be hoped, however, that after such disappointment he was not only consoled upon discovering his booty, but was enabled to far more enjoy it.

Well, Mr. Editor, if no other good comes out of the hints that I threw out respecting the Chelmsford peal, an increased revenue will be the result, for I have received various communications respecting the "job," and it is evident that an attempt has been made to put certain gentlemen on the scent as to my whereabouts, but up to the present they are not in the hunt, neither will they be there at the next course-end. Is there not, however, something in the background. I have just had the "tip" that one of the band who only went down on the Sunday state that "We' elected Smith."

I admit that Mr. Smith's "election" in the Galleywood tower was not invalidated by its non-publication, but judging from the rules of the Association which I now have before me, I cannot see that it is yet completed. Under these circumstances he is not a fully elected member of the Association, therefore the question arises, was he eligible to stand in the Chelmsford peal without a second formal election? The point to me is as it is to many of my correspondents, clear and simple, but as I am not a member of the Association perhaps I ought not to express an opinion.

I would advise Mr. Newson that when he again employs an amanuensis not to ask for so many stereotyped phrases. He is altogether in the wrong course if he assumes that I had any ambition to be in the peal. I have not yet heard the "ro," but when I wish to do so it will not be necessary to call in his assistance. Steady, George! It seems there is something in my statements regarding this peal; *vide* the letter of "Honesty," in last week's number.

Mr. Pitstow is to be congratulated upon his frank admission of the contents of the black bag. I had reason to believe that they were not altogether absent-minded. His theory, however, of removing the ropes before dark will not hold water. It is not often that it becomes dark at mid-day on Whit-Monday. This performance having taken place during the service in the church, and the report of the formal election of Mr. Smith on Sunday morning looks very much as if there are those that have belfry reform simply upon the surface. Thanking Mr. Pitstow for his compliments, what he knows is not what I know, and *vice versa*. His remarks anent a 5040 of London Surprise is scarcely ingenuous. He should have steered clear of that part of his observations, and have kept to the Chelms-

ford incident. I knew before he did what lengths could be got in any Treble Bob method. But 5040 came to my mind without thinking, as terms which are in common use sometimes do.

I see that Mr. Percival Heywood intends holding another garden party for members of the Midland Counties' Association and their friends. Mr. Heywood is a gentleman whom all ringers ought to know. But in saying this I don't mean that all and sundry ought to expect or *try* to attend these pleasant affairs at Duffield. That everybody would be welcome who attended, goes without saying. But what I mean is that such hospitality and welcome should not be spoilt by thoughtless people. I know plenty of people in London who would go in numbers to Duffield if it were situated near, and I know some of these, unfortunately, who would behave so that their admission "the next time" would be problematical. No offence intended, merely a hint.

My gossip is carried out above its length this week. Perhaps readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will pardon me this once. If I am in the way, or if they would that I should retire, they have only to say so, and I am sure our worthy Editor would listen patiently to their representations. If no such wishes are expressed, this will not be the last that will be heard of

A NEW MAN.

Cricket.

CRAWLEY RINGERS v. CHURCH CHOIR.

This match was played on the Crawley Cricket ground, on Wednesday, August 17th, but owing to the heavy downpour of rain the match could not be commenced till late in the evening. Considering the state of the wicket, there was some very good play shewn, especially by the ringers, who scored 65 for seven wickets. Owing to the darkness of the night there was not sufficient time for the ringers to complete their innings. The bowling of Kenward and Wickens for the ringers was very successful. Score:—

CHURCH CHOIR.			RINGERS.		
E. Chantler, b Kenward	..	1	A. F. Hillier, not out	..	13
J. Dean, b Wickens	..	4	T. Kenward, b Dean	..	14
D. Bates, b Wickens	..	5	G. Wickens, b Chantler	..	15
Edwin Chantler, run out	..	9	F. Wickens, run out	..	4
C. L. Marchant, b Kenward	0		B. King, run out	..	0
G. Foster, b Kenward	..	0	M. Heffer, b Chantler	..	6
C. Bowers, b Kenward	..	6	J. Ward, b Bates	..	1
J. Penfold, b Wickens	..	1	W. Ward, b Marchant	..	1
W. Knight, not out	..	2	W. Parsons, J. Gibbs, and		
A. Knight, b Wickens	..	1	F. Rice did not bat.		
J. Paine, b Wickens	..	0			
Extras	..	12	Extras	..	11
Total	..	41	Total	..	65

THE BELLS OF ST. SEPULCHRE.—At six o'clock last evening, a special messenger arrived at the residence of the man appointed to toll St. Sepulchre's bell on execution mornings. He bore a communication from the Governor of Newgate, Mr. Milman, to the effect that his services would not be required this morning. It is a curious fact that when on the great Jubilee Day, the ringers of St. Sepulchre's, who are men of considerable note in that line, were about to ring a two hours' peal in honour of Her Majesty, the tenor, or twelfth and largest bell, was immovable. Their services were, therefore transferred to St. Bride's, Fleet-street. The bell has since been re-hung, and is of a very sonorous tone. Indeed there are no more beautiful bells in London than those of St. Sepulchre. Some time since a medical student of St. Bartholemew's Hospital offered the man in charge of the bell a handsome bribe to be allowed to toll the funeral knell of a living man, but that functionary was immaculate, and would not permit any other hand but his own to perform the solemn duty.—*Evening News*.

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

So full was Gloucester once of churches, that the proverb ran, "As sure as God's faith is in Gloucester." There still remain beside the Cathedral, the choir of the Grey Friars' Church of the fifteenth century, the interesting church of St. Mary de Lode, early English, lately restored, St. Mary-le-Crypt, late perpendicular, St. Nicholas, with its once beautiful spire truncated, the Norman Chapel of St. Mary Magdalen Hospital, of the date of King Stephen, St. Michael's, the tower of which was constructed during the Lancastrian war, St. John the Baptist, the steeple of which is probably of the fourteenth century. The modern churches are St. Aldgate's, St. Mark's, St. Margaret's, St. Luke's, Christ Church, St. James's. There are also numerous Dissenting places of worship. The Roman Catholic Chapel is being rebuilt.

The Cathedral of St. Peter, approached through the west gate, the ancient entrance of the precinct, was formerly the minster of a mitred abbey of Benedictines. Its dedication was changed to that of the Holy Trinity, on the creation of the see, September 3rd, 1541. It stands in a secluded enclosure, and an air of solemnity breathes round it in harmony with its sacred associations. The building was begun in 1047, and enlarged at subsequent periods. It is 420 feet in length, 144 feet in breadth, and surmounted by a tower 129 feet in height. Besides the central tower, there is a south porch, a nave of eight bays with aisles, a with an apsidal chapel in each wing, a choir of five very unequal bays, with aisles and eastern ambulatory, with an apsidal chapel on either side, and a cruciform lady chapel. The interior is impressive; the stalls are said to be scarcely inferior to those of Windsor; the choir is richly ornamented, and there is a whispering gallery, seventy-five feet long, three feet wide, and eight feet high. On the wall are written these lines:—

Doubt not but God, who sits on high,
Thy secret prayers can hear,
While a dead wall, thus cunningly,
Conveys soft whispers to the ear.

The eastern window is said to be the largest in England, containing 8,927 square feet of glass, of tints multitudinous as the tissue of tapestry. The cathedral is built of fine-grained and ill-cemented oolite and red sandstone (north side) intermixed. The cloisters, a paradise of architecture, yet used as stables by the Parliamentarians, for extent and tracery unsurpassed, are on the north side; in the south alley is the lavatory; and the "carols" or recesses, where the monks wrote and illuminated missal and chronicle, remain perfect as when first erected. In the east walk is the entrance to the Chapter House, built 1088-95, and fitted up as a library in 1826-7. A crypt, restored by Waller, divided by two rows of small pillars, extends beneath the transept, choir, and Lady Chapel.

THE STATE OF PARIS IN SEPTEMBER, 1870.—The usual effects of invasion and social disruption were not long in making themselves felt over the unhappy territories thus torn in pieces by foreign armies and intestine disagreements. Bands of robbers infested the country in several parts. A mania for volunteer arrests on suspicion seized upon the people, and much injustice was committed in this way. An old gentleman in a civilian dress was seen on a certain September day walking about the fortifications near Vincennes taking notes. A National Guard went up to him and touching him on the shoulder, said, "You are Marshal Valliant. I arrest you." With the assistance of some of his comrades, the National Guard forced his prisoner into a hackney-coach and took him to the office of General Trochu, followed by a crowd shouting "Death to the traitor!" General Trochu was absent, but M. Grainer Pages appeared in his place, and mounting a chair, thus addressed the crowd:—"Citizens! we must have at this time but one thought—to drive away the invader. To do that, what is needed? Revolution? You have had that. As for treasons, if any be discovered, speedy justice will be done. You may rely upon the Government for the National Defence. It will watch and do its duty. Long live the Republic!" The mob responded with the favourite cry, and Marshal Vaillant, who was well acquainted with the place, found means of quietly escaping.—From "Cassell's Illustrated History of the Franco-German War" for August.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

"SIXTY COURSES OF STEDMAN CATERS, COMPOSED AND RANG."

SIR,—Mr. James W. Washbrook, of Oxford, has given us in your issue for August 20th inst., the result of some investigations of his upon Stedman Caters. I doubt he did not go far enough into the matter, and I therefore ask his particular attention to a peal which was rang by the Royal Cumberlands at St. Clement Danes, on Wednesday, January 18th, 1854, conducted by its author, the late John Cox. The composition may be found on page 176, in the 1864 edition of *Hubbard on Ringing*. I also wish to point out that the 8064 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in the same issue of "THE BELL NEWS," by Mr. J. W. W. is false. Changes of the 2nd course repeat in the last course, but by calling the single at 6th of 32nd or 34th course in each part, a good 7000 in each case is obtained.

H. DAINS.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—The calling of the 6048 of Double Court by Mr. Washbrook is the same as a 6048 of Bob Major by me to be found in "THE BELL NEWS" for December 5th, 1884. I am well aware many peals of Bob Major may be rung as Double Court, and *vice versa*, for the 5376 of Double Court in last week's issue may be rung as a peal of Bob Major. I think Sir, the Double Norwich Court composers might so arrange their calling, so it is not like another man's peal of Bob Major.

EDWARD FRANCIS, *Norwich*.

DOUBLE COURT AT HOLY TRINITY, WEST HAM.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Keeble's letter of last week, I beg to state that what he says about this 720 not being rang at the first attempt is absolutely wrong. This, Sir, was rang at the first attempt, and was a different band to the one that started for it a fortnight previous. I can also say that three of the band had never rang a 720 in that method before. I should also like to know what he means by the infallibility of the West Ham friends, because he must not class them so, when he knows that only one man that thinks himself so. The whole fact of the matter is that Mr. Keeble is jealous because he was not in it, or else he would not have written upon such a trivial affair.

H. RANDALL.

THE BELLS OF OUSELEY.

SIR,—At Old Windsor there is a well-known tavern much frequented by anglers, called "The Bells of Ouseley." A subscriber to your paper would feel much obliged if you or any of your readers could give in your columns any information as to the origin of this sign, where Ouseley is situated, and whether it is or was remarkable for any especial peal.

B. E. BATTRUM.

76, High Street, Fulham.

IRREGULAR DEFINITIONS.

SIR,—As an old subscriber may I venture to give a friendly hint to our friends who send their new compositions for publication in "THE BELL NEWS," to pay a little more attention to their explanatory foot-notes, as I often find it very difficult to understand what is meant, without writing out the peal. For instance, in last week's issue the peal of Stedman Caters, by Mr. Williams, would be much clearer if it read as follows: "This course contains twenty-four sixes, and is produced by bobs 1, 2, 8, 11, 14, 18, 23. These nine courses three times repeated up to eighth course-end in fifth part, brings up 615423, when bobs at 10, 12, 16 will bring up rounds at seventeen sixes and one change.

T. B.

THE CHELMSFORD PEAL.

SIR,—What a change of tone there is in some people's mind according to the altered circumstances of the case. Not long since, when the rehanging of the two Chelmsford trebles appeared in the dim and distant future, a fear was expressed in a certain quarter that as the late hon. sec. of the Association was a College Youth, that a band of such would have the credit of booking the first peal when the chance came. This, if it came to pass, was to be denounced in the strongest terms possible, it being contended that there were in the county with about two from each of the Metropolitan Societies sufficient ability to make up a band for the purpose. Matters however are changed, the boot has got upon the other leg, and those who predicted what they termed would be shabby work have had the opportunity of performing such themselves, but in doing so have jumped out of the frying pan into the fire by ringing a non-association peal.

LITTLE BOB.

SIR,—I am glad that "A New Man" reported the black bag busi-

ness at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, and I thank Mr. Pitstow for his remarks in last week's issue about us Ipswich men, which shows to us that some of the company concerned did not approve of it. But till then we had no idea that the taking off the ropes was an act directed against the members from Ipswich, but I suppose it was only following up the feeling exhibited by the same Messrs. Perkins and Co. during the "distinguished ringers" discussion at a former meeting. Certainly we are under no obligation to him for the use of his ropes, "which they were obliged to take off before dark," yes, eight hours before, and perhaps carry them to Writtle in the afternoon. But, Sir, there is another matter which wants explaining, that is the time in which the peal was reported to be rung on the 1st. How is it that the peal of Major at Galleywood, tenor 14 cwt., should take 3 hrs. 16 mins., and the peal of Royal at Chelmsford, with tenor at the least 20 cwt., and not one of the best running bells, can be booked at 3 hrs. 11 mins. Was the clock stopped, or did a few of the changes fall out somehow? To me it seems nearly impossible. This remark may also apply to the peal of Stedman Triples recorded at Oxford, tenor 42 cwt. There are a good many ringers who find it a difficult matter to believe these and other extra quick peals. I have no doubt but what I shall get it warm for writing this, but must say what we think.

W. L. CATCHPOLE.

SIR,—There are two questions which will decide if the above was a *bona fide* Essex Association peal, and these appear to me to lay in a nut shell. 1st, were Mr. Smith's services required at Galleywood? 2nd, if so, did his election in that tower make him a permanent member of the Association? Now, assuming that Mr. Smith's services were required at Galleywood, his election there must be confirmed at the next meeting of the Association, therefore his election is not completed. This being the case, for one I fail to see how the Chelmsford peal can be entered in the Essex Association peal-book. To return to the Galleywood part of the question, with all due respect to Mr. Smith, I cannot see how his services could be "required," as I not only know of several fairly good Treble Bob ringers in the neighbourhood, but there are several members of the Association who would have jumped at the chance of a peal. Under these circumstances I fail to recognise either as a *bona fide* Essex Association peal.

THOUGHTFUL.

SIR,—Mr. Pitstow must be fond of a nap after dinner, or his notions as to daylight on Whit-Monday are "peculiar." If no better excuse can be advanced than the one brought forward by that gentleman, I think the "parties" have a weak case, and I trust no stone will be left unturned to prevent this London society peal from appearing in our peal book. This shabby action is beyond toleration.

A MEMBER OF THE E.A.C.R.

STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—In your last issue of "THE BELL NEWS" you publish a letter from Mr. Washbrook, in which he has attempted to prove that a peal of Stedman Caters, containing the sixty course-ends with bells fixed at 2 7 8 and 9 to be an utter impossibility by using bobs only. He writes "With your permission Mr. Editor, I will just shew the utter impossibility of such a composition." Mr. Washbrook also writes that by using a S you can produce 120 courses, but not sixty without one. Now this is directly in opposition to his 13021 published July 30th last, the first sixty courses of which are got with bobs only! (the two S's coming in the 61st and 121st courses). If what Mr. Washbrook writes on August 20th is correct, then his peal published July 30th, is useless; but what about other composers, has no one succeeded in getting this coveted peal? I will (as I did a few weeks ago) most respectfully inform Mr. Washbrook, that peals containing the sixty course-ends were got with bobs only, years before he was born! and in order to prove to him that what I then stated was correct, I will mention some of the compositions.

In the year 1846 a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. James's Bermondsey, "having the bells fixed at 2 7 8 9, and containing the sixty course-ends with bobs only." This peal, 6701, was composed and conducted by the late Mr. John Cox, who was at this time a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London (see Hubbard's 1854 edition), and is acknowledged to be the first composition having the above properties, but there are now many others. Mr. Johnson of Birmingham has eight peals containing the sixty course-ends, and having four bells fixed,—6 5 6 2, 6 4 6 1, 9 5 8 3, with the treble in second place, also 6 5 7 4, 6 5 9 3, with the above, but having the extra qualities of the 6th at home at every fifth course-end, also 6 5 9 1, 6 5 8 5, with second at home at every fifth course-end, and 6 5 6 2 with the treble at lead throughout (the bells fixed in this peal being at 1 7 8 and 9). The above nine peals are composed with bobs only, and coming from such eminent authorities as Messrs. Cox and Johnson, cannot be doubted.

I will now leave these facts with Mr. Washbrook, trusting that they

will convince him that the sixty course-ends have been got with bobs only, and that it is therefore not an utter impossibility to get such compositions.

ALFRED THOMAS.

Birmingham.

P.S.—May I ask Mr. Washbrook how he gets 6 1 3 5 2 4 9 7 8 (the first course-end given in his 13021 of Stedman Caters), starting with the 4th a quick bell, and using bobs at 6, 12, 15, 20, 21, 27. It would also be very interesting to me, and doubtless to other lovers of "Stedman's System," to be permitted to see the peal of Stedman Triples rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and composed and conducted by Mr. Washbrook.

A. T.

SIR,—I cannot see what purpose Mr. Washbrook has got to serve by publishing his letter on the above subject. To say the sixty course-ends is not obtainable without a single is all nonsense, which every composer who has made a study of the method must know. I venture to say that there is not one ringer in fifty that can understand his plan of producing them—even if any did, they would never be so inconsistent as to work on his rule and then claim it as their own idea. I have no intention of opening a correspondence on this subject, as I am quite certain that any composer who is at all desirous of making it a study would prefer doing so on their own merits, which is far more satisfactory than to receive any hints through this journal. The course-ends published a few weeks ago by Mr. Washbrook are not altogether intelligible; either can I see his purpose for starting with a quick six, when the object can be gained by commencing in the ordinary manner. Other composers who have obtained this magic number don't profess to give any teaching, but are content to let the result of their labours speak for itself. Some people only ventilate their ideas on successful topics—if it was more all round it might prevent that in the future which has happened in the past, viz., mortification and disappointment.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Snider Works, Sheffield, August 23rd, 1887.

ANSWER TO MR. DAINS.

SIR,—I am afraid Mr. Dains has gone astray as to what peal we rang at Drayton. I don't suppose he is out of place in what he says as regards the peal of Superlative Surprise published by me. I have not noticed the peal he mentions yet, but I believe Mr. Cox's? peal contains 3 M's in each part, that is if he means the one published in Hubbard. But there must be another for to be anything like mine, as this one could not be varied into the qualities by using 9 M's? and 3 W's? and only by the way I put it "in equal parts," but if the peal belongs to anyone I am willing to give it up, it is a matter of indifference to us whose peal it is, it is a good musical one, that's all we care about, and I composed it. If it was composed before, then so much more the disgrace it has not been rang in this form instead of the old form it would sure to be put in. I should think most conductors ought to know that *homes* can be cut out to shorten a peal if necessary, if not let them take "this hint once for all"; where the H's are full they can always omit them, and thus eliminate two courses of any Major method.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

USING THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

SIR,—In your issue of August 20th Mr. James Wilde gives what is supposed to be a 5088 Treble Bob Major. In a footnote he adds the first eight courses will repeat, and a peal obtained in 5312 changes, 6th extent all positions in two parts. This is quite correct, and I am sure your correspondent will allow me to add, as such as this was rung by the Norwich Association as my peal on January 2nd, 1882, called by Mr. Edward Smith, at St. Mary's, Redenhall, Norfolk. I made the peal in 1881. Mr. J. W. will allow me to further add that the piece he spliced on is not long enough by a course and two leads, and so his peal is only a touch of 4756 changes, but, Sir, the bells must be jumped to rounds, unless the tenors are parted for the purpose of producing them.

H. DAINS.

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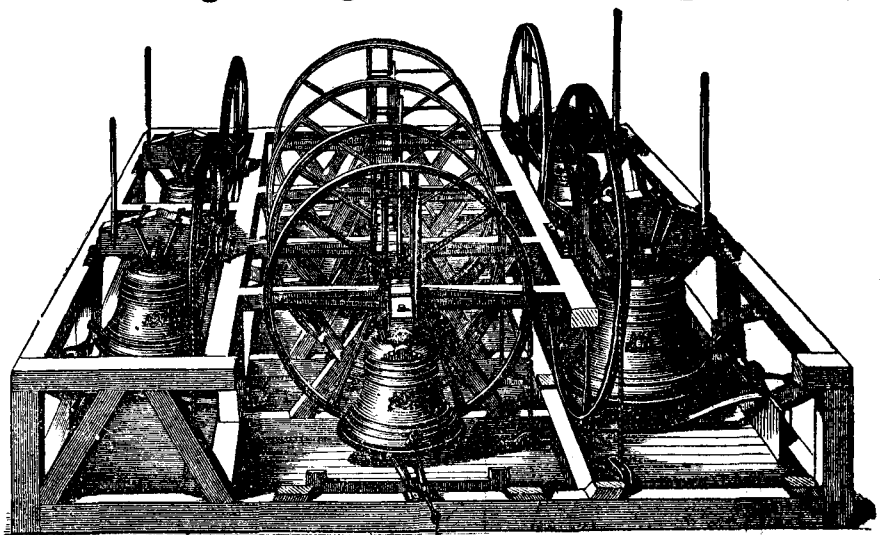


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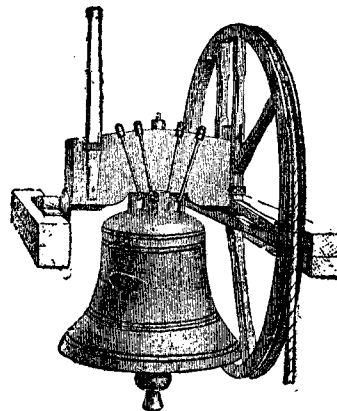
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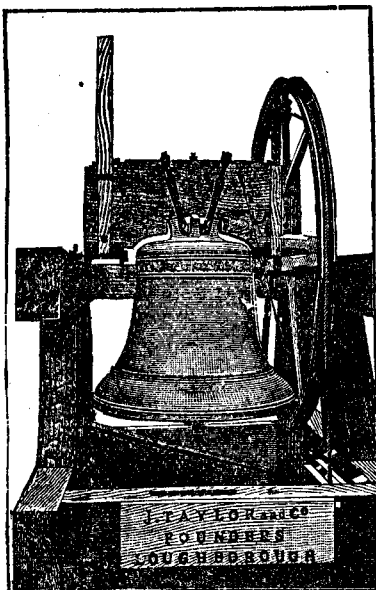
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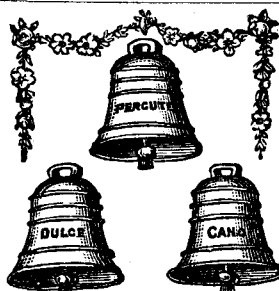
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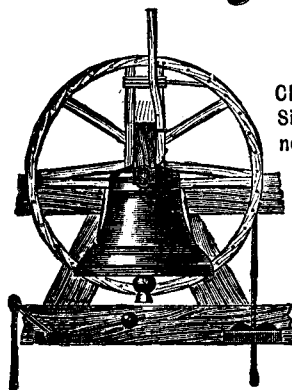
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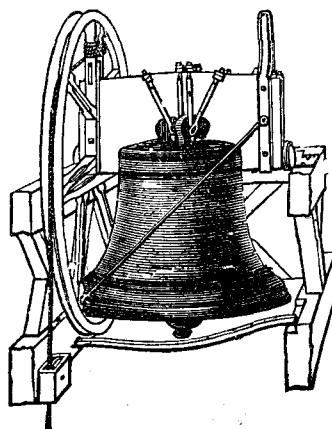
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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The ancient market and borough town of Bodmin, pleasantly situated near the centre of Cornwall, was the destination for the annual outing of the Penzance branch of the above Guild, on the 3rd of August, the chief attraction, of course, being the good peal of eight bells in the parish church, and, moreover, that it was an unbroken field for the introduction of change-ringing.

Being up betimes in the morning to avail themselves of the first train, the "assize town" was reached soon after nine o'clock, when a light breakfast was sought for to refresh them after the journey. A short stroll around the town was then indulged in, much of whose ancient history might be related from the time when the monastery of Padstow, being near the sea shore, and exposed to the piracies of the Saxons, and after them of the Danes, the monks removed to Bodmin, bringing the body of Petroc with them, and to whom they dedicated their church; the town was thus called by the Saxons, Petrocstow, but by the Britons, Bodmanna, that is, the habitation of the monks. Subsequently, Edward the Elder here settled the Episcopal See in A.D. 950, which was afterwards combined with that of Exeter, and again re-established as a separate See at Truro, in 1876. In the fourteenth century, the town and population had so increased in size, as to contain thirteen churches and free chapels, the remains of some of which are still to be seen.

The church of St. Petrock, which belonged to the priory, and is the largest Cornish church of its style, was rebuilt in 1472, of stone with some Norman and early English details, but for the most part in later Perpendicular style, consisting of three spacious aisles, divided by nine pointed arches, rising from clustered columns, a south porch with groined roof and parvise and three saints' niches in front, and on the north side an embattled tower, formerly surmounted by a lofty spire, which was thrown down by lightning in 1699, on which occasion some or all of the then existing peal of six bells were broken. Some beautiful wood carvings are to be seen on the pulpit and reading desk, and some of the ancient seats, particularly the Vicar's chair, representing the primitive temptation. A very fine Norman font, with modern cover, and a curious pillar piscina, once used as an almsbox; the head of a gothic cross, with a sculptured representation of the Crucifixion, is preserved in the church. It contains several monuments of great antiquity, and in the chancel is the altar tomb of prior Vivian, Bishop of Megara. On the table is laid the effigy of the deceased, in his pontifical robes, with a mitre on his head, and the crozier by his side; the hands are clasped on the breast, and the face and also the feet shielded by two angels, the former supporting the arms of the Bishop and his priory. These adjuncts were wantonly mutilated by the Puritans during the civil wars. The sides of the tomb are ornamented with six niches, filled with statues of saints, at the head the arms of Henry VII., and at the foot those of Megara. The inscription encircling it bears the date 1533.

The tower contains a peal of eight bells, tenor 17 cwt., cast by Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1767. The ring has been recently quartered and rehung. Several musical touches of Grandsire Triples were rung during the day, but the weather being very hot, and the tower very sparsely ventilated, no long touches were attempted. In one of 462 Grandsire Triples the tenor was very efficiently rung by the enthusiastic captain of the local band, Mr. William Rowe.

Subsequently the majority of the visitors availed themselves of an introduction, and visited the county Lunatic Asylum, when they were most courteously conducted through the male departments. A small contingent in the meanwhile hunted up a curious bell of considerable antiquity, removed from the ruins of the Priory, and now hanging in the market house, and used as a market bell. It is peculiar in shape, and in outline resembles an engrailed heraldic ordinary; one of a somewhat similar shape, but with the convolutions inverted instead of engrailed, is to be seen at the Hotel de Villa, at Arras.

Great interest was taken in the method of half-pull changes by those of the local band of ringers, who happened to be present, and it is hoped that the three or four who were so interested, and would be willing to study the truly scientific, and vastly more enjoyable style of ringing than that at present existing, will soon succeed in enrolling a few young recruits to combine

with themselves to form a party for its practice, in which event every facility and encouragement will be afforded by the Guild to assist them in their task, by supplying a competent instructor in accordance with their rules.

An excellent luncheon at the Royal Hotel was thoroughly appreciated and done ample justice to in the middle of the day, after which a plain course of Grandsire Triples on the hand-bells was rung double-handed by Messrs. Boase, Richards, Symons, and Hicks.

That such outings are beneficial for all parties, as well as the art, may be inferred from their becoming so popular; and it is hoped that the St. Mary's company may spend such an enjoyable day on the occasion of their subsequent annual expeditions.

BICKLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE—RINGERS' OUTING.

On Friday, August 26th, the ringers of the above place, together with some young men friends, engaged a four-in-hand waggonette, to celebrate their first outing, leaving Bickleigh at 8.30, and journeying to Whitchurch, where a halt was made for two hours for the purpose of having a touch on the bells, but to the great disappointment of all hands, found the tenor out of working order. But notwithstanding this disappointment, the handbell party rang out some merry peals and tunes, while Mr. Taylor discovered the screws which were about to leave the tenor wheel, and by the use of a few tools to hand, soon enabled the band after very hard work to secure a 6-score. J. P. King, 1; J. Wilcocks, 2; J. Ham, 3; J. King, 4; E. Taylor (conductor), 5; W. G. Halls, 6. Time being called, all hands were soon neatly seated in the waggonette, and journeyed on through Tavistock to Lamerton. Here another halt was made, one hour and a half spent with the beautiful bells. These bells are all new, only a few years ago the church was burnt to the ground, and the old bells melted in the burning flames. Fortunately the property belongs to the Duke of Bedford, who has spared no expense in rebuilding, and has made the church and tower complete with six splendid bells. After a good look round, they went in for a touch on the bells, and many 6-scores were rung. J. P. King, 1; J. Wilcocks, 2; J. Ham, 3; J. King, 4; W. G. Halls, 5; H. Cole (conductor), 6. And several 6-scores, each called differently. J. P. King, 1; J. Wilcocks, 2; J. Ham, 3; E. Taylor (Plymouth, conductor), 4; W. G. Halls, 5; W. Giles, 6. Time again being called, justice was done to a good dinner, after which they again put horses to, and started for Newton Abbot, the end of their journey. Here they soon got the kind permission of the curate to do their best. Their best was far from good, the bells having not been rung during the summer, as they learnt from a ringer. The bad "go" of the bells, and the weather being so hot, has caused the long silence of this fine peal. However the visitors summoned courage to attack them, but after an hour's hard fighting they were defeated only by a few rounds of getting a 6-score. J. P. King, 1; E. Taylor (conductor), 2; J. Ham, 3; J. King, 4; W. G. Halls, 5; F. Moule, 6. Time being called for homeward, they bid farewell to Newton Abbot, by making their way straight for the Bedford Hotel, Tavistock, only to do justice to a tea which was a welcome spread for twenty-two, all told. By this time the tower clock had gone eight, and by 9.30 they were all safely landed at Bickleigh, after thirty miles drive. Altogether a most delightful day was spent.

OVERTON, FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, August 27th, the Daresbury society paid a visit to the beautiful church at the above place, and rang on the fine peal of bells a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Houghton, sen., (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; A. de Prez, 3; C. Hartley, 4; P. Hamblett, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. And another 720 in the same method. P. Johnson (conductor), 1; D. Melbourne, 2; the rest standing as above. Tenor 19 cwt. This is the second time the society have visited this church since the reopening of the bells in the early part of the present year, they are in such splendid order, that it is quite a treat to ring them.

CURIOUS DEATH OF A SWALLOW.—Whilst playing on the Reading Cricket Ground, on Friday, August 19th, Mr. W. Newell, son of Mr. Newell, of the Mitre Brewery, West Street, in bowling struck a swallow with the cricket ball and killed the bird.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 22nd, the members of the above society held their annual outing, the ancient town of Bridgnorth being the destination agreed upon. Starting from Snow Hill Station at 8.20 a.m., by an excursion train, they travelled slowly and safely, but it can hardly be said comfortably, as the (iron) horse although no doubt a valuable one, could hardly be described as quiet in harness, as he appeared to kick and plunge very much at each place, but perhaps the driver can explain that. Leaving the smoke of black Birmingham behind, the travellers passed through the harvest of the district into the beautiful and picturesque valley of the Severn, reaching that end of the journey at 10.20. The first "go" was to the Old Castle Inn, West Castle Street, and after refreshing the inner man, a start was made for the church of St. Leonard's, where a good long touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members. C. Sparkes, 1; J. Carter, 2; R. Hackley, 3; T. Horton, 4; C. Barnacle, 5; J. T. Perry (conductor), 6; C. Carmell, 7; A. Hackley, 8. And a touch of Stedman Triples, with C. Sparkes, tenor. Being now time for dinner, the visitors again repaired to the inn, where a bountiful spread was awaiting them. At this touch all went remarkably well, the coming round course being first rate. Having done justice to the repast, which was served in excellent style, and sundry business matters disposed of, St. Mary's church, a peal of six, was visited, but only 120 of Doubles could be obtained by reason of the bad go of the bells. The visitors having still a little time in hand, two boats were chartered for a trip on the river, which was much enjoyed. Again gathering at the Old Castle Inn, a convivial hour was spent in songs, etc., concluding with a unanimous and hearty vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also to the hostess (Mrs. Lane), for the excellent manner in which she had catered for the company. So ended a very pleasant day at Bridgnorth, but the patience of the party was somewhat tried getting home, although it was the same (iron) horse, as they supposed, but he seemed more restive than ever, for after kicking and plunging, it varied its antics by stopping now and then for ten minutes at a time, causing them to do the thirty miles journey in two hours and forty minutes. On the arrival of the company in Birmingham, they heard that some visitors had been ringing at one of the belfries under their jurisdiction, without going to the trouble of communicating such intention to them. Wonder was rife among the "Amalgamateds" as to whom such visitors were. It transpired, however, that a few members of the St. Martin's company, taking advantage of the absence of the society at their outing, attempted a peal. Was this surreptitious proceeding done in order that their coming-round course might not be criticised?

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 Lo! His goodness crowns the year.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

The diocese of Hereford is one of the most ancient in England. It consists of the archdeaconries of Hereford and Salop, in the province of Canterbury. The Cathedral, built about 1280, stands on the south side of the city. It is a cruciform building, with a small transept towards the east, and a chapel beyond it, dedicated to the Virgin. From the interstices of the nave and transept rises a square tower, which had formerly a spire upon it, cased with lead, and rising 92 feet in height above the battlements; but this was pulled down in order to relieve the arches of the tower from so much superincumbent weight. The general dimensions of the cathedral are as follows:—Extreme length, 325 feet; from the west door to the choir, 130 feet; length of the choir, 96 feet; from the choir to the library door, 24 feet; length of the library, 75 feet; extent of the great transept, 100 feet; breadth of the nave and side aisles, 74 feet; breadth of the nave, 38 feet; height of the body of the church, 91 feet; height from the area to the vaulting, 70 feet. The exterior is very dissimilar in its parts, and has lost much of its original design, but the interior is still very attractive. Almost all the buildings dependent upon the Cathedral are situated upon its south side. The Bishop's Cloisters, which form the communication between the cathedral and the palace, enclose an area of almost 100 feet square, appropriated to the purposes of sepulture. The great feature of the church is its grand central tower of two storeys and battlemented. The pinnacles were added in 1858. The fifty canopied stalls of oak in the Choir are of the age of Edward II., and were restored under the care of Dr. Meyrick, of Goodrich Court. In this church in 1141, King Stephen took his seat crowned. In the Chapter-house is one of the oldest maps extant, a Saxon Mappi Mundi, having Jerusalem in the centre, with inscriptions of the date of Henry III. The triennial meetings of the choirs of Gloucester, Worcester, and Hereford, for charitable purposes in rotation, were established in 1724. The principal monuments are the following:—East Aisle, North Main Transept, St. Catharine's Aisle: Freestone shrine of Bishop Cantelupe, died 1282, with knights treading on lions and dragons. Transept, North Wing: Bishop Aqua Bella, died 1269; effigy, triple arcade and canopy. Bishop L. Charlton, died 1369, effigy under a rich pedimented canopy. Bishop Westphaling, effigy. Philips, the poet, is buried here. South Main Transept: Bishop Trevenant, died 1403. Alexander Denton, died in 1576; and his wife, effigies. Choir Transept, North Side: Bishop Richard Swinfield, died 1317, tomb. Bishop Goodwin, tomb. South Aisle Choir, North Wall: Bishop Mayo, died 1516, canopy, altar-tomb, with images, effigy. Bishop Raynelm, died 1115, effigy under arch, and arcade above. South Wall: Bishops Devere, died 1199; Foliot, died 1186; Betun, died 1145; and Melun, died 1167—effigies in triangular recesses. A brass of Dean Frocester, died 1529, on the floor. Nave, North Aisle: Bishop Boothe, died 1535, effigy. South Aisle: Sir Richard Pembroke, died 1375, effigy. Bishop W. de Lorraine, died 1079, effigy. Bishop G. de Bruse, died 1200. Lady Chapel, North Wall: Humphery de Bohun, effigy, time of Richard II. Effigy of a lady with frescoes, under recessed arch; several black incised slabs of the earlier part of the 15th century, the hands and face inlaid with white marble; a fragment of St. Ethelbert's image. Bishops Lothingar, died 1095; Clyve, died 1119; and Mapenore, died 1219, effigies. South Wall: John Berew, effigy, under arch.

Hereford Cathedral has a peal of ten bells, tenor 41 cwt., but sadly out of order; the ringing chamber presents almost insuperable difficulties to ringing worthy of the name. No record is in existence of anything having been done on them.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

Tuesday, August 30th, being practice night at the above church, by the kind arrangement of Messrs. W. L. Catchpole, and I. S. Alexander, the ringers met earlier than their usual time, to enable Mr. Hubbard, of Tottenham, who is staying in the neighbourhood, to have a pull with them on their splendid peal of twelve, of which they have good cause to be justly proud. Ringing commenced with a touch of Treble Bob Major, struck in the manner the "tower ringers" are noted for, after which a course of Treble Bob Royal, and a short touch of Treble Bob Maximus were rung. A course of Double Norwich Royal closed a very enjoyable ringing evening. On the previous Tuesday evening, the ringing consisted of touches of Stedman Triples, and Stedman Caters, Mr. Hubbard ringing the treble as before. St. Mary-le-Tower is a splendid place for ringing, the peal is a grand one, and the go of the bells and the fitting and appointments are all that could be desired, and in first rate condition, though this goes without saying as Mr. Catchpole's reputation as a steeplekeeper is too well known to make any other condition possible, whilst the evidence of the unusually numerous and handsome peal tablets (a large proportion of which are of recent date), with which the walls of the belfry are covered, is proof that the ringers are up to their work, and well able to sustain the reputation they have fairly earned, and a very short acquaintance with them is sufficient to show that they are ringers from the best possible motive—the love of the science.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

On Wednesday, August 24th, the members of the above society had their annual outing, the place selected this year being Eastbourne. The party left Tunbridge Wells by the 7.30 train, arriving at their destination about 9.20. Here they were met by two of the local ringers, who conducted the party to St. Mary's church, when, after raising the bells in peal, they rang several touches of Grandsire Doubles for the purpose of giving the young hands a pull. The company then rang a 336 of Grandsire Triples. C. Latter, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; J. Colthup, 3; J. Muggeridge, 4; W. Latter, 5; H. Barefield (conductor), 6; G. Kember, 7; T. Gill, 8. Also a 504 with some of the Eastbourne band. J. Colthup, 1; W. Latter, 2; H. Barefield, 3; L. Huggett, 4; *T. Lewis, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6; *G. Kember, 7; J. Muggeridge, 8. And a 308. W. Latter, 1; H. Barefield, 2; J. Colthup, 3; *C. Harfey, 4; *L. Huggett, 5; *T. Lewis, 6; *T. Hart (conductor), 7; T. Gill, 8. The party then lowered the bells, and after a dip in the briny, and dinner, they proceeded by break to Beachy Head, where a pleasant hour was spent. The company arrived at Tunbridge Wells about 9 o'clock, well pleased with their day's outing. The ringers wish through this paper to return thanks to the St. Mary's ringers for kindly meeting them, and arranging for the use of the bells. *Eastbourne ringers.

THOUGHTS IN OUR ORCHARD—Now the ripening boughs are "big with bending fruit," the apples grow like fire between the leaves, the pears down upon the grass, the plums make a rich show on many a sun-kissed wall. "'Go shares,'" says a pastor, "is an excellent rule to do with everything we get, not only as children." There have been seasons when fruit growers declared it scarcely paid them to pick the fruit, there was so much of it; but London Sunday-school teachers and other workers, arranging festivals with scanty funds, could have told of eager eyes and ready lips still more plentiful, and of work-rooms, sick chambers, lonely ones to whom a gift of fruit would have seemed a god-send. In sending flowers to the city, let all bear in mind just now a guerdon of fruit likewise. And as we stand amongst these trees that have fulfilled the promise of their blossom, should we not humbly ask ourselves if he who has spared us year by year is finding fruit to His praise? There are many whose bloom the world has beheld, of whom He may be sighing now, "Nothing but leaves;" there are those to whom earth scarce gives a thought, who are bringing forth fruit an hundredfold beneath the sunshine of the Master's smiles. One of Mrs. Prosser's helpful little fables concerns an espalier loaded with fruit, reproached by a tall apple-tree because its branches were lying on the ground. "Every one admires my fruit," it said: "no one can see whether you've any fruit or not."—"I'm not too low down," said the espalier, "for the master to find it when the time comes; till then I am content to wait."—From "The Quiver," for September.

HERE AND THERE.

The "sixty courses of Stedman Caters" business seems to grow. I cannot say that I am "up" in the method at all, and therefore I must not venture an opinion upon the subject. But we live and learn. While the gladiators of the science are employed I shall look on. Lookers-on, it is said, see most of the game. I can well understand the surprise, indignation, etc., etc., which the allegation of a member (not quite unknown) of the Oxford Guild has made. But law, the Thames isn't on fire yet with it.

This subject has engrossed more attention than the circumstances surrounding the Chelmsford peal, and well it is so, because I've got the tip that there has been enough said on the latter subject. Mr. Editor bids me to "draw the line." I don't know whether he intends that as a pun or not. We ringers all draw the line (or rope) occasionally. Better is it when the bell draws. Those correspondents, therefore, who have sent me their "copy" on the Chelmsford topic need not send any more, for I cannot deal with it again. If they feel themselves aggrieved, they must grin and endure it, that's all.

Now my old friend DAINS, your prophecy, or conjecture, has I hope come to pass. You recollect saying that if I go on as indicated, we shall all be laughing at one another soon, and so nobody can grumble. I hope this is the case with those gentlemen who have felt themselves hit by the remarks anent the Chelmsford peal—that they are in a good humour with me after all. But I forget; I must "draw the line." Let us have a laugh together, Harry, and blow the consequences. Ha! ha! ha!

I have been taking a general synopsis (I don't know whether that's the right word) or review of the touches, that is to say, the reports of them which appear weekly in our journal. There are many towns in England, I find, very rarely represented among such reports. Of counties, when do we hear of anything from Huntingdon, Rutland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, or Dorset? Not very often, I think. Can or will any one of my readers explain this?

This brings me to refer to other absentees among the records of performances. What's become of the Burton-on-Trent people? Since the lamented and somewhat untimely death of the Rev. J. H. FISH, they have been very quiet. If their silence is intended as a token of respect to his memory, I can heartily sympathise with and well understand it. It has however been hinted to me that now his supervision has ceased, the *esprit de corps* (I hope that's a correct quotation), has also vanished or become lessened. I think it is generally held that his strong force of character had a deal to do with the great successes the Burton gentlemen had achieved. This is written with the kindest intentions, therefore I hope Mr. WAKLEY or Mr. GRIFFIN will not be angry with me for just alluding to it.

A very remarkable feat in bellringing comes this week from Ireland. In that country there is a place called Herbertstown, where upon an estate some of those heartrending scenes—evictions—have been enacted. The approach of the law's myrmidons was signalled, (so says a daily paper), "by the tolling of the chapel bell. This bell broke in two, owing to the vigour applied by the ringers, who had commenced their work as early as three in the morning." In what category are these ringers to be placed? That of a benighted age, or what? Belfry reform has not reached Herbertstown; and of course there is no county or diocesan association. The chapel will require another bell, can nobody persuade the authorities to have six or eight? There will then be a chance for those obliging persons of mediocre attainments, who are so anxious to become instructors, many of whom are well known to A NEW MAN.

A JOURNEY TO EXETER.

ON Monday, August 15th, I started from Salisbury in company with Mr. C. A. Clements at about 10.0 a.m. We arrived at Shaftesbury at 2 p.m., and having dined we proceeded to Sherborne, arriving at 6.35 p.m. after a hot and dusty journey over bad roads. Here we made a stay of one day. We were met by Mr. Bishop and shewn over Sherborne Abbey. On Tuesday we examined the bells, which are the heaviest peal of eight in England, the tenor weighing 46 cwt. according to Warner's list. The original peal was one of six, with a tenor somewhat heavier than the present one, the treble and second being added by Mears in 1858, who also recast the sixth. The original tenor was given by Cardinal Wolsey, but she has been recast more than once, the last time being in 1865 by Messrs. Warner and Sons. A piece of the old bell is preserved in the King's School Museum. There is also a Sanctus bell and a fire bell of peculiar shape, something like a modern sheep bell. I shall not give full particulars of these bells here, but I propose to do so in the course of a week or two, as they are of special interest. In the evening we met Mr. S. Hunt and the rest of the Sherborne company, and had a pull on these grand bells. Ten men are required to ring them (there being two to each of the larger bells). The seventh does not go well; in my opinion the stock is much too large and heavy. These bells would make a grand peal of twelve if four trebles were added. After taking leave of our friends at Sherborne we made our way next day to Honiton, and thence on the following day to Exeter. The last twenty miles or so of the road was the worst we ever saw for a main highway road, being little better than the shingle on a sea beach, consequently we could only proceed at a very slow pace. Reaching Exeter at 2 p.m. on Thursday, we put up at the "Bude" Hotel, and in the afternoon we called upon Mr. F. Shepherd, who informed us that a peal was arranged at six o'clock at St. Sidwell's. Thither we betook ourselves in company with Mr. Shepherd, and there we met the rest of the St. Sidwell's company, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, who happened to be on a visit. Shortly before 7 p.m. we started for Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing for a little over half an hour. As there was not time to start again we had to content ourselves with short touches. On the following morning Mr. F. Shepherd shewed us round the town and introduced us to Mr. Edworthy, the steeple-keeper at the cathedral, in company with whom we ascended the belfry and examined this grand peal of ten (the heaviest in England) tenor 67 cwt. These bells are not in very good order, as is well known. They are hung in rather a curious manner, the ropes falling in ranks one behind the other. The treble, fifth, eighth and tenor were cast by Wm. Evans in 1729. The second is inscribed "ANNO DO: 1616. I.B." The third is by John Pennington, 1658, the fourth and seventh and ninth by Thos. Purdue, 1676, and the sixth also by Purdue, in 1693. There is an extra fourth bell by J. Pennington, in 1630, which enables the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th to be used as a peal of six. In the ringing chamber is a tablet of rules enclosed with folding doors, within which is kept a constable's staff, which we were told was used to enforce obedience thereto. It requires sixteen men to ring the ten bells. A set of Ellacombe chiming hammers is used to chime for the services, but as the manual is placed below in the transept, the great length of cord makes it impossible to chime with any great precision, and only at a very slow pace. The effect outside is miserable. Mr. Edworthy informed us that it is impossible for him to hear the bells when he is chiming, and that it is only by practice that he knows whether the hammers strike or not. A full history and description of the bells was published by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, in 1874, which it would be superfluous for me to attempt to supplement. On Friday afternoon we paid a visit to Clist St. George, and examined the beautiful carvings and other works of art in the church, many of which were executed by the late Rector (Rev. H. T. Ellacombe), with his own hands. Ascending the tower we had a look at the bells. These originally were but three in number, but in 1860 a treble was added, and again in 1862 another one above the former, the

fourth being recast the same year. This treble was put up in memory of the late Prince Consort. In 1864 a new tenor was added by Mr. Ellacombe in memory of his grandson. Thus a peal of six was made up. On the stock of the tenor the initials "H. T. E." are carved (probably by the venerable rector himself). All the new bells are by Warner and Sons. On Friday evening we rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles at St. Thomas', Exeter, tenor 14 cwt. On Saturday we went to Tiverton with the Exeter company, where we met Mr. Monday, and started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but we were again unfortunate, and as there was no time for a second attempt several short touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung before returning. Tiverton bells are in the key of D flat, tenor 28 cwt. They are in excellent ringing order and the belfry arrangements are simply perfect. The restoration of the bells and belfry are mainly due to the exertions of Mr. Mackenzie. On Sunday morning we rang at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, after which Mr. Clements went to the cathedral service, whilst I made my way to St. Mary Major. Here I found a man pounding away at a bell of about 15 cwt. with a hammer and cord attached. The service at St. Mary Major was conducted in decidedly low-church style, the sermon was most evangelical and unpractical, and as soon as the celebration of Holy Communion began the whole of the choir, both boys and men, left the church. Evidently this part of the service was considered quite of minor importance. In the evening we rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Sidwell's. We attended the evening service at St. Sidwell's and found it a great improvement on my morning experience at St. Mary Major. The service was hearty and well rendered, without any excessive or ridiculous display of ritual, and the sermon thoroughly practical. After service we took leave of our Exeter friends, and on Monday morning began our homeward journey, which we safely accomplished in two days, having thoroughly enjoyed our visit.

J. R. JERRAM.

THE BELLS OF ST. SEPULCHRE.

Much recently has been written concerning the bells of the church of St. Sepulchre, London. In Wednesday's *City Press*, the subject was referred to by "Dogberry." Perhaps it will be as well to state that in the belfry of St. Sepulchre's are eleven bells. One which is known as "the Saint's bell," occupies a distinct place in the tower. This has not been used for some years. Of the ten—which are used for ringing a peal—a full description was given in a recent number of the *City Press*. As was noticed in Wednesday's issue, the tenor, owing to some repairs, was slightly out of gear, and could not be depended on. The little difficulty has now been remedied, and "the peal that was to have been rung on Jubilee Day—written expressly for these ten bells," but which, owing to the fault in the tenor, was not rung on that occasion—will now shortly be given. With regard to the tolling on the occasion of executions at Newgate, a paragraph has been inserted in an evening contemporary to the effect that recently a medical student endeavoured to bribe the man who tolls to allow him to "pull the bell" when a certain execution took place. There is absolutely no foundation for any such rumour. The person deputed to do this particular work has never seen "a stranger on the subject." And it would be impossible for any person to get into the belfry without the knowledge and consent of the sexton. And this official has never so much as been asked about anything of the kind. There is a Sole's gift in connexion with this parish. Sole was an old resident in the parish of St. Sepulchre. He belonged to the Clothworkers' Company. He directed that out of his estate "£1 16s. 8d. shall be paid yearlie to the sexton of St. Sepulchre for hym to toll the big bell whenever an execution takes place at ye prison in the Old Bailey." There is a note in the will to the effect that this is to be paid "for ever." This bequest has been carried out with a slight deviation. For years the bell was tolled for an hour. Some short time since the inhabitants complained, since which the bell has tolled for half-an-hour only on execution mornings.—*City Press*.

HALSALL (near Ormskirk, Lancashire).—Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have recast the cracked 5th of the peal of six, and newly hung the whole peal with entirely new fittings and iron framework. The weight of the new bell is 8 cwt. 2 lbs.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5285.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield*.

2 3 1 4 5 6
5 1 3 4 2 6 I 4 5 17

3 1 6 2 5 4 5 19
6 1 3 4 5 2 6 19
6 1 2 3 5 4 19
2 1 6 4 5 3 6 19
2 1 3 6 5 4 19
2 1 4 3 5 6 19
4 1 2 6 5 3 6 19
4 1 3 2 5 6 19
3 1 4 6 5 2 6 19
3 1 2 4 5 6 19

2 1 6 5 3 4 5 19

6 1 4 3 2 5 5 19

4 1 5 2 6 3 5 19

5 1 3 6 4 2 5 19
5 1 2 3 4 6 19
5 1 6 2 4 3 19

4 1 6 3 5 2 5 6 19

6 1 2 5 4 3 5 19
2 1 6 3 4 5 6 19
2 1 5 6 4 3 19
2 1 3 5 4 6 19
3 1 2 6 4 5 6 19
3 1 5 2 4 6 19
3 1 6 5 4 2 19
6 1 3 2 4 5 6 19
6 1 5 3 4 2 19

5 1 2 4 6 3 5 19
5 1 3 2 6 4 19
5 1 4 3 6 2 19

6 1 4 2 5 3 5 6 19

4 1 3 5 6 2 5 19
3 1 4 2 6 5 6 19
3 1 5 4 6 2 19
3 1 2 5 6 4 19
2 1 3 4 6 5 6 19
2 1 5 3 6 4 19
2 1 4 5 6 3 19
4 1 2 3 6 5 6 19

Brought round with calls at 2, 13s, 15, 16, 18 sixes. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in fifth's place in natural courses—viz. twelve times each, and with a very slight exception is composed in the least number of courses possible for a peal to possess these qualities. The second course can be produced with calls at 1, 3, 4, 7s, 12s, 17, 19 sixes, and reduces the peal to 5153, but this could not be considered a natural course.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Repeated.

A PEAL STEDMAN CINQUES.

5,019.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield*.

2 3 1 4 5 6
5 1 3 4 2 6 I 4 5 17
3 1 6 4 2 5 6

2 1 6 5 3 4 5 6 19
2 1 4 6 3 5 19
2 1 5 4 3 6 19
5 1 2 6 3 4 6 19
5 1 4 2 3 6 19
5 1 6 4 3 2 19
6 1 5 2 3 4 6 19
6 1 4 5 3 2 19
4 1 2 5 3 6 6

The last nine courses twice repeated produces

6 1 4 2 5 3
5 1 3 2 6 4 5 6
3 1 5 4 6 2 6 19
3 1 2 5 6 4 19
3 1 4 2 6 5 19
4 1 3 5 6 2 6 19
4 1 2 3 6 5 19
2 1 4 5 6 3 6 19
2 1 3 4 6 5 19

Brought round with calls at 2, 5s, 9s, 13s, 14, 15, 18 sixes.

This peal, which is on the ordinary part plan, has nothing in particular to recommend it beyond its simplicity and the coming-round course.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5019.

By WILLIAM LOMAS, *Sheffield*.

2 3 1 4 5 6
3 1 5 6 2 4 I 5 6 7 19

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

The last nine courses three times repeated with a bob at 19 in the last course in the fourth part, produce 2 1 5 3 6 4. Brought round with calls at 2, 6, 7, 13s, 15, 16.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

6120.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Twice repeated.

A CORRECTION.—The peal of Treble Bob Major by Mr. H. J. Tucker, in last week's issue should read "Bob Major."

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

8064.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

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

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

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

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

Repeated.

This peal contains the extent without 2nd or 3rd in 6ths place, and is the first composed on this plan.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL

10,080.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

This peal contains the sixty course-ends.

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So many communications have reached us in connection with the statements concerning the possibility or impossibility of the production of a peal of Stedman Caters containing the sixty courses with the large bells undisturbed and a fixed bell in second's place, that we are impelled to again revert to the subject, and this without bringing into question either the propriety or otherwise of the discussion. The Exercise has hitherto believed that the question was decided long ago, and that the competition for the first peal having these coveted properties, which took place about forty years since, was final and conclusive. An assertion to the contrary cannot therefore lightly be ignored, in fact upon such an important matter it seems our duty to make an attempt to lead the several disputants to a correct view of the real points at issue, if not to a solution of what at present appears a problem.

The present contention is, then, that the peal with the properties referred to has never yet been obtained. To contradict this a number of well known peals are quoted to show that such a contention is without the least foundation. But here we would point out that such compositions as are brought forward to substantiate the latter hypothesis do not conform to the conditions laid down—viz., sixty courses (not merely course-ends), with bobs only. Therefore peals with singles or doubles are practically out of court, and no further reference therefore may be made to them for the present purpose.

Now let us look at those compositions which have always been held to contain the properties in question—produced with bobs only. And first is the 6701 by the late JOHN COX, rung at Bermondsey in the year 1846.

That this is an excellent and symmetrical composition no one will deny. The introductory course is a full one—eighteen sixes—but the fixed bells are not all brought into their position until the last six but one of that course. The sixty-first course-end from 231456 is 624135, a bob at the fifteenth six removing the treble, the bells being brought round from that course-end. There are two other peals in the same edition of *Hubbard*—one by HALEY, the other by COX. Both these appear to be nearer the mark desired by Mr. WASHBROOK, as in each of them the bells are by bobs at 1, 4, 5, 6 fixed at the last number, and keep their position up to and at the sixtieth course-end. But the desideratum is, as we take it, that the whole sixty courses, in regular and consecutive order, shall have these fixed bells in their places. The possibility of attaining this by the means already mentioned is denied.

The same idea which apparently has occurred to the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER has presented itself to us, viz., that the end at present in view is possible of attainment. We have just stated that in the last peals alluded to the treble is brought into the required position by three consecutive bobs at 4, 5, and 6, in the introductory course. If the idea of having the treble a fixed bell is abandoned, and the 3rd, being the bell already in seconds, is utilised in its place, the necessity for these three bobs is dispensed with, and the peal can of course be proceeded with at once, the bob on going off into changes to put the bells into the tittums having no effect whatever, because that bob, if used, is made exactly at the commencement of the course. It would seem that in this manner the sixty complete courses could be obtained, upon the plan of the peal of Mr. Cox's—6586 changes—published in *Hubbard*. At first sight it appears a matter of no difficulty, the doing away with the treble and taking in its stead a bell already in the place required, but the elimination of the three bobs may prove an important factor in the construction of the peal; and in fact overthrow it. If the peals which we have here alluded to are perused, our observations will no doubt be more easily understood.

It remains then to ask—"Has the sixty courses yet been produced?" For all practical purposes we may answer in the affirmative, though coming to the exact letter and spirit of the phrase, a production of the kind insisted on has, so far as we know, never yet been found in print. Though we can afford perhaps to make light of the assertion which has been made, as savouring of pedantry or conceit, yet it is not wise to ignore such a position, especially when taken up by an individual who evidently has probed the question. We are not at one with the innovation, for innovation it seems to be, nevertheless. But we have felt it our duty to examine it, and having done so, we have no love for it after all. The peal of JOHN COX will to us be the "sixty courses" so long as we are able to understand anything of the theory of composition.

Mr. J. Fisher, of Montpellier Lodge, Cheltenham, would be much obliged if someone would recommend him a good American newspaper for advertisements, with the name and address of the Editor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 23rd, Messrs. Allan, Cullip, Clarke, Chapman, Hills, Frossell (Bedford); and Mr. C. Craddock (Biggleswade), paid a visit to the parish of Southill, and rang at All Saints' church a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). W. Allan, 1; C. Craddock, 2; H. Chapman, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; I. Hill, 6. This was followed by some Oxford Treble Bob, and Grandsire Doubles. Also courses of Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the handbells, which brought the ringing to an end. The visitors wish to express their best thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion. The bells are a nice ring of six, but they go badly. The following is the diameter's and height, and maker's name of each bell:

- 1—5.—"John Briant, Hertford, 1814."
 1.—diam. 29 ins. height 21 ins.
 2.—" 30 " " 22 "
 3.—" 32 " " 24 "
 4.—" 35 " " 26 "
 5.—" 37½ " " 29 "
 6th.—"Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1867."
 (Diam. 42½ ins. height 29½ ins.)

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will take place in the National Schoolroom, Brierley Hill, on Saturday, September 3rd, 1887, at 5 o'clock prompt. The Rev. J. Stone, Rector, has kindly promised to preside. The towers of St. Michael's, Brierley Hill (six bells); St. Thomas's, Stourbridge (eight bells); and St. James's, Wollaston (six bells); will be open for ringing during the afternoon. The Secretary hopes that those members who have not yet paid their contributions will do so at this meeting, and to take this as a notice to attend should they receive no other. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
 37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association are invited by the President to a garden party at Duffield Bank on Saturday, September 3rd, from 2 to 6 o'clock. The ten bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of ringers during the afternoon. Members' friends who belong to other Associations will also be welcome.

COPY OF A TABLET IN THE TOWER OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—"On April 11th, 1789, was rung in this steeple, a peal of 5600 College Exercise, in 3 hrs. and 36 mins. by the following persons. W. Southey, aged 28; Jerh. Moringill, aged 29; W. Thomas, aged 20; Joseph Saker, aged 19; Jas. Ellis, aged 20; J. Muckamore, aged 28; W. Firminger, aged 29; Jno. Roffey, aged 32. This intricate peal comprehends Plain, Double, and Double Treble Bob, and was conducted by Jno. Roffey." It is peculiar in having the respective ages of the performers. H. N.

The Provinces.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 20, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CAANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON* Treble.	E. F. COLE 5.
A. C. FUSSELL* 2.	*W. H. FUSSELL 6.
HENRY WHITE* 3.	GEORGE GRIFFIN 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

The above is the first peal of Major on the bells. *Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Mr. White hails from Basingstoke, and this is his first peal of Major on tower bells. The remainder of the band are from London, excepting the Fussell Brothers, of Slough.

BEVERLEY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Seventen & ½ Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 29½ cwt.

CHARLIE BENNETT Treble.	WILLIAM SOUTHWICK 5.
TOM STOCKDALE 2.	JNO. WILLIAM STICKNEY 6.
JOHN POLLARD 3.	FRANK DRABBLE 7.
HARRY CUTTER 4.	CHARLES JACKSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This peal, which has the 4th, 5th and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, without the 2nd in 6th's place at a course-end, is the first peal of Major on the bells. All the above company hail from Hull.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE MAXIM Treble.	OLIVER GARWOOD 5.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	CHARLES SILLITOE 6.
FRED. WELLS 3.	NELSON HAWKINS 7.
CHARLES HERBERT 4.	GEORGE HAMMOND Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by GEORGE HAMMOND.

The above peal, in two parts, contains the sixth twenty-two times right and wrong Messrs. Wells, Slater, and Garwood are from Glensford; Hawkins from Belchamp; Maxim from Foxearth; Herbert from Woburn, Beds.; Sillitoe from Sudbury; and Hammond from Ringmer, Sussex. This is Mr. Herbert's first peal, and Mr. Slater's 50th peal. Mr. Herbert was elected a member of the above association previous to starting for the peal.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Sunday, August 28, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S VARIATION. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

ALFRED TRIGG Treble.	GEORGE DALTRY 5.
SIDNEY ROMANS 2.	JAMES HINTON 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 3.	WILLIAM SEVIER 7.
WILLIAM HALE 4.	GEORGE SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SEVIER.

The average age of the above ringers is 22½ years. Messrs. Romans, Wilkins and Sevier hail from Gloucester; Hinton and Daltry from Bristol; the rest are of the local company. This is the first peal in any method that has been rung at Painswick since February 25th, 1862, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung which was conducted by Mr. Robert Birt, one of the late Painswick Youths.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	ERNEST E. VINEN 5.
SAMUEL SEED 2.	JAMES DIXON 6.
JOSEPH MULLIGAN 3.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY 7.
JOHN MULLIGAN 4.	JAMES REW Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

Mr. Vinen hails from London.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	OLIVER GARWOOD 5.
GEORGE MAXIM 2.	ROBERT MINGAY 6.
FRED WELLS 3.	PERCY C. S. SCOTT 7.
CHARLES SILLITOE 4.	GEORGE HAMMOND Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by GEORGE HAMMOND.

The above peal contains the 6th the extent in all positions and will be found on page 48 of Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, part ii., the first peal on the page.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Paul's Church, for evening service, a 503 Grandsire Triples, with Queen's and tittums. J. Spencer, 1; W. Allan, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Chapman, 5; M. Warwick, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; *W. Groome, 8. And a 392 in the same method. J. Spencer, 1; H. Chapman, 2; I. Hills, 3; F. Keech, 4; M. Warwick, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 7; *W. Groome, 8. Also a 448 of Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; F. Keech, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; I. Hills, 8. Also on Monday, August 22nd, for practice, a 503 Grandsire Triples, containing nine 6-7's. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Pass, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; M. Warwick, 6; H. Chapman, 7; F. Keech, 8. Also a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Allan, 3; M. Warwick, 4; H. Chapman, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; I. Hills, 8. *W. Groome hails from St. Albans, Herts. On Thursday, August 25th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor (with eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; I. Hills, 6. First 720 in the method on these bells. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Thursday, August 25th, at St. Andrew's church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. H. C. Mayne, 1; *A. J. B. Waldron, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. G. Pratt, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. W. Cleminson (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. And on Monday, August 29th, two plain courses of Stedman Doubles. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. Pallister, 2; J. Charlton, 3; J. G. Pratt, 4; J. W. Cleminson, 5; E. Titt, 6. In the second course E. Titt, 1; A. J. Waldron, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Sunday, August 14th, on the occasion of a visit to St. Mary's by the president of the Guild, Colonel Troyte, touches of 630 and 168 of Grandsire Triples were rung for Divine service in the evening, in which the Colonel rung the 4th. And on Monday, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham, and contains the musical qualities of Queen's, tittums, Whittingtons, the twelve 4's and twelve 6-7's, in 45 mins. J. Boase, 1; *J. Symonds (conductor), 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Langran (Tottenham), 4; J. Hitchens, 5; A. G. Higdon, 6; C. Boase, 7; M. Hicks, 8. *College Youths. Mr. Langran was elected a member of the Devonshire Guild on the same evening.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 28th, for Divine Service at the parish church, SS. Michael and All Angels, 720 of Double Court Bob, in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; *C. H. Howard, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; S. Hammond (conductor), 6. *First 720.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 28th, at St. Mary's church, a mixed band rang on the back eight before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. E. Dains (Widford), 1; J. Dains (Widford), 2; A. Edwards (Writtle), 3; W. Rowland (Chelmsford), 4; W. Hawkes (Springfield), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon (Writtle), 6; W. Lincoln (Writtle, conductor), 7; J. Parmenter (Chelmsford), 8. Tenor 22½ cwt. The above quarter-peal was composed by Mr. A. J. Perkins, of Romford, and contains Queen's, Tittums, Whittingtons, and the twelve 6-7's. A new set of ropes has lately been fitted to the bells in this tower, making the work of ringers easier and pleasanter than it was. Arrangements are also in progress for the erection of a peal-board in commemoration of the first peal (Treble Bob Royal) upon the ten bells, rung here on August 1st.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, August 7th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson (conductor), 3; H. Deal, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; F. H. Brewer, 6. And on Monday, August 15th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, in 25 mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith (first 720 in the method), 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, August 17th, on the occasion of a local wedding, at the close of the ceremony, a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins., some good firing and Whittingtons were also struck. H. Deal (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; J.

Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. W. Haslam, 5; F. H. Brewer, 6. And at 1.30 p.m., when the happy pair left *en route* for Benfleet station, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. al Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; H. Deal (conductor), 5; F. H. Brewer, 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, in 12½ mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson (conductor), 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; F. W. Haslam, 6. And on Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. And on Monday, August 22nd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. H. Deal (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collin, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; F. H. Brewer, 6. And on Sunday, August 28th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. W. Haslam, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson (conductor), 3; J. Collin, 4; F. Strugnell, 5; F. H. Brewer, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*BOUGHTON (near Faversham).—On Friday, August 26th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for practice, six 120's of Bob Doubles, in 25 mins. W. Hope, 1; W. W. Boulden, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; B. Ralph, 4; F. T. Harris, 5; W. Clackett, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. This is the first 720 of Bob Doubles by the local company.

STAPLEHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, August 14th, a 840 of Grandsire Triples. And on Monday, August 15th, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples. Also on Monday, August 22nd, a half-peal in the same method. W. Collison, 1; J. Tillmon, 2; W. Pope, 3; W. E. Pope, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. E. Nunn (conductor), 7; T. Colvin, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Saturday, August 27th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, as a welcome touch to their new Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Heaven), who arrived in Burton on that day. G. Robinson, 1; J. Austria, 2; A. Wakley, 3; E. I. Stone, 4; W. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6; H. Wakley, 7; Thomas Holmes, 8. Also on Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, a 960 of London Surprise Major, in 42 mins.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Friday, August 26th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; W. Hawkins, 2; F. Arnold, 3; W. Sadler, 4; R. Arnold, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, August 23rd, 360 of Oxford and 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Sanders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridge, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, August 21st, 360 of Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. And 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 25 mins. J. Poplett, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Saunders, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. W. Hawkins hails from Nutfield.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Stedman, 1; G. Baker, 2; R. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. After morning service, a 720 Superlative Surprise, in 24 mins. *G. Baker, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; G. Williams, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. *First 720 in any Minor method. And 220 of Bob Minor with some of the local band.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 28th, for afternoon service, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. T. Stedman, 1; G. Baker, 2; E. Jordan, 3; G. Williams, 4; W. L. Chamberlain, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. After service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, in 23 mins. *A. Mills, 1; *R. Jordan, 2; *T. Stedman, 3; *G. Williams, 4; *E. Jordan, 5; *E. Jordan (conductor), 6. *And Members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. And a 820 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. *W. L. Chamberlain, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; G. Baker, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. G. Williams hails from Midhurst; W. L. Chamberlain from Petworth; G. Baker from Arundel; the rest belong to the local band. *First 720.

ALDBURY (near Guildford).—On Sunday morning, August 28th, for Divine Service, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles. C. Cumper (conductor), 1; A. Osbourne, 2; W. Cumper, 3; T. Mewett, 4; H. Swain (London), 5; T. Gadd, 6. [We shall be pleased to hear more from this village.—ED.]

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, August 17th, at St. James's church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes). G. Pym, 1; A. Howell, 2; J. Hinton, 3; W. Paddock, 4; C. Porter, 5; W. Porch, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; F. Gooding, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the 28th birthday of the conductor. And on Thursday

August 18th, at the church of All Saints, an attempt for a date touch of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 45 mins. A. York, 1; G. Pym, 2; W. Paddock, 3; W. Porch, 4; A. Howell, 5; C. Porter, 6; H. Porch, 7; J. Hinton, 8. After which a course of Treble Bob Major by the above, and a touch of Grandsire Triples with Messrs. Norton, Gooding and F. Porch standing in. Mr. Porter bails from London.

COOKLEY (Worcestershire).—Recently, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. A. Meredith, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. Salter (conductor), 3; W. Smith, 4; H. Adams, 5; H. Williams, 6. First 720 as conductor.

EXETER.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Mundy, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, August 21st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. J. Bennett, 1; H. Williams, 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; H. Adams, 5; J. Crane, 6; R. E. Grove (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells. And on Thursday, August 25th, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 40 mins. J. Bennett, 1; J. Crane, 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; H. Adams, 5; J. Crane, 6; R. E. Grove (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Thursday, August 25th, at St. John's church, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Ferguson, 1; R. S. Story, 2; E. Scott, 3; E. Wallis, 4; T. Denton, 5; T. Haigh (Huddersfield, conductor), 6; W. Story, 7; F. Lees, 8. Also on Saturday, August 27th, 420 of Stedman Triples. W. Reed, 1; R. S. Story, 2; A. Ingleby, 3; A. Clark, 4; W. Story, 5; W. Pick, 6; T. Clark (conductor), 7; F. W. Reed, 8. Messrs. Ingleby, A. Clark, Pick, and T. Clark, hail from Ripon. And several plain courses of Duffield Major, with T. Haigh, 8; and 448 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Reed, 1; A. Clark, 2; A. Ingleby, 3; W. Story, 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Pick, 6; T. Clark, 7; T. Haigh (conductor), 8. And on Tuesday, August 30th, 720 of Bob Minor. H. Ferguson, 1; F. Lees, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Egglestone, 4; G. Forsyth (first 720), 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. And on Sunday evening, August 28th, for Divine Service at St. Stephen's church, 252 of Stedman Triples. H. Ferguson, 1; W. Story, 2; E. Scott, 3; R. S. Story, 4; F. Lees (conductor), 5; E. Wallis, 6; J. Hern, 7; E. Watson, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, August 20th, at Holy Trinity church, 288 Duffield Major in 12½ mins. W. Green, 1; R. Bird, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; H. Mason, 5; W. Bird, 6; H. Cartwright, 7; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 8. First touch in the method by all. And on Sunday, August 21st, 624 of Grandsire Major in 21½ mins. A. E. Parsons, 1; W. Bird, 2; W. Foxall, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; W. Green, 5; H. Mason, 6; H. Cartwright, 7; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 8. Also on Wednesday, August 24th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 27½ mins. J. Palmer, 1; R. Bird, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Bird, 4; W. Green, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

PETERBORO.—On Tuesday, July 26th, at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (with eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. C. W. Holdich, 1; W. R. Johnson, 2; H. Beeson, 3; E. F. Read, 4; J. Hancock, 5; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method (with nine bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. W. Johnson, 1; W. R. Johnson, 2; H. Beeson, 3; J. Hancock, 4; W. A. Tyler, 5; E. F. Read (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. in Ab. The above are the first 720's by the local company. This ring is a new one by Messrs. Warner, and were hung by W. A. Tyler, of Peterboro. [This report has unfortunately been overlooked.—Ed.]

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, August 14th, at St. Martin's Church, for morning service, a 700 of Grandsire Triples, and for evening service a 546 in the same method. S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Tryhorn, 8. On August 25th, at St. Thomas's Church, six 120's of Grandsire Doubles each called differently in 31 mins. J. Short, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; H. D. Adams, 6. Tenor 30 cwt. in C♯.

SNITTERFIELD (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, August 25th, the Hatton band paid a visit to this fine old church, the bells of which have this year been augmented from three to six, by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 29 mins. J. Bayliss (conductor), 1; J. Cogbill, 2;

Rev. H. C. Courtney, 3; W. Male, 4; W. Clarke, 5; J. Barnett, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in F. This is the first time that half-pull change-ringing has been heard in this place, and the Hatton band desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having the belfry and all connected with it in such capital order. The "go" of the bells is excellent.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 27th, for practice at St. Gregory's church, 1248 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; J. Lee (Foxearth), 2; W. Howell, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. Cross, 5; W. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, August 21st, at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Iles, 1; W. Sevier, 2; C. Porter, 3; G. Daltry, 4; F. Howell, 5; J. Hinton (conductor), 6.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, August 21st, for morning service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. B. Starkey, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; G. Hughes (conductor), 3; A. Hill, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; W. R. Small, 6. Also on Sunday, August 28th, after evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Mills, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; J. Frisby, 3; W. R. Small (conductor), 4; C. Price, 5; A. Hill, 6; W. Pardoe, 7; B. Starkey, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING AUGUST 29TH, 1887:—

By the Brighton Branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, a 480 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Jay, 1; J. Reilly, 2; G. Thwaites, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; H. Weston, 5; J. Gasson (Balcombe; conductor), 6; W. F. Vernon, 7; A. A. Fuller, 8. Rung with 7-8 covering. Also for afternoon service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. J. Jay, 1; E. Bennett (Beddington), 2; J. Reilly, 3; J. Gasson, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Cornwall, 7; D. Ross, 8. Also at St. Nicholas' church, Brighton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. Jesse Neves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; J. Fox, 3; E. Bennett, 4; H. Boniface, 5; G. A. King, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. Also at Midhurst parish church, on Monday, August 29th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; H. Weston, 3; J. Jay, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells.

By the Steyning Branch at Steyning.—On Monday, August 15th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. G. Breach, 1; G. Gatland, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; J. Searle, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. The above were rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. A. Rapley, who has been a member of the Steyning band for upwards of fourteen years. Also on Sunday, August 21st, a 360 of Plain Bob. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Searle, 3; F. Morris, 4; E. Brackley, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, August 23rd, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; Rev. G. M. Edmonds (Oundle, Northamptonshire), 3; G. Gatland, 4; E. Brackley, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, August 28th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Court Bob. J. Woolgar, 1; C. Chambers, 2; G. Gatland, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

ENGINES AND DRIVERS.—It would be easy to give many stories of the drivers of the old locomotives—of those who, in days when "Time-tables" were not regularly stopped at one prolific field to gather mushrooms; of the straight-spoken engine-man who, when remonstrated with for "racing" at the rate of fourteen miles per hour, averred that he would keep up to that rate if he "burst the boiler;" and of the north-countryman who, not a score of years ago, declined to join in a strike because of his attachment to the engine he drove, and he "couldn't trust her" to a stranger. But the service "on the line" has been systematised now, and whilst the convenience of the public has been consulted, the idiosyncrasies of locomotive builders and drivers have gone. The construction of the engine is no longer confined to one small establishment at Newcastle, nor the repairs to a "barn-like erection" at Shildon, in Durham, as was the case in 1825. The Tyne is no longer the chief of constructing centres—Manchester and Glasgow are its rivals, so far as private builders are concerned; and Crewe, with its wonderful works, Derby, Doncaster, Manchester, Swindon, and other places are the centres of the works of those great companies which chiefly build their own iron steeds.—*From Cassell's Family Magazine* for September.

OLD CLEEVE, WEST SOMERSET.

For some time past it has been the general wish of the members of the Guild of Change-ringers connected with the parish church of St. Andrew, Old Cleeve, to have a day's ringing somewhere in the neighbourhood. We are all young beginners just able to ring Grandsire on five bells. After some discussion as to where we should go, it was finally decided to charter a conveyance and drive through Bishops Lydeard and Norton Fitzwarren finishing up with a pull on the fine peal of ten at St. Mary Magdalene's, Taunton. Permission having been kindly granted to us to ring at these various places, Saturday last was the day fixed. Rain rather threatened to mar some of our enjoyment, but eventually the weather turned out to be everything that we could wish. The party consisted of Messrs. C. Chapman, J. M. Williams, E. Cridland, J. Griffiths, W. H. Gaye, W. Cridland and H. W. Tomkins.

A start having been made about 7 a.m., we were soon bowling merrily along through Williton in the direction of the Quantock Hills, whose heath covered slopes and deep coombes looking picturesque in the distance will soon re-echo the merry sounds of the huntsman's horn, for early in September the renowned Devon and Somerset staghounds are to have their first meet close to the pretty village of Crowcombe, which lies nestled at the foot of the hills, and which we reached after about an hour's drive. We made a slight halt here for refreshment, and then without further delay on to Bishops Lydeard. The vicar, the Rev. W. F. Eustace, gave us a hearty welcome, and conducted us to the church, which, together with the tower is certainly very handsome, and was justly admired by us all. The fine old oak screen and the tastefully decorated chancel were special objects of admiration. Some of the carved work on the seat ends too were pointed out to us by the Vicar as being very old and rare, and of very curious design. On one was represented the heart, hands and feet of Our Saviour surrounded by the crown of thorns and the nails. On another we noticed a rude carving of a slip, representing the Church. We were now conducted by the Vicar to the belfry, where we hoped to find things in something like the same order as the Church, but we were doomed to be disappointed. The tone of the bells, which are a five ring of eight, tenor about 29 cwt., met with general approval, but the "go" of them drew from us a corresponding amount of disapproval. We could do nothing in the way of change-ringing, and rounds even could only be accomplished with difficulty. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung outside the tower in the presence of the Vicar, who expressed himself much pleased with it. Our journey was then resumed and on arriving at Norton Fitzwarren we raised the bells in peal, and rang several 120's on them. They are a nice ring of six, tenor about 13 cwt., and go very well, the ropes though are very small and our hands suffered in consequence. Leaving the tower we without further delay made our way towards Taunton. Dinner, a most important item on a ringer's programme of a day's outing, was next partaken of at Mr. Wickenden's, after which having fastened on Mr. T. Doble, the conductor of the St. Mary's company, we were soon in the belfry of the exceedingly handsome tower. Here there is a grand ring of ten, the finest in the county, in splendid going order, with a tenor about 38 cwt. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, a short time since thoroughly overhauled these bells (formerly a peal of eight), cast two additional trebles, and recast those of the old bells that required it, and re-hanging the whole in a massive iron A frame. Several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the front six. C. Chapman, 1; J. M. Williams, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; W. H. Gaye, 4; H. W. Tomkins (conductor), 5; W. Cridland, 6. Mr. T. Doble then joined in some 120's both on the back and front six, and we finished up with some well-struck rounds on the ten, three members of the Taunton Guild joining with us. After spending a pleasant hour in the company of our Taunton friends, we started for home, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed himself.

It is much to be regretted that throughout the whole county of Somerset so little half-pull ringing is done, the old style of call changes seems to predominate everywhere, in fact there are only three or four places in which the scientific method is

practised at all. At Dunster (four miles from Old Cleeve) there is a fine ring of eight, tenor 21 cwt., in first class condition, with a belfry which for excellency of its appointments is scarcely surpassed in England. Here several peals of Grandsire Triples have been rung, and other methods are practised, and it is to the members of the Dunster Guild that we are indebted for what we know about change-ringing. In our own tower we have a very musical ring of six, tenor 18½ cwt. cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., in 1884, the "go" of them being perfect. Situated as we are, so far from any ringing centre, we can only read in "THE BELL NEWS" and wonder at such performances as we see recorded therein, methods which are so far beyond us down here in West Somerset. I feel sure that a hearty welcome would be given by our friends at Dunster and Taunton and by us here to any of those gentlemen whose names appear so often in connection with peals in "THE BELL NEWS," should they at any time contemplate a trip westward into this, the prettiest corner of West Somerset.

STRANGE ANTIPATHIES.—Charles Kingsley, naturalist as he was to the core, had a great horror of spiders; and in "Glaucus," after saying that every one seems to have his antipathic animal, continues:—"I know one [himself] bred from his childhood to zoology by land and sea, and bold in asserting and honest in feeling that all without exception is beautiful, who yet cannot, after handling and petting and examining all day long every uncouth and venomous beast, avoid a paroxysm of horror at the sight of the common house spider." The writer shares this dislike to a painful extent; in this case it is inherited from his grandfather. The genial author of the "Turkish Spy" says that he would far prefer sword in hand to face a lion in his desert lair, than have a spider crawl over him in the dark. The cat has repeatedly been an object of aversion. The Duke of Schomberg, though a redoubtable soldier, would not sit in the same room with a cat. A courtier of the Emperor Ferdinand carried this dislike so far as to bleed at the nose on hearing a cat mew. Dogs, too, have come in for their share of dislike. De Musset cordially detested them. When a candidate of the Academy he called upon a prominent member. At the gate of the château a dirty ugly dog received him most affectionately, and insisted on preceding him into the drawing room, De Musset cursing his friends predilection for the brute. The Academician entered, and they adjourned to the dining room, the dog at their heels. Seizing his opportunity, the dog placed his muddy paws upon the spotless cloth and carried off a *bonne bouche*. "The wretch wants shooting!" was De Musset's muttered thought, but he politely said, "You are fond of dogs, I see?" "Fond of dogs?" retorted the Academician. "I hate them!" "But this animal here?" queried De Musset. "I have only tolerated it because it was yours, sir." "Mine!" exclaimed the poet; "the thought that it was yours alone kept me from killing him!"—From "Cassell's Family Magazine" for September.

NICHOLAS POUSSIN.—In a letter to one of his friends, written in 1647, Poussin illustrates his ideas on painting from the Greek theory of modes in music. According to this theory a particular subject could only be treated in its appropriate mode. If it was grave, serious, and full of wisdom, the Doric mode would be used; if vehement and furious, the Phrygian; if melancholy or plaintive, the Lydian; if peculiarly sweet and touching, the Hypolydian; if jocund, Ionic. It is clear that he did himself practically apply this theory to painting, since, in this same letter, he says, "I hope before another year is over to paint a picture in the Phrygian mode. To discover, he said, the right mode in which a subject should be treated, the painter must carefully consider the dominant feeling it is intended to inspire. And if he does this he will not only discover the mode, but its exact variety. Nowhere can the results Poussin obtained by this rule be better seen than at the Louvre, where he is represented by thirty-nine paintings, among them being his finest.—Richard Heath, in the "Magazine of Art" for September.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

"USING THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS."

SIR,—I can assure Mr. Dains that I had not the least intention of using his property, and apologise for having unwittingly done so. With regard to the latter part of his letter, I may say there is an error in the peal as published (whether on my part or not I am unable to

say), inasmuch as the 13th course is omitted altogether. That course I now give—

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Mr. Dains will now readily perceive that (1), it is not a touch of 4756 changes; (2), that it is quite unnecessary to part the tenors; (3), that the bells need not be jumped into rounds; (4), that it is a true and complete peal of Treble Bob Major, containing 5088 changes. Of course I drop my claim to the peal in favour of Mr. Dains. Whilst writing, I may inform your correspondent that the peal published in your issue of the 20th, as the composition of Mr. Price, was claimed by Mr. Knights, and the claim allowed, and I consider that it was quite unnecessary for Mr. Dains to give the fourth edition of it. How Mr. Price came to publish the peal again as his own after relinquishing his claim in favour of Mr. Knights, I am quite at a loss to understand. Perhaps he will explain.

JAMES S. WILDE.

Hyde, August 30th.

ON PEALS TRUE AND FALSE.

SIR,—I think Mr. Dains is in error when he says that the 8064 of Double Norwich by Mr. Washbrook is false, for if it is examined it will be found perfectly true, the part end should be 53426 not 23546 as given, which of course alters the qualities of the peal, the 2nd being no less than 12 courses in 6th's place in the 2nd part. I think the Exercise should know that the peal of 5024 Albion Major, on 257, with Mr. Pritchard's name attached, is the first half of Mr. J. Barker's well known peal of 5024 Bob Major, from *Rope-Sight*. Also that the 12,320 Albion in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 30th, by Mr. J. J. Brierley, is false, at middle in the 1st and 4th courses.

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QUICK PEALS.

SIR,—I see in your last issue, Mr. Catchpole, of Ipswich, has an opinion a peal of Stedman Triples cannot be rung at Christ Church, Oxford, in 3 hrs and 9 mins; if he entertains any doubt as to the correctness of the peal, I will refer him to Mr. C. Hounslow and Mr. J. Field, two first-class men at putting down course-ends, and who heard all the peal, and I will also inform him we ring true peals, if he don't, and if he will come to Oxford we will show him that we can ring a peal at the same tower in less time than that. What would be the use of ringing false peals? Oh, no, Mr. Catchpole, we don't do that sort of thing about here. The peal in question was a splendidly struck one, and rung as Thomas Thurstans composed it, every six, and I hope Mr. Catchpole will always be as particular in that respect as

J. W. WASHBROOK.

SIR,—In your last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" I noticed a remark by Mr. Catchpole, on the peal of Stedman Triples rang at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on August 11th last, tenor 42 cwt. He seems to doubt its performance. As a visitor to Oxford and one that rung in the peal, I can assure him it was as true and complete a peal of Stedman Triples as ever was rung, the striking being good and not a hitch throughout. I am sure if Mr. Catchpole were to visit Oxford Cathedral he would find that the back eight, tenor 42 cwt. could be rung at 26 and two-thirds per minute, as they were in the peal of Stedman Triples (conducted by Mr. J. W. Washbrook), on August 11th, 1887.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ANOTHER NEW METHOD—"GUILTY" SURPRISE.

SIR,—Arrangements were made on Sunday night last, by a mixed band, three from Christ Church, Barlow Moor, and three from Northenden, to attempt a 5040 of Plain Bob Minor, each 720 to be called different, to meet the following night. All went on well for 1 hr. 53 mins. 2760 changes being rung, at this moment the ringers were greatly surprised by enormous knocking at the door, which brought the company to confusion, and all was lost. On going out to see the matter, we were surprised to find one of the local ringers hiding round the corner of the church; strange to say this ringer has rang many 720's with the company. This shows that he is like the dog in the manger, if he cannot ring it no one else shall.

A LOVER OF CHANGE-RINGING.

THE CHELMSFORD PEAL.

SIR,—A word as to the above. In "THE BELL NEWS" of August 13th, I read amongst the remarks of "A New Man" the following sentence, *apropos* the election of Mr. Smith in the Galleywood belfry on July 30th, and his ringing in the Chelmsford peal on August 1st. "A plea may be set up that such member (*sic*) was elected in the tower but no notification having appeared—as has hitherto been an unwritten law—the question arises if the peal was a bona fide one beyond the Cumberlands." Now Sir, now what authority has "A New Man" to say that such an unwritten law has ever existed in our Association? I deny the truth of his assertion entirely. Since the rule about the election of members on the occasion of an attempt at a peal was made, such a thing has never even been hinted at at any meeting of the Association, or in the presence of any officer, unless within the last twelve

months, which I do not think has been the case. As long as the ringer is duly elected in the tower, and intimation of his election given to the Hon. Secretary, no further notice of any sort is required, and the gentleman thus elected is fully entitled to consider himself a full member of the Association, from the time of election onwards, unless at the ensuing meeting his election is not confirmed. If it is not, of course, no peal of his can be inserted in the peal book, but if it is, any peals that he may have rung since his election with other members of the Association are just as much Association peals as the first. What is there in our rules that could lead "A New Man" to suppose that he might be a member three hours after his election, but that in two days time he would be so no more? Such an idea is utterly absurd. We shall next hear that "Mr. Jones was elected before starting for the peal, which however broke down after two hours ringing (owing to the treble attempting to go into the hunt at a bob). After a rest of half an hour a fresh start was made, and the peal brought round; but since Mr. Jones was not re-elected before the second attempt, the question arises if the peal was a bona fide Association peal." The question as to who did "most of the fighting" for the return of the two trebles, is neither here nor there. The "fighting" was done by members of the Essex Association. Whether they were Cumberlands or College Youths is no matter. Would that all members of our Association could remember and act up to the sentiment expressed a year or two ago at one of our Annual Meetings by my good friend, Mr. J. M. Hayes. "We are not College Youths, and we are not Cumberlands to day, we are members of the Essex Association." Were this the case we should see no more letters in your paper, teeming with black bags, or jealous, carping complaints from those who had not the good fortune to be in a "first peal," and have not the largeness of mind to feel pleasure at the success of brother members. By all means let the friendly rivalry between the two great societies be maintained, but a truce to such rivalry as that which appears to have been shown over this Chelmsford peal, and which to my mind is anything but friendly. And please, Mr. "New Man," let us in future be amused and interested by "Notes by the Way," not stirred up to wordy warfare and strife about a matter which might well have been passed over, since our worthy secretary knows what he is about, and would not have entered this peal till the election had been confirmed. Change-ringing will never flourish without unity and kindly feeling between change-ringers. Let us try and promote these, and leave squabbling and mutual recrimination to the "venerable society of tombstone Roberts." A word with Mr. Catchpole, and I have done. Surely it was a pity to raise the question of time. For a ringer of Mr. Catchpole's experience must know that there are many causes which may bring it about that a 5040 may be rung on a peal with a tenor of 20 cwt., in less time than on another with a tenor of 15 cwt. The two chief influences are of course the way in which the bells are hung, and the pace at which the ringers have been accustomed to ring. But again the pace must be considerably influenced by whether or no the ringers have been accustomed to ring together. One sees great differences in times even in the same tower, and sometimes by the same band. Does Mr. Catchpole know the Christ Church peal at Oxford? I do, being a member of the Oxford City, and Oxford University societies. The tenor is so much "tucked up," that the clapper has to ride on the wrong side even when the bells are up. The same with the ninth. This tucking up makes the 42 cwt. bell go very little, if any, harder than the Chelmsford tenor. That they go well is shewn by the fact that Mr. Coleridge and I have frequently raised the tenor and ninth in peal without help, and without discomfort. Add to this the fact that the Oxford men are some of the fastest ringers in the country, and I think Mr. Catchpole will allow 3 hrs. 11 mins. for a peal of Stedman Triples to pass. If he doubts my word as to the pace at which they ring, aye, and strike their bells at Oxford, let him betake himself to Magdalene Tower and have a go at Stedman Caters. If he doesn't keep his eyes very wide open, he will find himself out of the "slow" before he knows he has gone into it.

HERBERT A. COCKEY.

Bitton, Bristol, August 31st.

SIR,—The question unfortunately raised (and still more unfortunately discussed) in your columns respecting this peal seems reduced to one point, viz.: the interpretation of the latter part of Rule III. of the Essex Association. May I suggest that the proper course for any member of that Association, who considers that the rule has not been complied with in this case, is to bring the matter (after due notice given to me) before the next meeting of the Association; the members of which can then either decide the question at once or, if it seem good, agree to refer the interpretation of the rule to some authority whose decision shall be final. Meanwhile, it seems to me that anonymous communications and mysterious hints only breed ill-feeling, without really helping the solution of the question. It will be my duty to have this peal entered in the peal-book of the Essex Association, unless I am directed by a resolution of the Association that the peal is not to be so entered. As its genuineness has been publicly questioned

I shall take no steps towards booking it until the next district meeting, to be held at Walthamstow in the early part of October, and I may remind members of the Association that any notice of motion to be brought forward at the meeting must be sent to me at least one week before hand (rule XII.) If the motion involves addition to or alteration of the rules, it must be brought with a fortnight's notice before either the annual meeting or a "special" meeting summoned for the purpose (rule XI.)

T. L. PAPILLON,
Hon. Sec. E.A.C.R.

SIR,—I thought after the facts stated in my former letter on this subject I should not have to trouble you again on the matter, but from the amount of correspondence you have had, I think it only right that I should say a few words in reply. In the first place "A New Man" says that if nothing else comes of this affair, it will be an increase in the revenue. Probably this correspondent is a letter carrier and is upset at the extra weight occasioned by this business. He then goes on to say that an attempt has been made to disclose his whereabouts. I am quite sure, Sir, this is hardly necessary, for the last paragraph in his article of August 13th was quite enough to satisfy me as to who the writer is. Of course I may be mistaken, but it will take more than "A New Man's" feeble attempt to throw me off the scent. I should like to ask how it is if he is not a member of the Association that he has the rules. Probably he has not kept up his payments. As to the stereotype phrases, I must take the responsibility of them myself, as I can assure him I have had no one to dictate to me on the matter, and I am sure I never had any thought of his being in the peal for the best of reasons. In regard to the letter of "Honesty," I think if he is what his *nom de plume* implies, he need not have been ashamed of his own name. In reply to Mr. Catchpole as to the time, I can assure him that every lead of the peal was rung, and the time was actually nearer 3-10 than 3-11, which can be corroborated by ringers that were outside and heard every change.

GEO. NEWSON.

THE SIXTY COURSES OF STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—It is not surprising that Mr. Washbrook's statement on this subject should have met with a good deal of hostile criticism. But are we quite sure that even now we know what he means? The interpretation of his meaning advanced in your last leader seems to me to make the matter, if anything, worse for Mr. Washbrook than it was before, for this reason: that if we are not to be allowed to count the introductory course as one of the sixty, the impossibility of having sixty courses *without that one*, and without a single, needed no demonstration; for the introductory course finishes with one of the sixty course-ends with the fixed bells in the required positions. If therefore we are not to count that, there are necessarily only fifty-nine left which can be had complete in themselves, and in order to get sixty complete in themselves, we should need a *sixty-first* course-end, which, without a single is impossible and absurd! If this had been Mr. Washbrook's meaning, his letter should have been headed "Why sixty-one course-ends should not be got with five working bells without a single." At the same time Mr. Washbrook does not say that the sixty *course-ends* are not to be had. It is therefore rather difficult to say what he actually does mean. Either way, it seems to me that he lands himself in an absurdity. I should like, therefore, to put the question in another form, if you will allow me. Putting on one side for the moment all considerations of the position of the tenors and musical qualities, does Mr. Washbrook assert that with the 2nd, 7th, 8th, and 9th bells fixed at home and *undisturbed throughout*, the sixty complete courses without a single are not to be had? If he admits, as I think he must, that this is possible with the tenors in the position of 7, 8, 9, then it must be equally possible with them in the position 9, 7, 8, and with any other bell in 2nds; but, in the latter case, one course will not be complete in itself, but will be partly contained in the introductory and partly in the final course. Like Mr. A. Thomas, I also was totally unable to find the introductory course of Mr. Washbrook's long peal by the directions given; there is a mistake somewhere, and if the peal is to be of any value, it should be pointed out, and the correct calling supplied.

H. EARLE BULWER.

ANSWER TO MESSRS. HATTERSLEY AND DAINS.

SIR,—I am very sorry to see the above gentlemen failed to grasp my meaning as regards the sixty courses of Stedman Caters. It was plain enough that I did not mention anything whatever about ends of courses as I knew that had been achieved years ago. But I still say the sixty courses, that is, 6480 changes of Stedman Caters, with the bells at 2, 7, 8, and 9 fixed, and without singles, is an utter impossibility, for the reasons I have already mentioned. It is absolutely certain that the peals mentioned by these gentlemen fail in this respect. I expected to get it pretty hot, for I thought someone would not crack the nut. Still I say why should we be packed off with sixty course-ends for sixty

full courses. We may just as well ring up to the first single of Holt's Original and then turn the tenor in a lead or two and call it the peal of Grandsire Triples with bobs only. It would be no more abuse to the method than to move your fixed bells in the interior of a course and call it "the course." This is what we have in the peals Mr. Thomas mentions, no doubt (of course I have not seen them) fifty-nine full courses and a part of the 60th; perhaps the bells brought into the tittums, and about one third of the course minus. Of course Mr. Thomas will allow that is not sixty courses. Now Mr. Dains says "the sixty courses composed and rang." Well, if that is the case I must draw it mild. But will he undertake to prove what he says? I cannot find the peal, and Mr. Hattersley cannot see what rubbish I have written. Can he refer me to a copy of the qualities in question? I did not put together those few remarks for people to compose from, I simply shewed the reason why it should be so and is not attainable. The question remains to be answered, "am I right or am I wrong?" If I am wrong there is nothing lost, if I am right there is something gained. It would be the last thing I thought of to trample on the ground I knew to be well trodden by men far greater in knowledge than myself; all I can say is to bring the peals forward and let us have a look at them, and see that we are not put off with a thing not genuine. If the above gentlemen had perused my remarks as keenly as the Editor, it would have been settled ere this. Mr. C. H. H. cannot see why I started with a quick six in my peal of Stedman Caters; well, I will tell him. He knows very well what recently happened at Cornhill, with the long peal of Stedman Cinques. It was to avoid as near as possible the same thing happening with us when we attempt it. In short, I did it to have a short coming-home course, for hardly before you know you are out of the tittums the bells are in rounds. I could put my men on their feet if they were to feel inclined to tumble about, but it is awkward in a long course with your big bells about after ringing so long. That was my reason. I am sorry to have to inform Mr. Dains that the 8064 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major by me was not forwarded correctly to our paper, but will appear in this week's number, by permission, in its proper form; then he can prove it if he likes. To conclude, I wish to point out that the first course of my peal of Stedman Caters is produced by the following calls: 6, s at 9, 12, 15, s at 18, 20, 21, 27, and the number of the peal 13,129. But it must be remembered that these two singles are called prior to the bells being in the tittums.

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SIR,—In bidding Mr. Randall adieu over this question, I will congratulate him upon the clever way in which he has cut the ground from under his feet by admitting that an attempt was made a fortnight previous, and under the circumstances will leave those with a spark of intelligence to judge who has the best of the argument. With respect to infallibility if my memory serves me right, it was Mr. Randall who disputed not long since the accuracy of the annual report of the Essex Association, and further made a similar complaint early in the present year as to the report of a district meeting held at West Ham. The only argument I could gather upon either occasion was that if Mr. Randall had furnished such, the reports would have proved infallible. Mr. Randall sails very wide of the mark when he insinuates that there is jealousy on my part. The plain indisputable facts are these: On the 30th June he was asked to secure the tower one Sunday evening, and to fix a date, the intention being to start for a 720 Double Court. This he consented, and afterwards having fixed the date, requested to be furnished with the rule for ringing the method. This was duly supplied, and although the afternoon proved miserably wet, I was at my post. After the unsuccessful attempts (in which two of the band came out faultless), a second visit was arranged. Before the date of such, however, arrived, Mr. Randall having through me had a thorough sound drilling in the method, obtained the assistance of others to enable him to ring his first 720 in the method. This I heard condemned as "dirty work."

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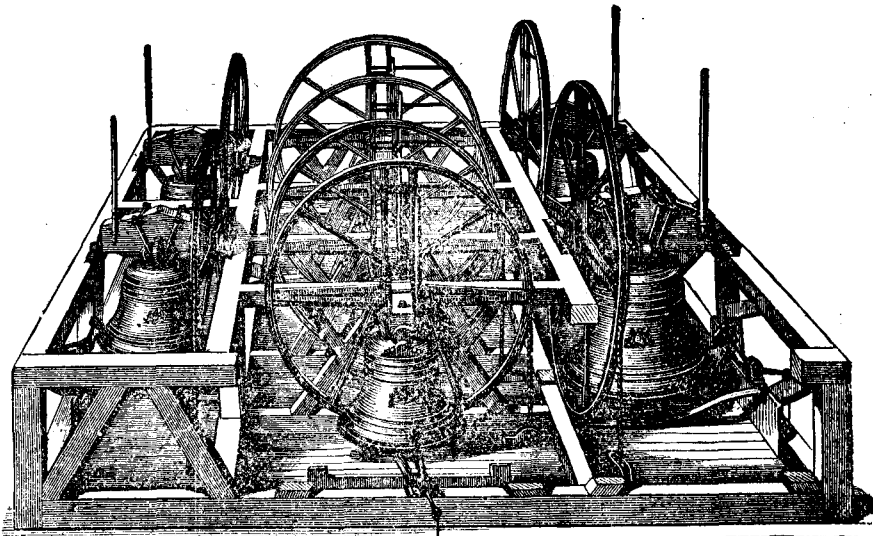
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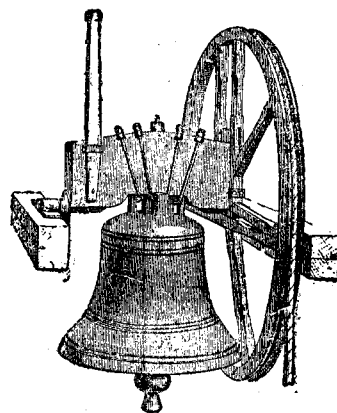
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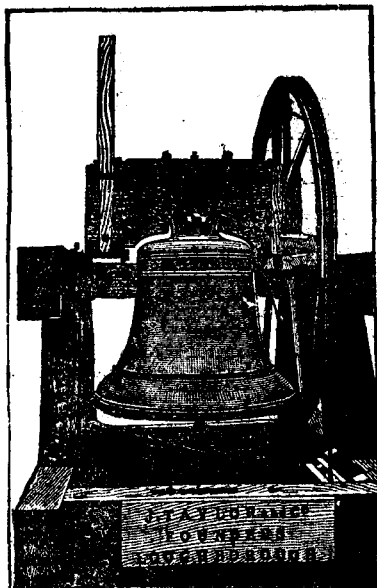
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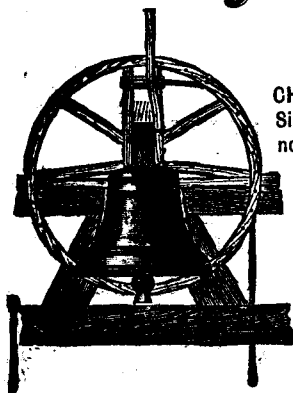
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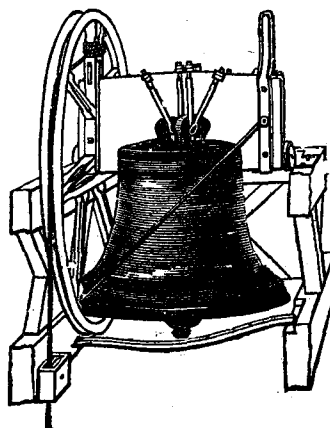
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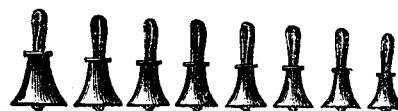
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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the members of this Association was held in Gloucester, on Tuesday, August 30th. The Association was founded in January, 1878, for the promotion of belfry reform and the cultivation of the art of change-ringing, the Bishop being the president. About sixty members attended morning service in the Cathedral, and there were also present the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, of Magor, Newport, Hon. Sec.; Rev. F. E. Broome Witts, Hon. Treasurer; Rev. Dr. Smithe, Churchdown; and Rev. Mowbray Trotter, rector of St. Mary de Crypt. The Dean and Canon Evans were present, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. A. Bowers, Diocesan Missioner, from the text: "There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them" (Psalm xix., Prayer-book version). The preacher said:—

It is a world of many voices in which God has called upon us to live—some noisy and uncultured; some like the bells, harmonious and pleasant, some like those spoken of in the text, and often the most eloquent, "silent." There is the voice of Nature, so silent yet so eloquent, speaking of God, His power, His work, His design. There is the voice of Revelation—the revelation of a Father, the revelation of Love, telling of the Gospel of the Kingdom. Both these voices are spoken of in this splendid nineteenth Psalm. Then there is the voice of the Church, coming to us with the two great books of Nature and Revelation in her hands, and formulating them for us, by Divine guidance, into a definite Creed. There is the voice of History, telling how other men have struggled and fought, how they succeeded and how they failed. There are also the voices of our own experience and of our own conscience. I take it, then, that whatever else this Festival of our Diocesan change-ringers may be, it is eminently "A Festival of Voices." There is the voice of welcome to the Mother Church of this great diocese. There is not, thank God, a single diocesan Association that is not welcomed right heartily for its festivals within the walls of this great Cathedral. The Dean and Chapter—those who are the trustees under God for this glorious Church and its usefulness in our midst—welcome every one of you here to-day and wish you God speed in your good work for your parishes, your diocese, your Church, and above all for your God. There are, however, other voices—the voices of the bells themselves—no speech, no language strictly so-called, but still how eloquent, how many voices! The voice of joy: when two young hearts set out on life's road together, you, my brethren, are there to cheer them with your merry peal. The voice of sorrow: when our homes are left unto us desolate. The voice of triumph, of jubilee, of passing into the paradise of God, or "The Curfew," "tolling the knell of parting day." All these voices speak to you and me with singular power of the many-sidedness of life. But to you who understand the science of using the bells there are many other lessons. For example: the least mistake of one man in change-ringing will throw all the rest out. Let this teach you your own individual responsibility in the great belfry of life, in the great workshop of the world. I am told that a skilful ringer can ring thirty changes a minute. Let this rapid change remind you of "the change and decay in all around you see," and let your heart go out in earnest prayer,—"O, Thou who changest not, abide with me." There is one other lesson from the bells interesting to the more thoughtful among you. Have you ever thought how the bells help you to value parts of God's Holy Word? For example, think how easy it would have been for Moses to have put the Order of Creation wrong if he had been guessing. There were seven periods of Creation. Those of you who are skilful change-ringers know that by what is called in arithmetic the permutation of numbers seven things can be varied as to order in no less than 5040 ways, seven bells, for instance, combining in 5040 changes. There were, therefore, 5039 chances to one that Moses would put the Order of Creation wrong; but it is, as we know, scientifically accurate. The science of the bells teaches us to value the accuracy of the Word of God. But there is one other voice. I do mention it last because it is least, but because it is greatest; and I want it to hang about your memories. Just now I said that some of the most eloquent voices in the world were silent. So I want to ask you: Is the voice of your life the silent eloquence of holiness? Is there written across it, "I am living by God's grace, to His glory?" Believe me, my brothers, you may be ever so skilful a ringer, able to conduct the most intricate peals, able even to master what I believe is perhaps the most difficult peal ever written, "The Superlative Surprise Major;" but unless your life rings true as well as your bell, all your "Superlative Surprises" are of little worth. Yes, your life must ring "true"—true to thy God, true to thy Church, true to thy country, true to thy better self, true to thy fellow-man. If you ask me why I

emphasise this so much, I answer, "The condition of our age imperatively demands it." What is the ecclesiastical situation? On one side, a vast outside world, untouched by every Christian effort, quietly looking on; not antagonistic—I wish it was! but apathetic, indifferent. On the other side, judging from Mr. Spurgeon's account in *The Sword and Trowel*, and from the report of the Wesleyan Conference held in Manchester a few days ago, some of the larger Nonconformist bodies, to say the least, are inclined to dwindle, and in matters of doctrine are seriously divided. Some would simply rejoice over this last. I confess that to me it seems to have a more serious and solemn meaning. It is certainly a tremendous call to the English church—oh my brothers, such a call to consecration and to work. Every man is needed. It is a call to every worker in our midst, from the Archbishop of Canterbury down to the humblest bell-ringer in some remote village. As you take the bell-rope in your hand, oh! remember that you are not only a worker—that is good, dignified, noble—but that you are a "worker together with God." You are, for him, calling the world, the little world of your village it may be, to the life of worship calling the world to learn what it is of the utmost importance that it should know; calling the world to seek grace—power which she sorely needs, and without which the ideal life is an impossibility. See to it then, my brothers, that you who call others to these great things are using them yourselves—that you are striving to be Christ-like, noble, true, manly—that you know something of the life of worship—something of the life of grace in prayer and sacrament; so that—

"Whene'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,"

it may be true of your life, and then it will be true of your ringing—

"That Jesus Christ is praised."

The annual meeting was held in the Chapter House at noon. The Rev. M. TROTTER presided, and said their object was to spend as little time as possible over business matters, as they had other affairs in the town to attend to.

The SECRETARY then read the minutes of a recent committee meeting, and these were confirmed. He also explained the principal matters which were to come before the members, and said that the printed copies of the report had not yet reached him, but they would be handed to the members in the course of the day. The report stated:—

"As our members are aware, it was resolved last year to abolish two out of our four quarterly meetings, in order that the funds might be utilised in employing a change-ringing instructor. Our gathering to-day, therefore, is the second meeting held this year, instead of, as usual, the third. The first was at Stroud on February 7th (the anniversary meeting). At the committee meeting held on the 29th of July it was decided to put our annual meeting as far into August as the rules would allow, in order to steer clear of harvest operations. A vote of condolence with the Master in a recent family bereavement was proposed by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, and seconded by F. E. Ward, Esq., and it is needless to add was most unanimously passed. Notice was also given by Mr. Ward that he would move at this meeting that Rule IV. should be altered so as to allow of the admission of probationary members. Several of the committee concurred in this, as it seemed hardly just to them that the Association should be paying an instructor to teach men to ring who might perhaps never become members of the Association at all. It should be recorded here that Mr. Sevier, whom we sent to a group of parishes in the Thornbury district for two months in the spring, worked with much energy and success, and the fact that the Thornbury band rang a peal is a practical proof of his good work there. It has been decided in future to publish the accounts of the Association at the commencement of every civil year, which will simplify matters very much. Our accounts, therefore, are now only published to the end of 1886. Members who have not yet paid up for the current year are urgently requested to do so. It has also been proposed in future to issue the list of members, rules, reports, etc., and all information respecting the Association, in pamphlet form; and in that new arrangement we shall hope to have the large double diocese mapped out into its rural deaneries, and the rural deaneries subdivided into their respective parishes, with the names of honorary and performing members under their own parishes. In time we shall hope to obtain the services of a sub-secretary for each deanery, and thus extend a greater interest in the work which it is our aim to accomplish." Details were then given of fifteen peals rung by the members since October, 1886; and the committee add: "The above

added to those already recorded by the Association since its formation, shows a grand total of 37 peals. It will be noticed that a marked increase has taken place in the number of peals rung during the past eighteen months, and this we think will prove to be an indication that the Association has at last taken root in productive ground, to be followed we hope by still further fruits. Whilst congratulating our members upon the success which has until now attended them in their efforts towards carrying out the objects of the Association, we may remind them that there is still a wide field open for the expenditure of their energies. One idea which we would venture to suggest to those who are in a position to carry it out is the rendering of voluntary assistance to those who are on the threshold of change-ringing, as by a 'word in season' to perplexed learners, much good might be done by our own members themselves in extending the knowledge of the art. An increase in the variety of the methods is also advised. We are sorry to have to record the deaths of three of our members, Mr. G. Larnar and Mr. Jos. Barnard, of Northleach, and Mr. J. Gough, of Churcham. Several of our hon. members have dropped out from various causes, but we are glad to have been able to fill up their places with other friends who feel an interest in our work. Our numbers now stand at about eighty hon. members, 186 performing members, and twenty-four life members, a total of 290. We need hardly say how pleased the committee would feel if members of the Association would send them suggestions or communications which would be likely to further the objects of the Society, viz., the promotion of belfry reform, and the cultivation of change-ringing. It would be a great omission on our part if we here forgot to tender our most sincere acknowledgements to the Rev. M. Trotter, rector of St. Mary de Crypt, for always so readily lending us a meeting place for our committees. He has taken a great interest in the Association from its foundation, and again, with his characteristic hospitality, he kindly invites all our members to tea in the Crypt Schoolroom between the hours of 4.30 and six o'clock to-day. We are much indebted to him."

The Rev. Dr. SMITHE proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Association, warmly acknowledging their services during the year, and expressing a hope that those services would be continued.

The CHAIRMAN said as a past officer of the Society he knew that the work was no sinecure, and that a great deal had to be done, especially by the worthy Secretary, who kept the Association together, and who, he hoped, would continue his services.

The resolution was carried with applause, and the Secretary returned thanks, and said he had a letter from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Master of the Association, expressing his regret that he was unable to be present, and hoping the meeting would be successful. Mr. Davies, as they were aware, had lately lost his mother, and they could hardly expect he would attend.

The election of lay vice-presidents was then proceeded with.

The SECRETARY said he thought they might take it for granted that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach would still serve, and he had had a letter from Sir John Dorington stating that he should be much pleased to give them his name as a vice-president if it would be of any use, but that he was afraid he could not ring a bell. The election of Sir M. Hicks-Beach and Sir J. Dorington was unanimously agreed to.

The next appointment was that of Master of the Association, and it was mentioned that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who had served two years, wished to be relieved from the office, and that Mr. F. E. Ward should be elected as his successor.

On the motion of Mr. T. Davis, seconded by Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. Ward was unanimously elected Master.

In returning thanks, Mr. Ward said that Mr. Davies had perhaps done more than any man living for bell-ringing, especially in one special branch of the art, and he feared he should not make as efficient a Master as his predecessor, but he promised to do all in his power to promote the success of the Association.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that every member would give the new Master his cordial support, and they desired to give him a hearty welcome that day at the beginning of his work.

The election of the honorary treasurer was the next business.

The Rev. F. E. BROOME WITTS explained that in consequence of his removal from Norton to a distant part of the county he

was unable to attend the meetings of the committee as frequently as he wished, and though he did not ask them to accept his resignation immediately of the office which he had held for five years, he must request them to look out for another treasurer. He should be very glad to hold the office until the end of the financial year, which might make it easier for any one who took his place; but he explained that the duties were very light, and suggested whether some one in Gloucester would not accept the office. The funds were in a satisfactory state, as he had a balance of £40 or £50 in hand.

The CHAIRMAN spoke of the satisfactory way in which Mr. Broome WITTS had carried out the duties, and Mr. WITTS was re-elected, it being understood that at the end of the year he would probably be succeeded by Mr. H. Hatherly, of the National Provincial Bank, Gloucester, and who displayed much interest in ringing at Stonehouse, where he lives.

Mr. WITTS said that though he was about to resign the office held, he should continue to take as much interest in the Association as ever.

Mr. A. COOK proposed and Mr. J. Hughes seconded the re-election of the Rev. Pitt Eykyn as hon. secretary; and the election having been carried with hearty applause,

The SECRETARY said that as he now lived in Monmouthshire he should be much pleased if some one nearer Gloucester would undertake his duties. Still he was willing to continue in office upon the same conditions as before.

The annual dinner was afterwards held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, under the presidency of the Rev. M. Trotter, and about sixty members of the Association attended.

The CHAIRMAN, in appropriate speeches, proposed "The Health of the Queen and the members of the Royal Family," and also "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." With the latter toast he associated the name of the Rev. J. P. A. Bowers, and warmly thanked him for his admirable sermon that morning. He expressed his regret that the Mayor, who had promised to preside, had been prevented by civic duties from being present, and also acknowledged the courtesy of the Dean and Chapter in arranging the service that morning for them, and allowing them the Chapter House for the annual meeting.

The Rev. J. P. A. BOWERS responded, and said that going about as he did as Diocesan Missioner he saw what a large amount of good work was being done by the clergy in their parish churches, and thank God it was so, by the laity as well as the clergy. He also recognised that the ringers stood shoulder to shoulder with the clergy, and tried to do all the good they could both by example and precept, and it was therefore a real pleasure to him to join them at that table and to have had the privilege of speaking a few words to them in the Cathedral that morning. On the previous day he had driven from the village wherein John Keble used to officiate, and had for his companion one of the ringers of that parish, who was then present, and if he had been able to say a few words to them that day on ringing it was because he had "picked the brains" of his friend as they travelled together, and therefore any credit was due to his friend and not to him (Mr. Bowers).

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "Success to the Association," and spoke of its good fortune in always having had efficient and enthusiastic officers to guide its destinies. He thought there was still plenty of room for belfry reform, which was one of their objects. They often heard, in reference to another matter, of "One man, one vote." He should like to apply that principle to bellringing, and to have throughout our towns and villages "One belfry, one company of ringers." That might not be easy of achievement; and he felt grateful for what they had been able to accomplish through times of difficulty. Still he thought the Association should aim in the future to have a set of ringers for each belfry, as it would solve many of the difficulties connected with belfry reform. He associated with the toast the name of the new Master.

Mr. WARD returned thanks, and referring to the number of peals rung, as mentioned in the report, said the Association had made greater progress during the last eighteen months than in any previous period, and he hoped a still greater work would be accomplished in the next twelve months. He mentioned with regret that no peal had been rung in Gloucester, where there were now two good peals of eight bells in addition to the Cathedral. The blame did not rest with the ringers. He under-

stood there was a feeling among some of the tradesmen against peal ringing, but he hoped that would be overcome. He repeated his desire to do all in his power to promote the success of the Association, and said he relied upon all the members to give him their assistance.

The SECRETARY proposed "The health of the Chairman," and mentioned his many services on behalf of the Association, and his hospitality to the members at their meetings in Gloucester.

The CHAIRMAN suitably responded.

One or two matters that had not been disposed of at the meeting in the Chapter House were next considered. Rule 4 provides that "No one shall be admitted as a performing member until he has satisfied the committee of his capability of taking the treble or tenor of a ring of bells or handbells in 120 changes."

The MASTER proposed an alteration in this rule, and incidental alterations in two or three other rules, the effect of which would be to admit probationary members. He said the late Master, and the Master of another similar Association, were in favour of the change proposed, and argued that it was useless to have a change-ringing instructor if every person must possess the qualification specified before being admitted as a member. He believed that by admitting probationary members there would be a considerable accession to the ranks of the Society.

Mr. JOHNSON HERN (Newnham) opposed the alterations proposed, on the ground that it would increase the expenses of the Association. He also maintained that anyone who aspired to become a member might easily qualify himself as the rules now stood.

The MASTER replied that under the rules as at present they provided an instructor but no pupils. His object was to increase the number of change-ringers.

After further discussion a show of hands was taken, and the proposal of the Master was negatived by 17 to 15.

It was next agreed to increase the number of honorary members on the committee from five to fifteen. Seven or eight new members were elected, including Mr. Henry Law James and Mr. H. Hatherly, and the proceedings terminated.

The following touches were brought round: At the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Wanklin (Gloucester), 1; F. E. Ward (Cheltenham), 2; F. Hart (Gloucester), 3; J. E. Hern (Newnham), 4; B. Etheridge (Gloucester), 5; H. Mitchell (Barnwood), 6; A. Thomas (conductor, Birmingham), 7; G. Miles (Barnwood), 8. At St. Michael's, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Middlecote (Upton St. Leonards), 1; E. King (Stroud), 2; R. Brunson (Gloucester), 3; J. E. Hern, 4; B. Etheridge, 5; G. Miles (Barnwood), 6; A. A. Waite (Barnwood), 7; T. White (Thornbury), 8. And 364 Grandsire Triples. W. Brown (Quedgley), 1; E. King, 2; R. Brunson, 3; A. A. Waite, 4; T. Belcher (Gloucester), 5; F. E. Ward (conductor), 6; B. Etheridge, 7; G. Miles, 8. At St. Michael's, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Wanklin, 1; J. Thomas (Gloucester), 2; F. Hart, 3; R. Brunson, 4; H. Mitchell (Barnwood), 5; J. Clarke (Gloucester), 6; T. Davis (Prestbury), 7; B. Etheridge, 8. Conducted by G. Wanklin. An excellent tea was provided for the ringers in St. Mary de Crypt Schools by the esteemed Rector, the Rev. M. Trotter, formerly Treasurer of the Association. His generous hospitality was greatly appreciated by the members. During the tea, on handbells a course of Grandsire Triples. H. Gardner (Upton), 1-2; J. Hern, 3-4; T. Brown (Quedgley), 5-6; F. Howell (Thornbury), 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. H. Gardener 1-2; J. Hern, 3-4; T. Brown, 5-6; W. Hinton, 7-8; S. E. Romans (Barnwood), 9-10.

ST. PETER'S, GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.

The Coggeshall band of change-ringers visited the above church at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Eyre, on Sunday, September 4th, and succeeded in ringing two 720's on the melodious ring of six, tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat. The first was a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Sadler, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Aust, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; W. Nicholls, 5. Jas. Sadler, 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. Rev. H. Eyre, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, 4; W. Nicholls, 5; Jas. Sadler, 6. At its conclusion the ringers were entertained at the Vicarage, and at dusk returned home to Coggeshall after a pleasant afternoon.

HERE AND THERE.

There was a very strange statement, or allegation, or whatever it may be called, tacked on to the report of the outing of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society, which appeared last week in our paper. What I understood concerning it was that in the absence from the spot of the members of one society, those of another (*friendly* rivals, perhaps) had gained possession, for the purpose of a peal. I have no doubt that like every other, this question has two sides. Let us hope there is some mistake in the allegation. It seems hardly the thing that in such a place as Birmingham there should be more than one company, for the town isn't over-weighted with bell-metal, and these various companies not to be friendly together is to be greatly deplored. To me it seems there is a something lacking in the way of organization among the Birmingham ringers. There is also a kind of half-heartedness displayed in general ringing matters. Very seldom (of late) do we read of the St. Martin's Company achieving anything in the way of peal-ringing, and handbell performances have come to be very wide apart. If they would abolish these petty distinctions of "societies," and become "amalgamated" in reality, I am convinced they could do anything that is possible in the way of ringing, and do it well.

The newspapers publish an account of a suicide enacted in the parish church of Fulham, Middlesex. A man, formerly occupied as organ-blower, has been found hanging from a beam in the organ-loft. No reasons are assigned for the rash act; and the idea that he may have perpetrated it through the loss of office is apt to excite one's risible faculties. I don't recollect reading of a ringer committing suicide because he was expelled the tower, but there have been many tyrannical actions perpetrated by church officials towards ringers of highly nervous temperaments, which might have led to similar tragedies. If the feeling arising from the loss of his office led this poor man to destroy himself, what must be felt by ringers of excitable disposition when the "power of the keys" (of the belfry) is held by some "whipper-snapper" recently promoted to "cocked hat and gold lace," who in as lofty language as his education (or want of it) admits of, informs them that their services are not required; when "he" wants them he'll graciously condescend to let them know, etc., etc.

I thank Mr. Cockey for his graceful hint in the last number. I assure him nothing is further from my purpose than to stir up people to wordy warfare and strife. But if he has read my sayings from the commencement, he will see that I only compile this column "from information received," as the police say. But I'll be on my guard for the future. It must however be said that though Mr. Cockey has had plenty of experience among ringers, he does not quite accurately comprehend the position of affairs which the Chelmsford episode has brought about. But there, I must "draw the line."

I see there has been a peal rung at Painswick. But why choose a Sunday above all other days? Peal-ringing on Sunday don't add to our credit, in fact we have enough to put up with in the way of misrepresentation, without having the additional charge of breaking the Sabbath laid at our doors. This is not the best of beginnings, brethren of Painswick, though I rejoice that the ice is broken. May you go on excelling, and effectually rival the times when "Old Billy" was king among you. Intelligence of this sort from Painswick would be very grateful to the ears of

A NEW MAN.

The Bishop of Brechin (Primus of Scotland), who has for some weeks been seriously ill, is still lying in a precarious condition. The Dean of Brechin (Dundee), has been deputed to attend to any business which can be referred to him.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

ON Monday, August 21st, at the parish church, a 630 of Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hales (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; D. Marment, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also two 168's, with T. Ireland, 3, and S. Wright, 4. And on Thursday evening, August 24th, 448 of Grandsire Triples, and 336, and five plain courses, with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect for Mr. Joseph Gough, of Churcham, who was interred on that day, and who was a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. In this D. Maiment, T. Ireland, and T. Wright, assisted, and as Messrs. Sevier, Romans, and Wilkins, from Gloucester, with G. Daltry, and J. Hinton, from Bristol, wished for a peal to be arranged for Sunday, August 28th, (the one inserted in the peal column of "THE BELL NEWS" of September 3rd), permission was asked of the worthy Vicar, who could not give an answer at once the Sunday school being held very near the tower, but the next evening the welcome message came that they were to attempt the peal, and he wished them all success. A beautiful Sunday morning dawned, and Messrs. Hinton and Daltry were met by Mr. Sevier at Stonehouse station, when they all rode to Painswick, and were met by W. Hale. As soon as Divine Service was over the bells were raised in peal, while Messrs. Hinton and Daltry walked to the Rookery, and partook of some dinner, after which a six-score of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the handbells. G. Daltry, 1-2; J. Hinton, 3-4; W. Hale, 5-6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. G. Daltry, 1-2; J. Hinton, 3-4-5-6. While walking from the tower and back, some six-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung by A. Gwinnett and D. Marment, and the visitors, and exactly at 1.58 "go" was called, and the ringing went on very well, when, after two parts was rung, the end of the fifth rope came out, and also the tenor, and they were forced to stand. The ropes being firmly tucked and tied in, "go" was again called at 2.58 exactly, and all ran merrily until the first Holt single came up at 4.36, which run over as smoothly as a plain lead, the striking never seeming to vary in the least, and at 6.8 the welcome second Holt's single, and "that's all," came, and with a few rounds, "stand" was called, and the peal was finished. The local company then came into the belfry, and congratulated the ringers on their success and excellent striking. Mr. David Marment said he wished that it might be mentioned that he had sat in the churchyard and listened to every change, and he considered it one of the best struck peals he ever heard. The local company then finished ringing for Divine Service, and they and the visitors descended into the churchyard which contained a large number of people who had congregated to listen to the peal. The worthy Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Leddon, congratulated them on their successful peal and good ringing, and all the parishioners' only wonder was that it was such a band of youths who rung it, as they did not see who went into the tower. The company then paid a visit to the "New Inn," and had a slight refreshment, and it was with much regret that in a quarter of an hour after the peal was finished that Messrs. Hinton and Daltry were safely landed in a conveyance, and with the ringers' and parishioners' best wishes and many thanks for their kindness, were travelling away to catch the train at Stonehouse for Bristol, to where we trust they had a safe and pleasant journey. The rest of the company adjourned to the coffee tavern and partook of a good tea, and a pleasant chat, after which the local men, with their Gloucester friends, walked over as far as Upton St. Leonards with them, which was half way to their home, where they parted, all having spent one of the most enjoyable days possible. It may be of interest to mention that the last peal before the one recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 3rd, was a peal of Steman Triples by the Painswick Youths, on the 28th of February, 1862. The following were the ringers:—Jeremiah Birt (deceased), 1; F. Musty (rings with the Cheltenham Society), 2; H. Swain (rings in London), 3; Alfred Walkley (deceased), 4; David Beard (his whereabouts not known), 5; Robert Birt (conductor, deceased), 6; David Marment (still rings at Painswick), 7; John Powell (still rings at Painswick), 8. The peal contained 240 bobs and two singles, and the truth of it was attested by the late William Estcourt. Painswick Feast this year is on Sunday, September 25th, which is always regarded as a regular ringers' Sunday. All friends are kindly invited. H.

BELFRY REFORM IN NORTHAMPTON.

In the month of November, 1880, a number of young men met in All Saints' Vestry, under the presidency of the Rev. R. B. Hull, to form themselves into a Society, to perform the duties of ringing and chiming at that church. The Society was formed, rules were drawn up, and officers elected. This step was deemed necessary owing to the deplorable condition of the various belfries in the town. If you went to either of the four towers containing a peal of bells, you would find them a perfect disgrace, both to the church and the ringers using them. In one or two instances they resembled a dirty barn, and dirty sacks, ragged mats, empty bottles, tallow candles, were to be found scattered about in all directions. The ringers too, sad to say, seemed to be entirely ignorant of their positions. They could be seen on ringing days idling about the church in their beautiful aprons and a short clay pipe stuck in their mouths. One cannot but admit that the above meagre description of the state of things then existing required a speedy and effective remedy. This remedy first emanated from the newly-formed voluntary ringers for All Saints' parish. The Society was composed of young men of the parish, who were also regular attendants at the Church services. This great improvement naturally attracted the attention of the other parishes. That of St. Sepulchre's was next to follow in the footsteps of All Saints', and some little time elapsed after which the other two parishes, St. Giles' and St. Peter's, also instituted the same reformation in their respective belfries. Anyone who remembers the condition of the towers before the better state of things prevailed would now be agreeably surprised at the transformation which has been effected. In every tower proper decorum is observed, and prayers are printed for use before commencing to ring or chime. The meetings are usually presided over by the respective clergy, and thus a useful and at the same time a very respectable and thorough church-going set of men are enrolled as part of the body of earnest Church-workers. This is a cause of great thankfulness to our town, and one which, when ringers are harshly spoken of, may have its weight who are to this day entirely unaware of the different state of matters in the church towers of Northampton.—*Local Paper.*

CHRIST CHURCH RINGERS AND CHOIR, EASTBOURNE.

The senior members of the choir and also the ringers at Christ church joined in a holiday trip to Heathfield on Wednesday, August 31st. In point of weather, the day was not the best suited to an outing of this character, but notwithstanding the somewhat boisterous state of the elements, the party managed to spend a very enjoyable day. The Vicar of Christ Church (Rev. R. Allen) was detained in Eastbourne by counter engagements, and the holiday-makers were accompanied by the Rev. O. L. Tudor and the Rev. Irton Smith (two of the curates), who spared no effort to render the occasion a thoroughly enjoyable one to all present. Leaving Eastbourne by the 10.10 a.m. train, the excursionists reached Heathfield at an early hour. A short choral service took place in the parish church, which had been thrown open by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Pennethorne, whose wife kindly presided at the organ. The Rev. I. Smith, as Precentor of Christ Church choir, conducted the service and delivered an appropriate address. Subsequently the campanalogical section of the party, under the direction of Mr. T. Smith, captain, gave illustrations of their skill on the church bells, which they manipulated in a highly creditable manner. Dinner and tea were provided at the Star Inn at convenient hours. During the afternoon a match of cricket was engaged in, and later on the "lions of the parish," including the Jack Cade Memorial, were duly inspected. The party returned to Eastbourne by the train arriving there about nine o'clock.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

The Lavenham ringers who were prevented by the Jubilee rejoicings from holding their anniversary on the usual day, propose to hold it on September 29th, on which day it is also intended to hold a Service of Thanksgiving for the Harvest.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By JAMES S. WILDE, *Hyde, Cheshire.*

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	4	5	3	6		I	2	
2	5	3	4	6		I	2	
3	6	4	5	2	I		I	2
6	3	2	5	4		-	I	2
5	2	3	6	4		2	2	
2	5	4	6	3		-	I	2
2	4	6	5	3	I		-	2
5	3	4	6	2	2		-	2
3	2	4	6	5	I		2	
3	4	6	2	5	I	-	2	2
3	6	2	4	5	I	-	2	2
4	2	6	3	5	I	-	2	
6	5	3	2	4	I		I	2
5	4	3	2	6	I		2	
2	3	4	5	6		2	2	

5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

6048.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
4	5	2	3	6	-	-	
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	
5	6	2	3	4	-	-	
2	5	6	3	4	-	-	
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	
4	3	5	2	6	-	-	
6	5	2	3	4	-	-	
3	2	6	5	4	-	-	
6	3	2	5	4	-	-	
2	6	3	5	4	-	-	
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	
3	6	5	2	4	-	-	
5	3	6	2	4	-	-	
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	
3	4	6	2	5	-	-	
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	
5	4	3	2	6	-	-	
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	
3	4	2	5	6	-	-	
2	3	4	5	6	-	-	

First rang at Drayton, Berks, conducted by its author.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN HOPWOOD.

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	
3	6	5	2	4	-	-	
5	3	4	6	2	-	-	
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	
5	2	6	4	3	-	-	
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	
3	4	5	6	2	-	-	
2	5	3	4	6	-	-	
3	2	6	5	4	-	-	
6	2	4	5	3	-	-	
5	6	4	2	3	-	-	
4	5	3	6	2	-	-	
3	4	2	5	6	-	-	

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5184.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2	3	I	4	5	6
3	6	2	I	5	4
5	6	2	4	3	I
5	6	I	2	3	4
5	6	4	I	3	2
3	6	4	2	5	I
3	6	I	4	5	2
I	6	3	2	5	4
5	6	3	4	I	2
5	6	2	3	I	4
5	6	4	2	I	3
I	6	4	3	5	2
I	6	2	4	5	3
2	6	I	3	5	4
5	6	I	4	2	3
5	6	3	I	2	4
5	6	4	3	2	I
2	6	4	I	5	3
4	6	2	3	5	I
5	6	2	I	4	3
5	6	3	2	4	I
5	6	I	3	4	2
*3	I	5	2	4	6
5	2	3	6	4	2
I	3	2	4	5	6

Repeated.

*This course by bobs at 5, 8, 12, 13, 16 18.
This peal contains forty-two 9,7,8's and fifty-two 8,9's.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

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

Five times repeated with s at 1 in the fifth course of 3rd and 6th parts. First rung at Drayton on Whit-Monday, conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

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

Three times repeated, single instead of bob at home in last course of 2nd and 4th parts.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5183.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

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

This part twice repeated, calling the first course in the 2nd and 3rd parts, 8th in 2, and the last course in the 3rd part, 9th in with s, and out next lead.

This peal, which is in three equal parts, has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each eighteen times behind the 9th.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6384.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Diss.*

2	3	4	5	6	W	M
4	2	6	3	5	-	-
6	2	5	3	4	-	-
5	2	4	3	6	-	-
4	5	6	2	3	-	-
6	5	3	2	4	-	-
3	5	4	2	6	-	-
4	3	6	5	2	-	-
6	3	2	5	4	-	-
2	6	4	3	5	-	-
4	2	5	6	3	-	-
5	2	3	6	4	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-
4	3	5	2	6	-	-
5	3	6	2	4	-	-
6	3	4	2	5	-	-
4	6	5	3	2	-	-
5	6	2	3	4	-	-
2	5	4	6	3	-	-
4	2	3	5	6	-	-

Twice repeated.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1260.

By ALFRED SQUIRES, *Hitchin, Herts.*

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

Five times repeated, a single to be substituted for a bob at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1887.

THE objections which have recently been taken by one or two correspondents to the election of a member of the Essex Association in the belfry previous to starting for a peal are in our opinion, futile. This we say without the least reference to the case in point, though it may appear that the election of which so much has been made of, need not have taken place so far as the above-named Association was concerned, for there is not the least doubt that had an Association peal, pure and simple, been required, it could have been attained by members of the Association whose election had been ratified at previous meetings, and whose co-operation for the purpose could without trouble have been easily secured. But if what may be considered sharp practice has been resorted to, for a specific object—and let it be understood that we do not allege that it has—it is no reason why the almost universally-recognised practice of election in the tower should be condemned. Those who, smarting under some feeling of disappointment, or indignation, perhaps, at the success of the alleged stratagem, condemn the election as irregular, do so inconsistently, for under what would appear to them happier circumstances, they would in all likelihood take advantage of the same process if by its adoption some after-benefit or advantage presented itself. Nearly one-third of peals rung in London and the suburbs, at any rate by young people, are performed under the actual conditions of society membership which is now so persistently objected to. We do not think the objection is on the whole, sincere. It is made under the unpleasant conditions we have already mentioned, and thus loses all claim to be seriously considered.

But while such a system of election is fully recognised, it would be well that its operations should never be attended with any real or colourable evasion or trespass. The original purpose of the system has no doubt been lost, and tortured into a kind of machinery for serving ambition not always of a worthy nature. If the conditions of this particular election were for the express

purpose of securing a peal to a prominent London company as well as the Essex Association, there need be very little amazement shown, because other metropolitan companies would do the very same under like circumstances. But we contend that in such case a popular mode of election is strained, and made the vehicle of success of a third-class character.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Handbell Peal.

On Wednesday, September 7, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
 AT ST. PAUL'S MEETING HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

H. R. NEWTON* 1-2.	C. F. WINNY 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3-4.	J. M. HAYES 7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal on handbells.

The Provinces.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

C. TRINDER Treble.	J. W. WASHBROOK 5.
G. JONES 2.	*H. COBB 6.
F. FIELD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	F. GILES Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE
 ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Jubilee Peal.

On Thursday, September 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN AUSTIN Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by
 WILLIAM WAKLEY.

The conductor would be glad to know whether there are records of previous peals in this method other than those at Norwich in 1835, Woolwich in 1849, and Bennington in 1870.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 5th, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, CASTLE HALL

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble.	JOSEPH MELLOR 5.
JAMES S. WILDE 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
JAMES WOOD 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
WALTER SLATER 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

The above peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

SALISBURY.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt in F.

HENRY D. ADAMS Treble.	JAMES R. JERRAM 5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	CHARLES GAISFORD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BLACKBOURN.

Rev. F. J. O. Helmore hails from Canterbury. This is the first peal in any method ever rung in Salisbury.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Tuesday, September 6th, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5112 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT HOBDAY Treble.	THOMAS ALLBUTT 6.
OLIVER JAMES 2.	GEORGE HAYWARD 7.
WALTER REA 3.	GEORGE BOURNE 8.
WILLIAM JAMES 4.	GEORGE MORRIS 9.
ELIJAH CRUMP 5.	JAMES PARRY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the second anniversary of the death of the late Mr. William Duffill, who was treasurer of the above Association from its commencement till his death.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. WHITE Treble.	W. BENNETT 6.
E. HOLIFIELD 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE* .. 3.	J. AVERY 8.
J. W. WASHBROOK 4.	G. HOLIFIELD 9.
B. BARRETT 5.	T. BENNETT Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by the
REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

*First peal in the method.

Date Touch.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, August 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 4 mins. G. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; J. Higson, 3; W. B. Lloyd, 4; W. Ellis, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; J. Aspinwall, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday, September 3rd, at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). W. Carter, 1; J. Willshire, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; T. H. Bell, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Cropley, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On Sunday, September 4th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 32 mins. J. W. Forster, 1; W. Oliver, 2; T. H. Surtees, 3; T. Bell, 4; F. Barron, 5; J. Spraggon (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. H. H. Ross-Lewin, Curate of the parish, whose sudden and greatly lamented death occurred in Ireland while on his holidays, on the 24th August. The deceased, who was an honorary member of the above Association, took a great interest in bell-ringing.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Tuesday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). J. S. Wright, 1; R. Jarvis, 2; *G. Ladd, 3;

C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; G. Skeef (conductor), 7; J. W. Jarvis, 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob-bell.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH.—On Thursday, September 1st, short touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. — Brewster, 1; — Huff, 2; A. Hubbard, 3; — Cramplin, 4; Easter (conductor), 5. And a touch of Bob Minor. — Huff, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; — Brewster, 3; — Cramplin, 4; — Goddard, 5; — Easter (conductor), 6. Also 294 Grandsire Triples. E. Green, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; — Aldis, 3; — Huff, 4; — Brewster, 5; — Cramplin, 6; — Goddard (conductor), 7; — Easter, 8. Mr. A. Hubbard is from Tottenham. Private F. Goddard is now leaving Harwich, and the remaining members will be at all times glad to welcome visitors.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, August 31st, at the parish church, in honour of the marriage of Captain R. H. Paul, R.N., and Miss C. Langworthy, of "The Priory," Writtle, a 504 of Grandsire Triples (from Shipway). A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. J. Dennison, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Everard, 1; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 2; A. Edwards, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; R. Wood, 8. This quarter-peal, composed by H. Reeves, contains Queen's, Tittums, Whittington's, the twelve 4-6's, and twelve 6-7's.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, August 31st, at St. Anne's Church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 53 mins. W. Wilde, jun., 1; J. Bardsley, 2; J. Howard, 3; J. A. Thomas, 4; W. Wilde, sen., 5; P. Smith, 6. This was rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Walsham How (mother of the Rev. H. Walsham How, Rector of St. Anne's), and wife of the Bishop of Bedford.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, September 3rd, at the parish church, six members of the local company rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the back six, in 26 mins. J. Vickers, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; H. Hollingworth, 3; J. Warren, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe (conductor), 6. First 720 with a bob bell by H. Hollingworth.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

RINGING DONE AT SHIRE OAKS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST:—On Tuesday evening, August 9th, for practice, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; M. Tylden Wright, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, with D. Russon at 5th, and J. Hargreaves on the tenor, the others standing as above. On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, 720 of Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, 360 each of New London Pleasure and Kent Treble Bob, standing as before. On Sunday, August 21st, for morning service, 360 of New London Pleasure. S. Tomlinson, 2; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; T. Silvester (Anston), 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, 360 of Violet Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; D. Russon, 4; R. Knowles, 5; J. Hargreaves, 6. Also for evening service, 240 each of Violet, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob standing as above.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, September 4th, at St. Peter's-in-the-East Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; W. Washbrook (conductor), 3; H. Castle, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; A. E. Hind, 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON.—On Saturday, September 3rd, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob, in 75 mins. *W. Twigg (Bucknall), 1; J. Baddeley, 2; J. Wood, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; G. Walker (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, August 30th, for practice at the parish church, 504 of Stedman Triples. J. Smith, 1; G. Woodiss, 2; H. Parslow, 3; C. Slade, 4; J. Parslow, 5; J. Strutt, 6; J. Wright (conductor), 7; G. Naish, 8.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 4th, at Christ Church, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. H. Baker, 1; C. Burtenshaw, 2; W. Gallagher, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; D. Burtenshaw, 4; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, September 6th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23½ mins. W. Gallagher, 1; C. Burtenshaw, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; J. Fayers, 4; G. Welling, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6.

THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

ON Tuesday, August 9th, for practice at the parish church, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. A. Hubbard, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; A. Fox, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, August 14th, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. A. Hubbard, 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Waghorn, 4; W. Pye-English, 5; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, August 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. T. C. Grove, 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Pye-English, 6. And for evening service, 448 of Grandsire Triples. S. G. Bowers, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; R. Bagnall, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; T. Hughes, 8. Also on Tuesday, August 23rd, for practice, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 24 mins. T. C. Grove, 1; A. Fox, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; W. Pye-English, 6. And on Sunday, August 28th, for Divine Service in the evening, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. J. Waghorn, 1; A. Fox, 2; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; W. Pye-English, 6.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, July 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. D. Done, 1; C. Slatter, 2; W. Wellan, 3; W. Davis, 4; J. Bayliss, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, August 29th, at St. John's church, 360 of Grandsire Minor. G. Staddon, 1; H. Tucker, 2; G. H. Price, 3; W. Parsons, 4; E. Beake, 5; G. Daltry (conductor), 6.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 4th, at the parish church, twelve 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. J. Robinson, 1; Fredk. Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. Tenor 10 cwt.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, August 25th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 364 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Philips, 4; R. Jackson, 5; A. Squires, 6; R. Jackson, 7; J. Smith, 8. Also 224 in the same method, with one or two ringers changing places. Also on Sunday morning, for Divine service, 448 and 224 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; R. Jackson, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. A. Squires hails from Hitchin.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, September 3rd, at the house of Mr. J. Chapman, three courses of Grandsire Triples. F. Smith, 1-2; C. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5-6; W. Richards, 7-8. Also 180 of Bob Minor. C. B. Howell, 1; W. Richards, 2; E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5-6. Also 120 of St. Simon's Doubles. E. Chapman, 1-2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. R. Dunkley also tapped on handbells a plain course of each of the following methods:—Grandsire, St. Simon's, Stedman's Slow Course, New Doubles, Canterbury, and Bob Doubles.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Wednesday evening, August 31st, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-two bobs and twenty-eight singles). J. Spencer, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson, 3; J. Burrows, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; M. Caddy, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. This is the first 720 of Grandsire Minor by all the above.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, July 31st, after Divine Service at the parish church, 560 of Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; J. Lee, 2; O. Garwood, 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Galley (Great Tey), 5; R. Mingay, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; E. Ladham (Great Tey), 8. And on Sunday morning, August 7th, 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Pemberton, 1; J. Lee, 2; F. Wells, 3; R. Mingay, 4; G. Maxim, 5; A. H. Osborne, 6; S. Slater, 7; G. Hammond (conductor), 8. Messrs Pemberton and Osborne hail from Bury St. Edmunds.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, August 9th, being the horticultural show in the rectory grounds, kindly lent by the Rev. H. R. Coldham, the following touches were rung: At 6.30 a.m., a 720 of Bob Minor. Joseph Slater, 1; Zach. Slater, 2; Chas. Adams, 3; Chas. Honeybell, 4; E. W. Downs, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also at 11.30 a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Joseph Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; S. Slater, 5; G. Hammond (late of Long Melford but now of Ringmer; conductor), 6. And in the afternoon another 720 of Kent Treble Bob. Z. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; G. Hammond, 4; S. Slater, 5; Chas. Sillitoe (Sudbury; conductor), 6. And on Monday, August 15th, a 720 of Bob Minor. S. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; Isaac G. Shade (Greenwich), 4; E. W. Downs, 5; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury; conductor), 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, September 4th, at St. Martin's Church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford

Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. A. Tennant, 1; T. Titchener, 2; J. Nixon, 3; J. Leach, 4; A. Pittam, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs) in 24 mins. D. Greggs, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; E. Chapman, 3; T. Gleed, 4; A. Pittam, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a 504 of Grandsire Caters. G. Naish, 1; C. Slade, 2; H. Parslow, 3; E. F. Cole, 4; A. Challis, 5; J. Wright, 6; W. H. Judd, 7; G. Gray, 8; J. Strutt (conductor), 9; J. Smith, 10. Also a 287 of Grandsire Caters, with J. Stuart, 2; J. Smith, 9; C. Slade, 10, and J. Wright (conductor), the rest standing as before.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 28th, after the afternoon service at the parish service, 1008 of Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; R. Mingay, 2; F. Wills, 3; A. Symonds, 4; O. Garwood, 5; J. Lee, 6; G. Maxim, 7; W. Moore, 8. Also a 560 in the same method. S. Slater (conductor), 1; R. Mingay, 2; R. Keeble, 3; A. Keeble, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Lee, 6; G. Maxim, 7; A. Symonds, 8. Messrs. Slater, Wells, and Garwood; hails from Glemsford; Mingay, and Lee from Foxearth, the Messrs. Keeble from Monks Eleigh; Maxim from Cavendish; Smith, Symonds, and Moore, are local men.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 4th, at St. John's church, Waterloo road, before evening service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. W. Baron, jun., 1; S. G. Davies, 2; W. Broadbent, 3; W. Partington (conductor), 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies, 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday evening, September 2nd, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. *J. Brown, 1; *G. Carter, 2; F. Freeman, 3-4; E. A. Bacon (first touch as conductor), 5-6; J. Rann, 7-8. *First 504.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday evening, September 4th, at St. Hilda's church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins., it being the first 720 in the method rung by a local company. *J. Nicholson, 1; *R. Borrowes, 2; *J. McAdams, 3; *C. Wilkinson, 4; H. McAdam, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. *First 720 in the method.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Monday, September 5th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-nine bobs and eighteen singles), in 25 mins. C. Tendall, 1; J. Skinner, 2; J. Burkin, 3; T. Boniface, 4; J. Tidy, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. W. Hawkins, 1; J. Skinner, 2; J. Burkin, 3; T. Boniface, 4; J. Tidy, 5; H. Peters, 6.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 28th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Hardman (conductor), 1; J. Gratrix, 2; W. Warburton, 3; J. Brooks, 4; E. Bradshaw, 5; W. Hilton, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

RAUNDS (Northamptonshire).—On Sunday, August 28th, at St. Peter's church, for evening service a 360 of Court Single (nine bobs). W. A. Hall, 1; B. W. Allen, 2; H. W. Stubbs, 3; R. Pendered, 4; G. Kirk, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, September 3rd, for practice, a 720 of Court Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; J. Willmott, 2; H. W. Stubbs, 3; R. Pendered, 4; F. Slade, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Sunday, September 4th, at the house of Mr. J. Gilbert, a 308 of Bob Triples. F. Gilbert (conductor), 1-2; R. Pendered, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; B. W. Allen, 5; W. A. Hall, 6; H. W. Stubbs, 7-8. And 168 of Grandsire Triples. F. Gilbert, 1-2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; R. Pendered, 4; B. W. Allen, 5; W. A. Hall, 6; H. W. Stubbs (conductor), 7-8. And a plain course of Canterbury Triples, by the men standing as before.

SALISBURY.—On Wednesday, August 31st, at St. Martin's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Short, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; H. D. Adams, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 4; W. M. Lush, 8. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. A. W. Barkus, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; W. M. Lush, 6. Also on Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 700 of Grandsire Triples, in 21 mins. S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; T. Blackburne, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; C. A. Clements (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. M. Lush, 8. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 350 of Grandsire Triples, in 10 mins., the band standing as before.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine service in the morning, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. B. Starkey, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; H. Hill, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. R. Small, 5; S. Jesson (conductor), 6. On Monday evening, September 5th, for practice, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. J. Hares, 1; G. Hughes (conductor), 2; T. Goodreds, 3; C. Price, 4; C. Timms, 5; A. Hill, 6; S. Jesson, 7; H. Mills, 8. Hayes, Price, and Timms hail from West Bromwich. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SALWARPE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 28th, the Hanbury Company visited the above place and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Buckingham, 1; T. Wyre, 2; F. C. Buckingham, 3; A. Moore, 4; G. Moore, 5; J. Gore (conductor), 6. After which the Rector, the Rev. Canon Douglas, entertained them to a substantial tea. On returning, a halt was made at Dodderhill, where, by the kind permission of the Rev. — Nicholson, several more 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, standing as before. The above company take this opportunity of thanking the Rectors of both churches for the use of the bells.

TIVERTON (Devon).—On Friday, September 2nd, at the parish church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins. L. Mackenzie, Esq., 1; J. Grater, jun., 2; T. Harvey, 3; E. Munday, 4; R. Grater, jun., 5; A. Pye, 6; J. Babbage (conductor), 7; S. Hoare, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, August 28th, for Divine Service, at St. Mary's Parish Church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (3-part, 42 singles), in 27 mins. On Thursday evening, September 1st, 240 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor, 120 of Single Court Bob Minor, and 120 of College Single Minor. On Sunday morning, September 4th, for Divine Service, 144 London Single Bob Minor, and 120 of Grandsire Minor, and for Divine Service in the evening, 240 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, 180 of Plain Bob Minor, and 108 of Grandsire Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. J. Rodgers, 5; R. Stockley, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Friday evening, August 26th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 and 360 of Double Court Bob, and 288 of New London Pleasure. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; W. J. Piper (conductor), 3; W. Harvey, 4; A. Shuttleworth, 5; A. Turban, 6. And on Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Double Court Bob, the ringers standing as before. Conducted by W. J. Piper.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, September 4th, Mr. J. Hinton (Bristol), — Ward, Esq. (Cheltenham), and Mr. S. Cleal (Tewkesbury), were met by most of the local band at All Saints, and rang a 500 of Grandsire Caters, three courses of Bob Major, and a touch of Stedman Triples. The ringers beside those already mentioned were, G. Cleal, W. Blandford, S. Cotton, W. Powell, W. Jenkins, W. Pudge, J. Hale, and G. Hinton. Also at the house of Mr. G. Hinton, on handbells, a course of Stedman Cinques by S. Cotton, W. Powell, G. Cleal, J. Hinton, S. Cleal and W. Jenkins. A touch of about 700 of Grandsire Caters, conducted by J. Hinton; G. Cleal standing out. And a course of Treble Bob Major, with W. Jenkins and W. Powell standing out. On Monday, September 5th, for practice, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. N. Wale, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; S. Cotton, 3; H. Phesant, 4; H. Wilks (conductor), 5; J. W. Reynolds, 6; G. Cleall, 7; H. Owen, 8.

THE STORY OF A TOWER.—One of the chief antiquities of Currie is Lennox Tower, on a high bank overhanging the water of Leith, and now called by the rather uncouth name of Lumphoy. It is a massive edifice measuring externally fifty-five feet by thirty-five, with walls about seven feet in thickness. It is entered by an archway on the north, where the gate was secured by an horizontal bar, the socket of which still remains in the wall. It is all built of polished ashlar; the hall windows are arched, with stone seats within them, and the ascent to the upper storeys had been by a narrow circular stair, part of which still remains within the thickness of the wall at the north-east angle, the steps of which are only three feet long. It is said, traditionally, to take its name from the Lennox family, to whom it belonged; and the same vague authority assigns it as a residence to Mary and Darnley, and afterwards to the Regent Morton. It occupies very high ground, commanding a beautiful prospect of the Firth of Forth, and has a subterranean passage to the river, which was closed up about the end of the eighteenth century, as cattle were apt to stray into it. The extent of the outer rampart, which goes round the brow of the hill, is given in the "Old Statistical Account" as measuring "304 paces, or 1212 ft. It was surrounded by a moat, and there can still be traced the remains of a deep ditch. Though small, it was undoubtedly a place of some strength. Amongst the many conjectures of which it has been the subject, one declares it to have been a hunting seat of James VI. and a residence of George Heriot, by whom it was bequeathed to a daughter, "from whom, along with the adjacent land, it was purchased by an ancestor of the present proprietor." It had been alleged that there existed a subterranean communication between it and Colington Tower, the old abode of the Foulis family; and the story is added that a piper once tried to explore it, and that the sound of his pipes were heard as far as Currie bridge, where he perished. But people were still living in 1845 who had explored this passage for a considerable way.—From "Cassell's Old and New Edinburgh" for September.

BRADNINCH, DEVON.—PRESENTATION.

On Friday, August 26th, the Bradninch band of handbell ringers, being also members of the Devonshire Guild, presented Miss Flora Wrighton, of Bowhill House, Bradninch, with a handsome edition of Tennyson, in thirteen volumes, as a mark of their esteem and gratitude to her for having trained them during the past year in music on the handbells. Mr. Jno. Webb, the oldest member of the band, made the presentation, followed by a few words by Mr. Jno. Heal, the representative of the band, who spoke of the kind and genial way in which they were always received at the practices. Miss F. Wrighton, in accepting the present with feelings of emotion, thanked the members, and said it was with feelings of deep regret that she could no longer continue the pleasant practices with them, but hoped they would still continue to make good progress under the tuition of the wife of the Rev. G. D. Melluish, who had consented to act in her stead. The health of Miss Wrighton was then duly honoured, and the company separated. The following are the members of the band: R. Greenslade, Jno. Heal (representative), A. Hellier, R. F. Hurley, Wm. Hawkins, Jno. Haydon, E. Jordan, Jno. Kibby, W. Owen, G. Parsons, Jno. Webb.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CHURCH STEEPLE.—The erection of the scaffolding in connection with the work at the steeple was completed on Friday last, and the workmen at once started on the task of taking down the faulty portion of the structure. The weather vane and ball were lowered on Friday afternoon, and some ten feet of the stonework was removed on Saturday, each separate portion being numbered, so that if found to be sound and fit, it may be used again in the rebuilding of the steeple. Thirty-one feet, the length for which the architect recommended the contract to be obtained, was taken down by Tuesday, and on Wednesday, the architect, Mr. Blomfield, of London, went up to personally examine the spire. He found that the stone at the end of the 31 feet was sound, and decided that all below this could stand, with the exception of the highest east and west windows. Some of the stonework around these was a little insecure, and this is to be repaired; and the whole of the steeple re-pointed. Some iron bars in these windows are to be removed. The steeple, we understand, was last repaired in 1735, when iron supports were put in. The iron has corroded: and has really been the cause of the giving way of the stone in the upper portion of the steeple. Some of the old stone which has been taken down will be used again; but a considerable portion of new will be required, and the work has been suspended until the arrival of the new stone. It is a matter for gratification that the lower portion of the steeple is sound, as it was feared at one time that the whole might have to be taken down.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX BELL RINGERS.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Andrews, Leyland, on Saturday, September 17th. The Bells will be open for ringing from 2 o'clock, business meeting at 5 o'clock in the Schoolroom.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 8th. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells), and St. Saviour's (eight bells), will be open for ringing during the day. Further notice will be given of the time and place of the tea and business meeting.

T. I. PAPILLON, Hon Sec.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

A mixed band from Chelmsford, Galleywood, Widford, and Writtle, have begun to meet for practice on the ten bells, and have accomplished the plain course of Grandsire Caters. It is hoped that they may meet more regularly during the ensuing winter, and relieve Chelmsford from the reproach of having to let all the change-ringing on its ten bells be done by ringers from a distance.

Church News.

The *Manchester Guardian* is informed that the Bishop, acting, upon the advice of his Rural Deans and other official clergy, has appointed the Rev. Robert Catterall, rector of St. Philip's, Bradford-road, Manchester, to the office of Missioner for the diocese.

The *Record* "regrets to learn that the living of Barnborough, near Doncaster, vacant by the death of Canon Ware, has been conferred by the Lord Chancellor upon the Rev. George Edward Cole, rector of Exhall, Alcester. An Evangelical incumbent is accordingly displaced by a High Churchman who signed Dean Church's memorial in favour of the toleration of ritual."

Some of the parishioners of Bishop Cramer Roberts at Blackburn have requested him to administer the Holy Communion after evening service, but the right rev. prelate (who is the assistant of the Bishop of Manchester) has declined to do so, on the ground that evening celebrations are "irregular and an innovation."

The Council of the English Church Union announce that on the 24th ult. the sum of £9639 3s. 4d. had been received in aid of their "Special Defence Fund." The most recent disbursements from the fund are:—£426 paid up to date on account of the Bell-Cox case, and £84 in aid of Mr. R. F. Herring, vicar of St. John Baptist's, Toxteth Park, Liverpool.

On Sunday the Rev. Stewart D. Headlam, to whom a licence to preach in the diocese of London had been refused by the Bishop, officiated at the church of St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, Queen Victoria street, of which the Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth is rector. That gentleman is away on his annual holiday, but in a note in the current number of his parish magazine he says he finds it almost impossible to express his sorrow and indignation with which he regards the Bishop's action.

The rector of Bottesford, near Belvoir Castle, Canon Norman, having carefully considered the earnest solicitations of the churchwardens, supported by the unanimous entreaties of his parishioners, has unconditionally withdrawn his resignation of his benefice, which he proposed to leave on account of failing health. The Rev. R. M. Norman, who has been curate of the parish for nearly twelve months, has surrendered his promotion to the rectory, and consented to take the spiritual charge of a much less lucrative benefice in the Vale of Belvoir.

In a pastoral letter to his diocese the Bishop of Lichfield suggests that the Church does not sufficiently regard the contributions of the poor. Almost every parish (says his lordship) would furnish a sufficient staff of trustworthy collectors, to each of whom might be assigned a manageable district where once a week every house might be visited to collect, if it were only one halfpenny. The Church halfpenny, or Church penny, might do great things, and not the least of those would be the definite attachment of the givers to the Church in which they would think that they had a concern. His lordship says that he believes a halfpenny a week contributed by every Church family in England would raise no less than £400,000.

In announcing the decease of the Rev. Henry H. Ross-Lewin, the curate of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, who had been found dead in bed at Kilkee, County Clare, wherein he held some landed property, the *Consett Guardian* says that he was aged about forty-two years, was educated at Lichfield College, and ordained in 1880 by the Bishop of Worcester. He was held in deep respect in the County of Durham, and the parishioners of Benfieldside greatly deplore his decease, which was quite unexpected, for when he left home on a holiday tour he was in the best health and spirits. He became curate of Benfieldside in 1881, having first served at Lighthorne, Warwickshire.

Wednesday being Dean Fremantle's eightieth birthday, the choir of Ripon Cathedral assembled under his window at an early hour and sang his favourite hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," which was followed by the anthem, "The Lord is my shepherd." A touch of 960 changes was also rung on the cathedral bells, the number of changes corresponding with the number of months in the Dean's life. At a later hour presents

began to arrive, one of the most noteworthy being a carved oak casket from the ladies of the Dean's Bible class. This was surmounted by a silver plate, on which was an engraving of Ripon Cathedral, while at the four corners, on silver shields, were the initials and arms of the Dean, and the arms of the cathedral and city of Ripon. Inside was a richly illuminated address from fifty-five ladies. The Bishop also wrote a very kind letter, accompanied by a copy of his Jubilee sermon preached before the House of Commons, whilst Mrs. Carpenter sent a photograph of the Bishop. The Bishop also sent a pair of handsome Swiss vases. Among the family presents were two photographs of Lord Cottesloe, brother of the Dean, who is in his ninetieth year. One group included Lord Cottesloe, his eldest son the Hon. Thomas Fremantle, and the latter's eldest son, Mr. Thomas Fremantle. It may be interesting to note that Admiral Fremantle, who played a conspicuous part in the naval manoeuvres, is a son of Lord Cottesloe, and nephew of the Dean. The Dean, who was in strong and vigorous health, was touched as well as pleased with the unexpected expressions shown towards him.

In consequence of the use of the consecrated chapel by Dissenters at Barnstaple, the Rev. A. W. L. Rivett, vicar of St. Mary Magdalene in that town has applied to Mr. Arthur Burch, one of the secretaries of the Bishop, who has replied as follows:—"By the Act 15 and 16 Vic., c. 85, s. 30, the consecrated chapel is to be for the performance of the Burial Service according to the rites of the Church of England, and it appears to me that the Burial Laws Amendment Act, 1880, does not alter this provision, nor does it give Nonconformists the right to use the consecrated chapel, but only the right to bury in the ground. The burial board ought, I think, to take the necessary steps to prevent this chapel being used for any other than its legitimate purposes, but apparently they sanction its use by Nonconformists. It is not quite easy to say what is the best and proper method of proceeding to prevent the chapel being thus improperly used, but my impression is that you, as one of the incumbents of the parishes, who have rights of interment in the consecrated part of the ground, or you and the other incumbents jointly, should apply to the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice for an injunction to restrain the burial board from permitting the chapel to be used for purposes other than the performance of the Burial Service according to the rites of the Church of England. Proper notice should first be given to the board requiring them to confine the use of the chapel to its legitimate purposes, and that in default of their doing so application will be made for an injunction."

In Memoriam.

On Monday, July 18th, being the first time the ringers met since the lamented death of their conductor, Mr. William Knott of Cowleigh, the bells were muffled, and touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung during the evening. In no tower will Mr. Knott be more missed than in Colwall, no words can express the trouble taken by him in teaching and conducting his men, and it was under his conductorship that they rang a 5040 of Grandsire Doubles a few years back. Although of advanced age, Mr. Knott would walk from Kempsey and other long distances after an hard day's work to ring at Colwall, and at the early ringing at 5 a.m. on Festivals, Mr. Knott was always first, and sometimes caught the Colwall men napping. May he rest in peace, until the Great Treble Man once more calls upon him to arise, and may he then enter into the blissful rounds of everlasting life. From the "*Colwall Parish Magazine*," for August.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Longbridge Deverill, on Thursday, October 6th, when the bells will be at the disposal of members and friends from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m., members free, others 6d. each. Names of those purposing to attend to be sent to Mr. G. Parham, captain of the Longbridge Deverill company, before September 26th.

J. R. JERRAM, Sec.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S (WESTMINSTER) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 3rd, the members of the above society had their first annual outing, the place selected to visit being Barking. Arriving at the tower of St. Margaret's church at four o'clock, they were met by Mr. Sewell and several members of the Barking company. A start was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260) changes, which was rung in 47 mins. W. Carter, 1; J. N. Oxborrow, 2; J. Willshire, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; T. R. Bell, 5; H. Ellis, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Cropley, 8. After which several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The party then adjourned to the "Lion Inn," where an excellent meat tea was provided by host Bosworth, which after doing good justice to, part of the band and friends paid another visit to the tower, whilst the remainder strolled round the town. An adjournment was again made to the "Lion Inn," where a most harmonious evening was spent, and Messrs. Duff, Gohns, Cropley, Carter, Newton, White, Hayes, Davis, etc., rendered some good songs.

Mr. BELL proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Sewell for his kindness in arranging for the use of the tower and the comfort of the inner man, and expressed the pleasure it gave the members at being so kindly received at this their first trip, during which they had all spent a most enjoyable time, and hoped to pay them another visit before long.

Mr. DUFF proposed the toast of "The Barking Company," to which Mr. S. Hayes responded.

Mr. GOHNS proposed the health of the Instructor, Mr. J. M. Hayes.

A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells. J. N. Oxborrow, 1-2; H. R. Newton, 3-4; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 5-6; T. R. Bell, 7-8. After which "God save the Queen" was sung, and the party broke up with "Auld Lang Syne," making for the station in time to catch the 10.23 train to Fenchurch Street. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Sewell for making arrangements for the visit.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

This Association held its Annual Outing on Saturday, August 27th, the place selected being Brighton. Owing to the well-known kindness and sociability of Messrs. Attree and Jay, touches were obtainable both at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas. In spite of the gloomy appearance of the weather when leaving Victoria at 8.25 a.m., a lovely day presented itself at Brighton, enabling all to enjoy themselves in many pleasant ways. A start was made for home soon after 7 p.m., when the usual songs, etc. were indulged in on the homeward journey, Fulham being reached soon after 10 p.m.

The members of the above Society take this opportunity of thanking their Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Fisher, M.A. for his usual kindness in connection with the outing.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

NOTICE.—A band of ringers belonging to the above Society, intend starting for a peal of Treble Bob Major at Lavenham, on Saturday, September 10th, at 2.30 p.m. G. C. HAMMOND.
Long Melford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Permission to hold the next District Meeting at Beddington, on Saturday, 17th inst., has been applied for. The meeting will be notified in next week's issue.

A. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

"USING THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS."

SIR.—The peal of Treble Bob Major, 5184, in your issue of August 27th, by Mr. Wilde, is a variation of one published in Sottanstail's work, page 418, and also by Hubbard, page 91, and was composed by

me thirty years since. I am aware this may occur by accident, and trust Mr. Wilde will excuse my pointing out to him that the peal cannot be considered original. I may also remark that the bob before marked in the 4th course, is an error. SAMUEL MARSH.

SIR,—Mr. J. S. Wilde gives a complete answer to my question; of course I don't want his composition, and the other editions he mentions escaped my notice. Mr. J. W. Washbrook's answer, re Drayton peal, in your issue of 20th ult., is most equivocating and evasive. His confession of inability to trace a relation of one peal to the other surprised me, and I think humiliates himself. But, sir, like his Stedman Caters scare, will not hold water. "It is a disgrace," says he, "if the peal is Cox's, it was not rang as I gave it." Query, say I, was it known in those days to possess the coveted quality? Mr. Washbrook, you and I live in enlightened times, and should profit thereby. Now, sir, I have it upon the best possible authority that the peal rung at Drayton and the one published in "THE BELL NEWS" of 30th July last, are identical. I will therefore give my friend a lesson on transposition of calls in this peal, showing how one obtains the others, and I hope it will prove useful. In this instance I will refer your readers to page 50, part 1., Snowden's *Treatise on Treble Bob*. There the original and first variation are side by side; to obtain Mr. Washbrook's, commence at seventh course of Miller's variation.

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THE SIXTY COURSES OF STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—The Rev. H. E. Bulwer has just come to the "point." He states it is possible to obtain sixty courses from rounds to rounds again, without removing the 3rd, 7th, 8th or 9th. May I ask him if he has worked that out? I am afraid not; that gentleman must prove my absurdity before he verifies it, it is one thing to say a thing and quite another and more often an impossible one to do it. If the sixty courses of Stedman Caters are to had, we have no need to wait any longer for the extent with the tenors together of the Burton Variation of Superlative, or the sixty of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, or Albion. But, where are these much coveted peals? the 120 courses of Double Norwich has been composed in several different ways, but never has a peal of that number of courses been composed that will run home half-way. The part-end is made by a single; but without that single you must stop short of sixty courses. Stedman Caters is exactly the same from every point, and the more people argue on it, the more ridiculous the thing looks, and impossibility is an impossibility after all. Sir, when I see the sixty courses of Stedman Caters composed complete, I shall look for the Grandsire Triples by the same author. What I first said stands good till that time, if pedantic or not. J. W. WASHBROOK.

THE PEAL AT CHELMSFORD.

SIR,—As attention has been drawn by my friend Mr. Catchpole to the time occupied in ringing the peal of Treble Ten at Chelmsford and the peal of Treble Eight at Galleywood, I beg to offer a few remarks by way of explanation, as being one of the parties concerned. Speed in ringing very much depends on the "go" of the bells, and the physical capabilities of the band. The peal rung at Galleywood commenced late in the evening, and finished near midnight, and was performed by a band tired after having walked from Ingatesfane station to Galleywood. Some of them had come a long distance and must have been rather "sleepy" before the finish of the peal. The bells are rung on the ground floor, and the distance to the floor above is about 30 feet, between which there is no means of steadying the ropes, and although a light peal, are not fast running bells. On the other hand, the Chelmsford peal was rung early in the morning, and the band well placed, I did not handle the tenor, but my brother who

rang it says it went splendidly, and gives great credit to Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, for the work done in rehanging the peal. I cannot speak to the time, but am positive that none of the changes were cut out, as I followed the calling throughout, and consider that it was a well-struck peal, and none who took part in it need be ashamed of the performance. The appearance of Mr. Haley's ghost in the churchyard afterwards would not have made me feel uncomfortable as to whether I had rang a peal or not. "Little Bob's" effusion is not worthy of notice, but as "A New Man" stands in another position, I must inform him that I was the individual "who only went down on the Sunday," and was the last of the band to arrive at Chelmsford, and that the "tip" he had as to the election of Mr. Smith is entirely false. One of the objects of our paper should be to promote good feeling between ringers, but if "A New Man" is allowed to indulge in the "twaddle" and silly chit-chat he has treated us with up to the present, this object will be defeated, and the sooner he retires the better.

Saffron Walden.

N. J. PITSTOW.

SIR.—I have no desire to carry on this correspondence, which to me appears to be drifting in the wrong direction. Let the provocation given on Whit-Monday blow over, and deal with the case according to common sense and without any unfriendly feeling. My views are unchanged. I maintain, without the slightest doubt, that if the rules are complied with, it will be for some of the band to show that they were unable to obtain the services of any qualified member of the Association to ring in the peal before they can claim its entry in the peal-book. If this is not done, the fact that Mr. Smith's name will find its way there through the payment of a single shilling will be poor justice to those who assisted in building up the Association from its foundation, but who up to the present have failed to get their names in the peal-book.

THOUGHTFUL.

A REMARKABLE ALLEGATION.

SIR.—According to Mr. Washbrook's reply to Mr. Catchpole in your last issue he evidently leads your readers to believe that he would scorn at the idea of ringing a false peal; but does he remember the second attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ross, in which he was conductor, and which was published in "THE BELL NEWS" as the first peal of the Herefordshire Guild. This attempt, although published as true, was not a true peal, being about 3000 of Holt's Original to begin with, when the bells got misplaced, and after a lot of firing, with repeated entreaties from the conductor to keep on, the bells came out somehow, and he finished up by calling it Penning's one-part. Perhaps he will explain this.

TRUTH.

A CORRECTION.

SIR.—I notice in your last issue that Mr. Jerram, in a very interesting account of a trip to Exeter, says that the peal of eight at Sherborne Abbey, tenor 46 cwt., is the heaviest in England. This however is not so, for the peal of eight at Wells Cathedral (an account of which I sent to "THE BELL NEWS" on June 18th, 1887), has a tenor weighing 57½ cwt., recast with the 7th, by Messrs. Taylor and Sons in 1877. This is, I believe, the heaviest peal in England, the tone is grand, and the bells are all in very fair order, having been rung in 1877. With regard to the chiming at Exeter, I quite agree with Mr. Jerram that the effect is miserable. Surely something can be done to bring out something like the true tone of so grand a peal.

Birmingham, September 3rd.

WILLIAM A. CLARK.

DOUBLE COURT BOB AT HOLY TRINITY, WEST HAM.

SIR.—Just a few more words upon this subject and then I have done. I will admit all what Mr. Keeble says about securing the tower for one Sunday evening, but I strongly deny asking to be furnished with the rule for ringing the method. What do I want to ask him for the rule for, when I have a thorough good book on change-ringing myself. I was very much surprised to receive a letter on July 14th, containing a sheet of foolscap with the rule, three leads of the plain course, the way to make a bob, a single, and the whole of the 720 written out in hand and back-stroke leads. I should think he was sending it to a learner that did not know anything more about ringing beyond Grandsire Doubles. Now as to the second visit, as he calls it, I wish to say that I had nothing to do whatever in arranging this 720, but I knew who the band was. It was arranged to oblige the Rev. A. S. Dowling, who wanted to ring a 720 of Plain Bob, and when we were in the tower, I wanted to ring Plain Bob. But no, they said let us go for Double Court, and the clergyman being told that the treble was a plain hunt thought he could ring it, and believe me Sir, it was a much better 720 than several that I have heard and also that I have rung in the Plain Bob method. Mr. Keeble says that I sail very wide of the mark when I insinuate that there is jealousy on his part. Allow me to tell him that I received information through the post that he was very much upset about it; and not to be surprised if I saw something

n "THE BELL NEWS" about it, not only myself but another of the band received something like the same information. What does he call that but jealousy? With respect to the infallibility he says, that I disputed the accuracy of the Annual Report of the Essex Association. I can't call it to mind just now, but I recollect about the district meeting at West Ham. This, Sir, is an extract from a letter that I received from the Honorary Secretary:—"January 22nd, 1887. I am sorry that an inaccurate report of our meeting appeared in 'THE BELL NEWS,' in future I must do it myself instead of trusting to anyone else present. I consider that the meeting was a successful one although the numbers were small. (signed) T. L. PAPILLON." I can't see that there is anything infallible in that. Mr. Keeble says he gave me a thorough sound drilling in the method. I can tell him this much, that when he has rung as many changes in the Grandsire method as I have in Stedman (which I think is much harder to ring than Double Court) then will be his time to talk about drilling people. Ringers that know can tell what sort of a ringer he is, but I can tell him that he is more good with the pen than he is with the rope. I will now finish with these few words that when he next writes to you, Sir, to keep to the question, and not bring in things that have not any thing to do with the subject.

H. RANDALL.

"THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY."

SIR.—Under the above heading in your last issue, I noticed some remarks alluding to a recently attempted peal at St. Chad's Cathedral in which it is stated that visitors had been ringing at one of the belfries under their jurisdiction, without communicating to them. It also states that the St. Martin's company, taking advantage of the absence of the society at their outing, attempted a peal. I beg to state that in the first place, the Amalgamated Society has got no claim in St. Chad's belfry, and therefore it cannot be under their jurisdiction. Secondly, as regards communicating to them, it amounts to nothing. Thirdly, instead of it being the St. Martin's society which attempted the peal, it was the Holt society, and would have been entered in their book had it been rung. Fourthly, it matters not whether they are absent or present, there is another attempt to be made for the same peal, as the administrator has promised them a new set of ropes to ring it on there. No blame on any company, I invited them with the Rev. Greun's permission.

T. MILLER.

SIR.—A peculiarly offensive and untruthful statement appears in your account of the annual outing of the above society. I refer to the four concluding sentences. It would be as well, Mr. Editor, that reports containing *ex parte* statements of this kind should carry the signature of the sender, in order that the ringing fraternity may not attach the same importance and belief to them as to your official utterances. The society who attempted the peal was not the St. Martin's, but the Holt society, of Aston, to which two of the most influential members of the Amalgamated Society belong. The invitation to ring at St. Chad's—the tower in question—was from a fellow-member of the Holt Society, who is also a ringer at St. Chad's, and a hearty welcome and permission to ring was granted by the clergy through the tower-keeper. These are the facts. It certainly did not occur to any member of our society that either of the belfries in this neighbourhood were "under the jurisdiction" of any ringing society. Was it due to such "jurisdiction" that the treble rope broke in the attempt at a peal, and has its unsoundness a counterpart in the Amalgamated Society and the dispositions of some of its members? 'Tis an ill bird that fouls its own nest," and the Amalgamated, in going out of their way to utter the innuendo contained in the last sentence of the report referred to, plainly show that their efforts are rather in this direction of detracting from than elevating the ringing in the neighbourhood. That they desire amalgamation in anything else besides the name of their society, seems very doubtful in the face of such conduct.

W. H. GODDEN,

Secretary Holt Society, Aston-juxta-Birmingham.

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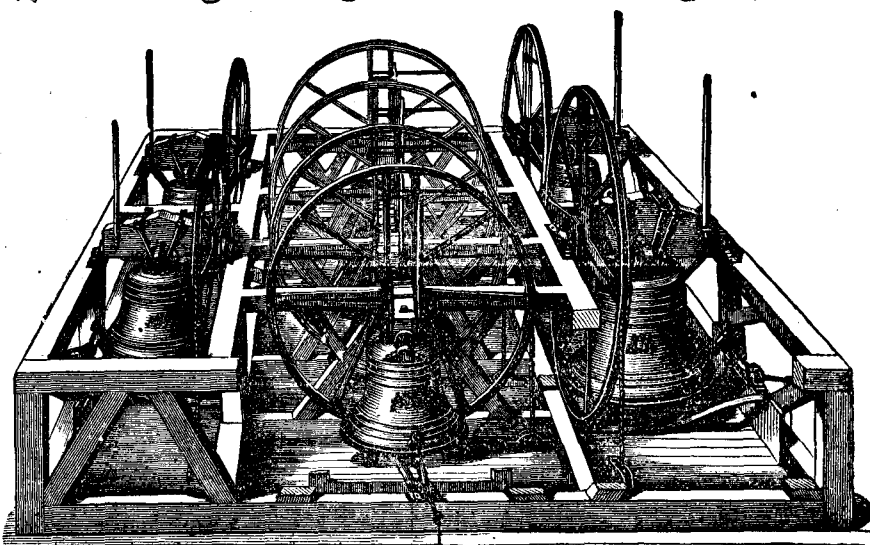
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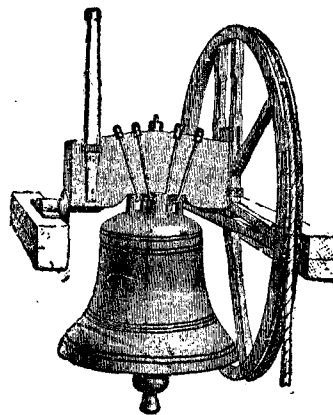
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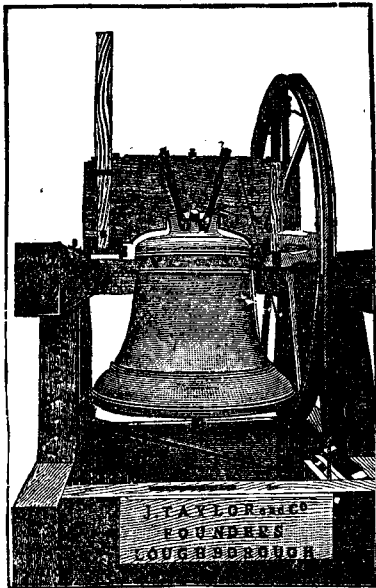
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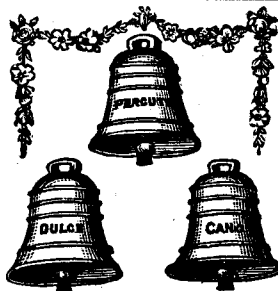
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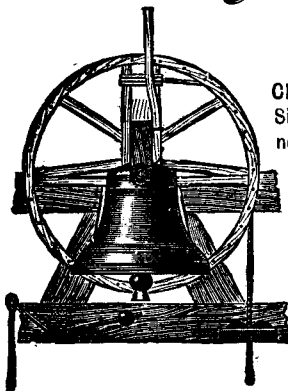
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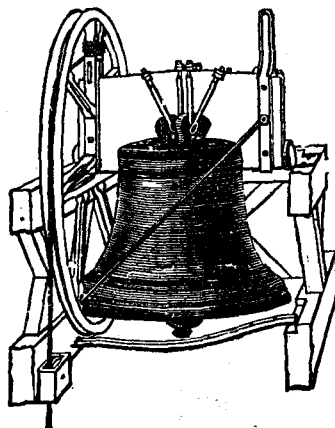
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THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT.

ON Wednesday, August 31st, the bells of Birchington church were rung for the first time for sixteen years, and the present seems therefore a favourable opportunity for giving as much of their history as can be gleaned from the parish records.

The silence, from a ringer's point of view, of these bells, was caused by the decayed state of the framework, and it is very satisfactory to mention that not only has the frame been renewed as a portion of the Jubilee work at the church, but a new treble bell, the sixth, has also been added. The re-hanging of the bells has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. S. Snelling, of Sittingbourne, and the ringers express themselves as highly pleased with his workmanship, a tribute of great value, since they are accustomed to the well hung peal of bells at Quex Park, Birchington, and can therefore judge of the merits of bell-hanging. The new bell weighs 4½ cwt., and has been cast by Messrs. Warner and Son, at a cost of £22 10s. It bears the maker's name and date 1887, together with "S. Snelling hung us all, 1887." Mr. Snelling has been ably assisted in making the bell-frame by Mr. J. J. Bristow, carpenter, of Birchington, and a bellringer of many years' experience. The latter with some of his workmen (who are also bellringers), have spared no pains to carry out the work successfully, and in addition to making the frame, which cost about £35, they have transformed the ringing-chamber from a dusty lumber room into a panelled and comfortably carpeted apartment. After evensong on Wednesday, August 30th, the vicar, (the Rev. J. P. Alcock), and Mr. C. Moore (churchwarden), ringers, and a few visitors ascended to the ringing-chamber, and the following ringers first raised the bells. S. Snelling, 1; L. Willshire (leader), 2; G. Willshire, 3; T. B. Reed, 4; J. J. Bristow, 5; E. Golder, 6. The Vicar next repeated a few collects suitable for the occasion, and immediately afterwards ringing commenced with a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, and a 360 of Grandsire Minor. Subsequently several six-scores were rung in which Messrs. S. Fulcher, F. Carroway, and T. B. Reed, jun., took part. The first entry in the parish books respecting the bells is in the year 1532 as follows:

Item ij new belyroyps on to the grett bell, and other to the small bell. the pc (price) xviiijd.

Other entries in Henry VIII's reign are

1533.—Itm for ryngyng at the tempes to Thomas Norman, iijd.

Itm for one belyroype, xd.

Itm for me' dyng of the clappyr of the grayte bell ijsvj.

1535.—Itm for ryngyng at the tempes, vjd.

1537.—Itm for one rope to the pastall, viij.

1538.—Itm for ryngyng at the tempes in brayd and drink, ijd.

1540.—Itm for one bawdryk, xxd.

Itm to John Swan for me'dyng of the bell clappyr and the bokkyll, ijd.

1541.—Itm for ringyng tempes, ijd.

Itm to the smyth for me'dyng the greyte bell hernes, ijd.

1542.—Itm for one bellrope the pc, xvd.

Itm for on other bellrope the pc, viij.

All these entries might refer to two bells, but in the year 1548 there is proof that there were in the tower three bells since, we find the following item:

1548.—Itm for yron work for the myddel bell, xxd.

It is probable that this middle bell was not then in use, for we find it recast in 1551. A sale of church goods took place at Birchington, in 1550, providing money for recasting the bell, and the churchwardens' accounts for the year 1551 contain a minute statement of the expenditure incurred in sending the bell to Canterbury to be recast, the chief item being

1551.—Itm for casting of ye secon bell, Iiij s iij d.

Much has been written upon the action of the Commissioners of Edward VI. with regard to bells, but this fact is sufficient to prove that the bells of Birchington were not only not plundered, but actually improved in his reign.

Unfortunately none of the three pre-reformation bells are now in existence. The great bell was recast in 1578, and in 1606 the whole of the bells were recast by Johyne Hatch, at a cost of £23 18s. 8d. During the seventeenth century the bells proved to be an expensive luxury—whether it was owing to the method of ringing with bawdricks or to carelessness on the part of ringers,

we cannot now discover, but it will suffice to give merely dates of recasting, the accounts being too elaborate for our purpose.

In 1620 Joseph Hatch recast one bell at a charge of £7 16s. 8d. for casting.

In 1623 the churchwarden was cited to Canterbury about a broken bell, and in 1624 £7 10s. was paid for new casting of ye bell, and £2 11s. for "thirty pound of mettle weighing more than ye old bell."

In 1633 there was spent at a meeting about ye broken bell 2s. 6d., and in 1634 the bellfounder received £6 for new casting of the treble bell in full, and £4 16s. for ninety-six pounds of new metal at js. ye pound. This bell which was then the treble, is now the fifth bell in the peal of six, and has the inscription, "Joseph Hatch me vincit 1633," and is the only one of the seventeenth century bells now remaining.

In 1663 the peal of three bells underwent a complete change, the tenor and second bells were taken down, and Thomas Palmer, bell founder, was employed to cast four bells in lieu thereof. The treble bell of Joseph Hatch, 1633, became the fourth bell in the peal, and the "greyt" bell disappeared. These four bells had a short life, and not one of Palmer's bells is in existence.

In 1728 and 1730, Samuel Knight recast the four bells, and these together with that of Joseph Hatch, 1633, still remain. The cost of the numerous recastings is fully set down in the churchwardens' accounts of the parish of Birchington, and may be had by the curious in such matters, but are too long for this account.

In connection with Birchington, it may be stated that the parishioners have not always shown that foresight which has prevailed in the present Jubilee year with regard to bells. The beautiful peal of bells now in Quex Park, was originally offered to the parish, together with the tower at the west end of the church to contain them, but the offer was declined. However it is an ill wind, etc., for the ringers now have a small peal in the village, and a larger one at the Park. May ringing flourish.

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THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DARLINGTON.

On Saturday, September 10th, this Society held its annual outing, the place chosen being Skelton-in-Cleveland, which happily possesses one of the finest and most harmonious peal of six bells in Yorkshire. The party, eight in number, on arriving, at once proceeded to the church and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 29 mins. J. Bolton, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt. Afterwards several short touches of Grandsire Minor and Oxford Treble Bob were successfully brought round. The party then adjourned to partake of a substantial tea, and having done ample justice to the many good things provided, four of the company enlivened the hostess and her numerous friends with a course of Grandsire Triples, which was much applauded. After having had a good ramble through the village they again made for the belfry, when by special request of the Skelton company rang a six-score of Bob Doubles. J. Little, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 4; R. Moncaster, 5; J. Bolton, 6. At the conclusion the bells were lowered, thus terminating a most enjoyable afternoon's outing, which was mainly due to the hearty and indeed convivial welcome accorded by the Skelton ringers and villagers in general. By the deep interest which the Skelton ringers appeared to evince in change-ringing (but who are stayed from practising the art, solely owing to the want of a tutor) the writer is of opinion that if some encouragement was given them through the Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, they might be induced to join that Society, and with a little assistance from that body some good change-ringing would be accomplished in place of the call-changes which are now (through want of assistance) indulged in, as the bells are certainly worthy of a much higher class of change-ringing than has ever yet been attempted.

R.

CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal at St. Martin's, Salisbury, the time should have been 2 hrs. 39 mins., and not 2 hrs. 41 mins., as stated by Mr. Jerram.

T. B.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to June.	July.	August.	Total.
Yorkshire Association	42	1	4	47
Ancient Society of College Youths	36	1	2	39
Oxford Diocesan Guild	30	2	2	34
Sussex County Association	31	0	0	31
Midland Counties' Association	23	1	0	24
St. James Society, London	22	0	0	22
Lancashire Association	20	0	0	20
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	17	0	3	20
Norwich Diocesan Guild	11	1	2	14
United Counties' Association	13	0	0	13
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan	11	0	2	13
Kent County Association	12	0	0	12
Essex Association	8	1	3	12
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	8	2	0	10
Surrey Association	7	0	0	7
Winchester Diocesan Guild	7	0	0	7
Hertford Association	6	0	0	6
St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	5	0	1	6
The Holt Society	5	0	0	5
Worcester and Adjoining Districts	4	1	0	5
Bedfordshire Association	4	0	0	4
Waterloo Society, London	4	0	0	4
Devonshire Guild	2	0	0	2
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	1	0	1	2
Birmingham Amalgamated Society	1	0	0	1
Eastern Counties' Association	1	0	0	1
North Lincoln Association	1	0	0	1
West Riding of Yorkshire Association	1	0	0	1
Liverpool Youths Society	1	0	0	1
Durham and Newcastle Association	1	0	0	1
Independent Societies	47	4	3	54
	382	14	23	419
Less peals entered under two Associations 34	0	3		37
Total	348	14	20	382

The above peals were rung in the following methods: Albion Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Double Oxford Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 7; Stedman Cinqes, 3; Stedman Caters, 9; Stedman Triples, 33; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 8; Treble Bob Major, 65; Grandsire Cinqes, 1; Grandsire Caters, 17; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 147; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 1; Bob Royal 1; Bob Major, 33; Bob Triples, 9; Violet Treble Bob Major, 1; Rose of England Major, 1; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; in twenty-one Minor methods on six bells, 1; in 14 ditto, 1; in 7 ditto, 21; in 21 methods on five bells, 1; in 16 ditto, 1; total 382. Greatest number of changes in one peal 10,176; quickest peal on church bells, 2 hrs. 31 mins. The following Associations have not scored a peal this year; Cambridge, Ely, Rochdale and District, South Lincoln, and Stoke-upon-Trent.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

OPENING OF A RING OF SIX AT BARNBY-ON-DON, YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 7th, this new ring of bells was opened by ringers from Tickhill. The new bells were cast by Messrs. Warner, of London, and hung in a new frame with new fittings complete by Messrs. Mallaby and Sons, of Masham, Yorkshire, to the entire satisfaction of the vicar and churchwardens. The cost of the bells and fittings has been raised by the parishioners and friends in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, which is recorded on an inscription on the tenor bell. The following is the inscription: "To the Glory of God, Victoria's Jubilee, 1887. Given by loving parishioners and friends. T. Duffin, B. A., Vicar. G. F. Milsthorpe, W. Oliver, S. Parker, churchwardens." The following methods were rung during the day: 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent, 720 Woodbine, 720 Violet, 720 New London Pleasure, and 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Wright, 1; Chas. Arley, 2; Frank Jenkinson, 3; J. Mausfield, 4; G. Gledell, 5; T. Jenkins (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

THE ANTIQUITY OF LARGE BELLS.

I addressed the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" some time ago on the subject of the antiquity of large bells. The late Mr. Ellacombe, who followed the old authorities, wrote thus:

"It is a satisfaction to be able to claim an unmistakably Christian origin for an instrument, which has laid so mighty a hold upon ecclesiastical architecture. The earliest names for bells, 'Nola' and 'Campania,' would seem to point to Nola in Campania as their birth-place, and the fifth and sixth century, as their earliest date."

Mr. Haweis, on the other hand, in his book on "Music and Morals," states that large bells have been used by the Chinese for thousands of years. It occurred to me to make enquiries from a friend in China, who belongs to the Civil Service there. The following extracts from his letter may perhaps interest my fellow-readers.

"I am quite surprised to find how little seems to have been written on the subject of bells in China. I believe that there was an article in 1869 or 1870, which appeared in the *Builder*, which gave a very accurate description of the great bell of China, which is in a temple a few miles outside Peking. Dr. Williams, in 'The Middle Kingdom,' vol. I. p. 79 (revised edition), writes that this was cast about 1406 A.D., in the reign of Yureg Loh. It is 14 ft. high, including the umbones (cannons), 34 ft. in circumference at the rim, and 9 inches thick. The weight is 120,000 lbs. av.; it is struck by a heavy beam swung on the outside. As to the antiquity of bells in China I cannot speak. I recollect reading of the great bells cast in the reign of the Emperor (B.C. 221-209), who built the great wall, but they do not seem to have been referred to on that occasion except on account of their size.

"The manner adopted for striking the bell is that mentioned by Dr. Williams. A huge beam is suspended outside the bell. This is drawn back by a rope, and when released strikes the bell. At a temple near Peking there was an old priest who did this for years and years at intervals of ten minutes. The feat was of course regarded as one of great piety. The big bell which Marco Polo speaks of as that of Cambaluc appears to be one in a tower near the wall of Peking, and inside the city. This is not I think of unusual size. Its uses are not connected with religion, but it is used I fancy as a fire, and generally as an alarm bell. Towns of the rank of a provincial capital in Corea are always provided with such. The big bell of Peking is swung only a few feet from the ground."

C. P.

ST. PETER'S MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH. VISIT TO TUNSTEAD.

ON Sunday, September 11th, being the Harvest Festival at the above parish church, the above society were invited. On arriving there they were met by J. Gower and J. Cooper, of Tunstead, B. and E. Smith, of Redenhall. A touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major was then rung. B. Smith (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; F. Knights, 3; E. Francis, 4; T. Smith, 5; J. Gower, 6; J. Cooper, 7; P. Sadler, 8. Also a touch of Stedman Triples. B. Smith (conductor), 1; P. Sadler, 2; F. Knights, 3; E. Francis, 4; E. Smith, 5; J. Skinner, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Cooper, 8. And a touch of Bob Major, in which F. Knights, jun., and Foreman, took part; after which they were kindly entertained at the rectory by the rector, the Rev. E. Harris, and for which they return their best thanks. On returning home by Coltshall, after evening service they rang 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Knights, jun., 1; P. Sadler (conductor), 2; J. Gower, 3; E. Francis, 4; J. Cooper, 5; G. Smith, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.

The bells at this place having been enlarged to a ring of six by Mears and Stainbank, will be re-opened on Thursday, September the 22nd. The belfry will be open to members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided for members at 5 p.m. The service will be at 7 p.m. Rowland's Castle is the nearest station, four miles, but an omnibus runs from Cosham station to Waterloo-Ville, which is two miles from Catherington, every hour.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A ringing meeting of the above branch took place at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, on Saturday, September 10th, when about thirty members from Christ Church, Bacup, St. James's Waterford, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, together with the ringers connected with St. Saviour's, and Mr. Wm. Warburton from Whitefield, attended. Touches of Grandsire Triples was rung on the splendid new ring of eight during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands. A meeting was held in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. W. Johnson, Vicar. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Haslingden, the date to be fixed at the annual meeting.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting (for ringing only) will be held, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bridges, at St. Mary's, Beddington, this day, Saturday, September 17th. Ringing to commence at 4 p.m. Any ringers will be welcome.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

On Sunday, September 11th, several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major was rung by the All Saints' company, with the bells deeply muffled, on account of the death of Mr. Potter, of Frittenden, for many years examiner for the Kent County Association.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The October meeting of the above Association will be held at Bradford, on Saturday the 8th October, and not on the 1st, as heretofore.

W. WHITAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

The Lavenham ringers who were prevented by the Jubilee rejoicings from holding their anniversary on the usual day, propose to hold it on September 29th, on which day it is also intended to hold a Service of Thanksgiving for the Harvest.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The following is the ringing done by the St. Peter's society, Caversham, during the months of June, July, August, and September:—

On Sunday, June 12th, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and 120 of Stedman Doubles. Also for evening service, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. And on Tuesday morning, June 21st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and 120 of Stedman Doubles. Also on Sunday, June 26th, for morning service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure; and for evening service, 360 of Yorkshire Court. And on Sunday, July 10th, for morning service, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure; and for evening service, 240 of Stedman Doubles. Also on Sunday, July 17th, for morning service, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor, and 240 of Stedman Doubles; and for evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. And after service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Also on Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor; and for evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. And on Sunday, August 7th, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, and 360 of Stedman Doubles. And on Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. Also on Tuesday evening, August 16th, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 120 of Stedman Doubles. And on Sunday, August 21st, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor; and for evening service, a 720 of Yorkshire Court. Also on Tuesday evening, August 30th for practice, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, and 120 of Stedman Doubles. And on Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a 720 of College Single; and for evening service, a 720 of Yorkshire Court. Also after service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. And on Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure; and after service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. The following ringers took part in the above: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, T. Newman, J. Hands, H. Smith, G. Essex, E. Menday, J. Butler, H. Simmonds, F. Simmonds, and C. Parfitt. The above was conducted by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, T. Newman, G. Essex, E. Menday, and H. Simmonds. Tenor 17 cwt.

HERE AND THERE.

My remarks anent the Burton-on-Trent society the week before last were it seems rather premature. Little did I think these gentlemen had a peal of London Surprise under weigh. The performance of a peal in this method is very creditable indeed to them. Of course it is what we may have expected to hear from such a quarter. What I said respecting other absentees from the reports of performances will I hope in time bear fruit. Will any one in the counties mentioned make a sign? I should feel glad to know that my observations have been noticed by somebody who has a mind to try and remove the reproach. Failing this, I shall have to conclude that the counties in question are stony ground, very stony indeed, with regard to ringing.

The correspondents' page of our paper has of late been made good use of. To read between the lines the arguments of the various writers, is a process no doubt highly interesting to many. The "remarkable allegation" found in last week's number is indeed very "remarkable." Such a statement no doubt will elicit an indignant reply from Mr. WASHBROOK, and his friends will be glad if he substantiates an effective denial of the charge. If he does not, then the "high-falutin" (I use this Americanism for want of a better phrase) language he addressed to Mr. CATCHPOLE, will look flat, if not stale and unprofitable.

So according to "N. J. PITSTOW," the sooner I retire the better. This and its context hit me very hard, very hard indeed. Too bad of you, my dear Nathan. You are well aware I suppose, that you are merely a unit of the Exercise, *i.e.*, not more than one person. And the only unit who has written to say (so our Editor informs me in reply to my question), that the sooner I retire the better. My remarks did not meet your views, and therefore they were "twaddle." Fie upon thee, Nathan; fie upon thee. But I'm not angry with thee, friend Nathan, after all. We shall, I hope, ring a peal in company before long; then we will probably have a laugh together, along with our mutual friend H. D.

There's evidently something wrong at Birmingham. Is there no master-mind there capable of uniting in one solid company the various skilled ringers the town contains? Men of Birmingham, has all cohesion left you? Is it impossible to solidify these conflicting elements of the various companies into one strong Association? It ought not to be. As I said before, if Birmingham had one good company, embracing all the members of the present existing societies, there would be no organization of the kind in the kingdom which could achieve what that could not.

The gradual approach of colder weather has already an effect upon the reports of performances. Out-door occupations now cease earlier in the evening, and ringers who earn their bread by such callings are thus able to meet for practice more regularly. Times were, and not a very many years ago, when we could only read of the performance of a solitary peal now and then through the columns of a paper devoted to the interests of what is called "sport," but we may now read of the weekly doings of almost every ringing company, big and little—patrician and plebeian. I enjoy reading the touches, even such matters as a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, and I dwell upon the names of the performers as I read them, wondering who among them will in time to come do something to be spoken of with admiration. I hope therefore that my friends whose names appear in this number among the records of touches will read these observations, and if they would like to fraternise with me by the aid of the post, no one will be more pleased to accept their approaches to familiarity and acquaintanceship than

A NEW MAN.

SHERBORNE ABBEY BELLS.

According to promise I herewith give a short account of this heavy peal of eight. But before I begin, I must thank Mr. Clark for his correction in last week's issue as to the heaviest peal of eight in England; and here I must note that the original tenor at Sherborne was said to weigh 56 cwt., while the old tenor at Wells Cathedral weighed but about 53 cwt. Now when the seventh and tenor at Wells were recast, the weight of the new tenor was given by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in their list as 56 cwt., while the present tenor at Sherborne is quoted at 46 cwt. in Messrs. Warner's list. So if these weights be all correct, the case seems to be *vice versa* now.

With regard to Sherborne bells, the treble and second were cast by Mr. G. Mears, London, in 1858. The treble is inscribed "Lord, let folk below,—resound with living song,—Thy praise as I do now,—with iron tongue." The second, "We hang here to record,—that the choir was restored,—in the year of our Lord,—1858." The third is a very ornamental old bell, with very large cannons. There is a good deal of floriated ornament round the shoulder, and the inscription "R.A. 1658," and on the crown "THO. SAVL. WM. —ERS ME," the rest is hidden by the stock. The fourth has "Peace and plenty is the wish of Thomas Thorne and Samuel Jeffrey, Ch. Wardens, 1803, Thomas and James Bilbie, Chewstoke, Somerset, fecit." The fifth, "Bartholomew Watts, and Sweet Hart, Churchwardens, 1787—Be meek and lowly to hear the word of God, William Bilbie, Chewstoke, Somerset, fecit." The sixth is simply inscribed "G. Mears, founder, London, 1858." The seventh has "+ CAMPANA DOMINE (*i.e. Domine*) IOHN WHETCOMB IOHN COOTH WARDENS, 1653." This bell is called the "Lady bell." The tenor is thus inscribed "+ Gustavus Horne, Walter Pride, Churchwardens. This bell was new cast by me Thomas Purday, October 20th, 1670, again recast 1865, Edward Harston, Vicar, James Hoddinott, Francis Stokes, Churchwardens + By Wolsey's gift I measure time for all; To mirth, to griefe, to church I serve to call." There is also an old fire bell inscribed "Lord quench this furious flame; Arise, run, help put out the same,—IW, IC, 1653, R.A." This bell is spherical at the crown, and very little wider at the mouth than the shoulder. It is also slightly curved in at the lip. Lastly, there is a small Sanctus bell inscribed in Lombardic capitals "O S. MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS."

The ringing-chamber is very dark so that it is necessary to burn gas there in the day time. The bells go fairly well, and are easily rung by ten men. I am told that formerly when there were only six bells (and those rung from the ground floor), it used to require twenty-one men to ring them stock level. The clock is a new one, and has three dials, one on the gable of each transept, and one on the eastern gable of the choir. It chimes the Cambridge quarters on 2, 3, 4, and 7, and strikes the hour on the tenor by means of a 150lbs. hammer. J. R. J.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3rd, a Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Brierley Hill. The meeting, which was well attended by members from Areley Kings, Brierley Hill, Bromsgrove, Coseley, Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton, etc., was held in the National Schoolroom, and was presided over (in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. J. Stone), by the Rev. C. W. Tibbetts (Coseley). The usual business being transacted, the Chairman offered some good suggestions, which, if acted upon, must result in doing the Association some benefit. Votes of thanks having been passed to the Chairman for presiding, to the Rev. J. Stone for the use of the tower and Schoolroom, and also to the Vicars of St. Thomas's Stourbridge, St. James's, Wollaston and St. Thomas' Dudley, for so kindly offering the use of their towers and bells for the occasion, the meeting was brought to a close. Owing to the downpour of rain during the evening the members could not visit the towers above mentioned for ringing, but each one enjoyed themselves with listening to some good touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples upon the handbells by various mixed bands, at the "Alma Inn." The bells of St. Michael's Brierley Hill were rung during the afternoon and evening.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

The Ringers' Guild, accompanied by the late curate, the Rev. W. M. Rodwell, the rector's churchwarden, Mr. Jno. Nunn, and other friends, had their annual outing on Wednesday, September 7th. The places selected for this visit comprised Benenden, Rolvenden, Tenterden, and Biddenden, all eight-bell churches. Leaving Staplehurst at 8 a.m., they arrived at Benenden at 9.30. This beautiful church is very prettily situated, and contains a good peal of bells in first-rate going order, the tenor weighing about 19 cwt. Having inspected the church, they rang 308, 882, and 168 of Grandsire Triples. There being service at 11.30., they started for Rolvenden, which was reached by noon. Here the belfry had been got ready for them, but although the bells are light (tenor 16 cwt.), they do not go very well. Touches of Grandsire, 672, and 504, and 112 of Bob Major was rung. Dinner was then served at "The Bull," by host Pile, to which ample justice was done. A move was then made for Tenterden, which was reached about 4 o'clock. After some slight delay, which was caused by putting in fresh ropes, a start was made. They now found they had some more metal to deal with (tenor 30½ cwt.) and consequently had a bad quarter of an hour. After this however, the pace calmed down, and 377, 308, and 168 of Grandsire Triples were steadily struck. A pause was then made for tea, which was served by Mr. Bishop at "The Woolpack." Several of the band not being satisfied with the performance before tea, another start was made, and some better ringing done; this they thought was owing to the refreshment. At 7.30 they started for Biddenden, which was reached in about three quarters of an hour. Although getting late, they had heard so much of this fine peal of bells, that they could not pass without trying them. It was a true report they had heard, for it is a fine peal (tenor 28 cwt.), but it was only by the exercise of sheer brute strength that they could be forced through 336 and 377 of Grandsire Triples. At 10 o'clock another start was made for home, which was reached at 11 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed himself. They wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the incumbents of the parishes for the use of their bells, and the steeplekeepers and brother-strings for having things ready for them.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Master—MR. JAMES HANNINGTON.
Stewards—MR. ALBERT E. CHURCH, SENIOR.
MR. DANIEL LOVATT, JUNIOR.
Hon. Treasurer—MR. WILLIAM BARON.

The election of officers and reception of annual balance-sheet took place at head quarters, on the 9th inst., and as will be noticed the Treasurer and Secretary retain their offices. At the close of the evening's business the newly-elected Master gave the usual vote of thanks to the officers of the past year, which was cordially received, as was the special mention of the outgoing Master, Mr. Henry S. Thomas, for the lively and deep interest taken by that gentleman in the Society's business during his tenure of office. The ex-master responded to the effect that his interest would long survive his vacation of the chair, and mutual congratulations followed.

HENRY DAINS, *Hon. Sec.*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Andrews, Leyland, to-day (Saturday), September 17th. The Bells will be open for ringing from 2 o'clock, business meeting at 5 o'clock in the Schoolroom. JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*
57, Chorley Road, Blackrod.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 8th. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells), and St. Saviour's (eight bells), will be open for ringing during the day. Further notice will be given of the time and place of the tea and business meeting. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
2	6	3	5	4	2		1
2	3	5	6	4		1	2
3	6	5	2	4		2	
2	3	6	4	5	2	2	2
3	4	2	5	6	2	2	

Twice repeated.

In this peal the 5th and 6th are not in the hunt at a course-end, and is obtained without having bobs called before. It is the first published with these particulars in this number of changes.

By calling two courses

M	W	H
2	1	1
	1	2

the first course-end is produced, and the peal is increased to 6144 changes.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield*.

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th consecutively in sixth's place, and are the only bells in that position.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1260.

By ALFRED SQUIRES, *Hitchin, Herts.*

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

Five times repeated.

A single to be substituted for a bob at the end of the third and sixth part-ends.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford*.

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

In the above peal the 2nd nor 3rd are never in 6th's place.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN HARE, *Hitchin, Herts.*

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-
6	4	5	2	3	-	-	-
5	6	3	4	2	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-
4	5	2	3	6	-	-	-
6	2	4	5	3	-	-	-
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	-
5	3	4	6	2	-	-	-
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	-
6	5	2	4	3	-	-	-
3	2	6	5	4	-	-	-
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-
4	6	5	3	2	-	-	-
2	5	4	6	3	-	-	-
3	4	2	5	6	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5120.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2	3	4	5	6	5th	4th	M	H
6	4	5	2	3	-	-	-	-
4	2	5	6	3	-	-	-	-
5	4	2	6	3	-	-	-	-
2	5	4	6	3	-	-	-	-
3	4	5	6	2	-	-	-	-
5	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-
4	5	3	6	2	-	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-	-
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-	-
2	4	3	6	5	-	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-	-

Three times repeated.

Single instead of bob at end of second and fourth parts.

This peal contains the 5th twenty-two times right, and the 6th twenty-two times wrong.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5007.

By CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield*.

2	3	4	5	6	16	18	23
4	1	2	5	3	6	1	2
4	1	6	2	3	5		14
4	1	5	6	3	2		16
5	1	2	6	3	4	5	
2	1	5	4	3	6	5	16
3	1	5	6	2	4	4	5
5	1	3	4	2	6	5	16
3	1	6	2	5	4	4	16
6	1	3	4	5	2	5	16
6	1	2	3	5	4		16
2	1	6	4	5	3	5	16
2	1	3	6	5	4		16
2	1	4	3	5	6		16
4	1	2	6	5	3	5	16
4	1	3	2	5	6		16
3	1	4	6	5	2	5	16
3	1	2	4	5	6		16
2	1	6	5	3	4	4	16
6	1	4	3	2	5	4	16
4	1	5	2	6	3	4	16
5	1	3	6	4	2	4	16
5	1	2	3	4	6		16
5	1	6	2	4	3		16
4	1	6	3	5	2	4	5
6	1	2	5	4	3	4	16
2	1	6	3	4	5	5	16
2	1	5	6	4	3		16
2	1	3	5	4	6		16
3	1	2	6	4	5	5	16
3	1	5	2	4	6		16
3	1	6	5	4	2		16
6	1	3	2	4	5	5	16
6	1	5	3	4	2		16
5	1	2	4	6	3	4	16
5	1	3	2	6	4		16
5	1	4	3	6	2		16
6	1	4	2	5	3	4	5
4	1	3	5	6	2	4	16
3	1	4	2	6	5	5	16
3	1	5	4	6	2		16
3	1	2	5	6	4		16
2	1	3	4	6	5	5	16
2	1	5	3	6	4		16
2	1	4	5	6	3		16
4	1	2	3	6	5	5	16

Brought round with calls at 2, 5, 9, 10, 16, 17 sixes.

This peal, it will be observed, is the same composition as the 5285 of Stedman Cinques, with six introductory courses. Consequently it contains the same qualities with the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in natural courses.

CORRECTIONS.—The last course of the 5037 of Stedman Caters by Mr. Lomas, published August 20th, should be 2, 4, 5, 7; and the peal of Stedman Cinques published September 3rd, the bob at 19 should be omitted in the last course of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd parts.

At Exeter Castle on Tuesday, the Rev. John Ingle was charged before the City magistrates with being drunk on the occasion of a funeral in the Higher Cemetery last week. Witnesses were called on both sides, and the Bench dismissed the case.

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ADDRESS WANTED.—The Captain of the Society of Ringers, Melbourne, Australia.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1887.

THE society of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, has attained to the topmost rung of the ladder. After a series of successes unparalleled in the most difficult exercises, viz.: Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge, they have at last reached the highest altitude of scientific ringing by achieving a peal of London Surprise, by far the most complex of all Major methods. A suggestion or hint was recently hazarded by one who has become a regular contributor to this paper, that "the *esprit de corps*" of the Burton company might have become lessened or impaired, but the peal now alluded to has we should think, completely dispelled whatever fears in that direction may have been felt. The performances of the society in question, coming so quickly after each other, performances, by the way, which, from their complexity and rapidity have commanded the admiration of all, have been capped by this last exploit. How they have gradually worked their way up step by step, surmounting the various difficulties which presented themselves with a patience and perseverance worthy of imitation by all, whether ringers or not, is now a matter of history, and the future essayist of the ringing art in years to come, when the present and many succeeding generations shall be known no more, will be filled with delight and amazement when he reads of the grand results gained by the unflinching constancy and perseverance of the men of Burton. Their names will go down to posterity with renown, not merely for the reason that they have excelled in a particular peal or specific method, but that they have been eminent in them all, in fact, surpassed them all. And that not because their educational attainments were—if they will excuse us saying so—anything out of the common, their success in fact is due to nothing but their own perseverance, and determination to keep and sustain that unity and concord among themselves without which even the least measure of success is far from sure. Such

an example of steady progress cannot be quoted too frequently, or held up for imitation too often, and there are organisations laying claim to greater distinction, and who pride themselves upon their antecedents and doings of their predecessors, who would do well to copy from this Society of modern growth.

While mentally reviewing the history of the Burton company, we are naturally led to think of him who was on every occasion their cheery counsellor and guide; the invaluable friend whose loss they will ever have cause to deplore. How he would have rejoiced to see the day when his own band had no more methods left for them to conquer; what pleasure he would have felt in penning the report of this last performance for publication; how he would have delighted in pointing out the final—in a sense—success of that society whose procedure from the commencement had the benefit of his fostering care. Probably the members of the Burton company reason with respect to their late Vicar in a similar strain; and while not daring to wish him back among them, it is only natural to suppose that they have some longing that he could know that they progressed still further than they were when he was called away.

Whether the position attained by the Burton company will be extended is beyond our knowledge. If they are to go further the peal at St. Paul's will have to be augmented. The tower is capable of holding ten, or even twelve bells; and everyone must hope that the latter augmentation may be carried out. The good folks of Burton have some reason to be proud of their ringers; and there is certainly sufficient wealth and enterprise in the town to effect such a welcome addition to the peal. We cannot help thinking that a movement upon these lines, carried to a successful issue, would form a fitting memorial to the late Vicar, and we may also be allowed to venture the opinion that the suggestion would have been approved by him. We shall anxiously look forward to the fulfilment of such an idea.

The Metropolis.

SHADWELL, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 10, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

EDGAR E. CLARK Treble.	RICHARD WOODLEY.. .. 5.
WILLIAM CECIL 2.	ALBERT E. WREAKS .. 6.
JAMES PETTIT 3.	EDWIN HORREX.. .. 7.
HENRY SPRINGALL 4.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

Mr. Wreaks hails from Manchester.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Longbridge Deverill, on Thursday, October 6th, when the bells will be at the disposal of members and friends from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m., members free, others 6d. each. Names of those purposing to attend to be sent to Mr. G. Parham, captain of the Longbridge Deverill company, before September 26th.

J. R. JERRAM, Sec.

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

Handbell Peal.

On Monday, September 12, in Two Hours and Forty-five-and-a-half Minutes,

AT ST. PAUL'S MEETING HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

G. W. CARTMEL 1-2.	C. F. WINNY 5-6.
EDWARD P. DEBENHAM* 3-4.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE W. CARTMEL.

*First peal on handbells.

Umpires: Mr. John Murray Hayes and Mr. George T. McLaughlin. This is the first peal the conductor has called. Messrs. Debenham, Buckingham and Cartmel hail from St. Albans, Herts.

. The Provinces.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—THE
UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 12, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON ..Treble.	GEORGE BRADDOCK 5.
JOHN HARROP 2.	JAMES NUTTALL 6.
WALTER SLATER 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
MORRIS WILLIAMSON.. .. 4.	THOMAS BRADDOCK ..Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by
THOMAS WILDE.

Messrs. Slater and Wilde hail from Hyde; the rest belong to the local company.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 9, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL MEADOWS* ..Treble.	*GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	*STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.. .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.. 7.
CHARLES MEE 4.	†WILLIAM GRIMES ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Messrs. Wightman and Sons hail from Creetingham; Meadows from Brandeston; Perry from Framsdon; Mee from Ipswich; Grimes belongs to Debenham. *First peal in the method. †First peal.

ERITH, KENT.

Jubilee Peal.

On Friday, September 9, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY BRIGHT .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL .. 5.
WILLIAM J. COOK 2.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 6.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 3.	JOHN GARARD 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE.. 4.	JOSEPH LAWS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WM. WEATHERSTONE.

This peal was rung by request of the churchwarden, F. Beadle, Esq., who liberally provided a supper, which was served in excellent style by Mr. J. Garard, steeple-keeper, at his residence, and much enjoyed by the ringers.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

E. BURTENSCHAW* ..Treble.	W. BURKIN.. .. 5.
H. J. SCHNEIDER* 2.	S. GREENWOOD 6.
C. E. MALIM† 3.	G. WELLING 7.
A. B. CARPENTER 4.	J. FAYERS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

*First peal. †First peal of Major.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. ..Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS.. .. 2.	FREDERICK TILLET .. 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT* .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. *First peal. F. G. Newman hails from London; the rest from Ipswich.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt in Eb.

JAMES KAY .. ..Treble.	*WILLIAM H. WALMSLEY 5.
GEORGE HOYLE 2.	JOHN HARRISON.. .. 6.
JOHN MILLETT 3.	ERNEST BISHOP.. .. 7.
FRANK BIRTWISTLE .. 4.	JAMES MILLETT ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MILLETT.

Messrs. Hoyle and Birtwistle hails from Rochdale; Mr. B'shop from Bury (late of Reading). *First peal.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STAPLEHURST.—On Monday, September 5th, a date touch of 1887 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5½ mins. W. Collison, 1; J. Tillman, 2; W. Pope, 3; W. E. Pope, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. E. Nunn (conductor), 7; T. Colven, 8. Tenor 21½ cwt. in Eb.

DISS (Norfolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, September 1st, four members of the local company rang upon handbells, retained in hand, a date touch (1887 changes) of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. E. Heyward, 1-2; E. Broome, 3-4; J. Souter (conductor), 5-6; J. Rudd, 7-8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Friday, September 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1887 changes, in 1 hr, 5 mins. John Prescott, 1; James Sholicar (composer and conductor); 2; Thomas Watson, 3; James Higson, 4; William B. Lloyd, 5; William Ellis, 6; William J. Taylor, 7; Peter H. Harvey, 8. T; Watson hails from Dalton-in-Furness, and this is his longest touch J. Higson hails from Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Friday, September 9th, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, three courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Springhall, 2; G. Mash, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; J. R. Haworth, 7; A. E. Wreaks, 8; E. Horrex, 9; E. Carter, 10; R. T. Woodley, 11; S. Joyce, 12. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. J. Pettit, 1; H. Springhall, 2; E. E. Clark, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; W. Cooter, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7; A. E. Wreaks, 8; S. Joyce, 9; E. Carter, 10; J. M. Hayes, 11; E. Horrex, 12. Mr. Wreaks hails from Manchester, and it was his first touch on twelve bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 1st, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; F. Keech, 5; C. Pass, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; F. Keech, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, September 8th, a 120 of Stedman Doubles. S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Chapman (1st 120 of Stedman Doubles), 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. G. Biggs, 5. On Sunday, September 4th, at St. Paul's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 800 of Bob Major. J. Spencer, 1;

C. —, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. And a 350 of Grandsire Triples. W. Hall, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Pass, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; J. N. Frossell (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. And on Tuesday, September 6th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief through a change-course after ringing 1100 changes. J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allan, 4; I. Hills, 5; M. G. Biggs, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8. Afterwards a half-peal of Bob Major, 2528 changes, in 1 hr. 41 mins. C. Pass, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Chapman, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Allan, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 7; C. W. Clarke (composer), 8. This is the longest length of Major on the bells, also by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 4th, and is the first half-peal in this method by the above Association. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, September 11th, for Divine Service at St. James's church, a 360 of Bob Minor (nine bobs). W. West, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. West, 3; W. G. Biggs, 4; H. King, 5; H. Chapman (conductor), 6. The 2nd was chimed on account of the wheel being broke.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONSETT (Durham).—For practice on Thursday evening, September 8th, at Christ Church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 30 mins. T. H. Turtees, 1; F. Barron, 2; D. Davie, 3; W. Oliver, 4; J. T. Taylor, 5; J. Spraggon (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. Turtees, Barron, Oliver and Spraggon hail from Shotley Bridge; Davie and Taylor belong to Consett.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, September 3rd, in the tower, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, on handbells. S. Deal (first 720) 1; W. Mead, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Wednesday, September 8th, at St. Andrew's church after the marriage ceremony of Mr. Ormsby Taylor and Miss Carter Wigg, the St. Andrew's society rang out the wedding peal. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; H. C. Woodward, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; W. H. Found, 5; J. Thompson, 6; G. Mottashaw (conductor), 7; T. Allbut, 8.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 252 Plain Bob Triples. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 6; S. Hollingworth, 7; J. R. Wood, 8. Also for service in the evening a 420 in the same method. J. R. Wood, 1; J. Vickers, 2; H. Hollingworth, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; T. Hollingworth, 6; G. C. Tunnicliffe (conductor), 7; F. W. Cook, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F#.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRANDESTON (Suffolk).—On Monday, August 29th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 360 of Plain Bob Minor. S. Meadows, 1; H. Baldry, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; R. H. Hayward, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, 6. And on Sunday, September 4th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 216 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Meadows, 1; A. S. Wightman, 2; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 3; G. Wightman, 4; S. Wightman, 5; E. Hall (Landon), 6. And on Tuesday evening, September 6th, a 720 of Plain Bob. Frank Lockwood (Debenham; first 720), 1; G. Wightman, 2; S. Wightman, jun., 3; H. Bedingfield, 4; Charles Mee (Ipswich; conductor), 5; D. G. Wightman, 6. And a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Meadows, 1; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; C. Mee, 4; G. Wightman, 5; H. Baldry, 6.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON.—On Thursday, September 1st, for the wedding of Mr. Thomas Watson Hall and Isabel Julia Louthian, at the Church of St. Mary, a 720 of Woodbine, in 25 mins., and 720 Superlative Surprise Minor, in 25½ mins. And on Sunday, September 4th, Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, in 26 mins. On Tuesday, September 6th, a 360 Violet Treble Bob. And on Sunday, September 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Garrett, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MIDDLETON STONEY.—For practice, on Saturday, September 10th, 680 Bob Minor was rung by the local company, being the longest they have rung without outside help. H. Richman, 1; G. Eeckinsale, 2; F. Bowers, 3; J. Tuffry, 4; T. Waknell, 5; J. R. Gibbard (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 of Bob Minor, (sixteen bobs and two singles). H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Bob Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; E. Angell, 2; H. Houlton, 3; F. Francis, 4; T. Gould (conductor), 5; R. Weeks, 6. And in the evening several touches of Bob Minor. H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Angell, 3; F. Francis, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, September 10th, an attempt was made for a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing the fifteenth bob. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; F. Francis, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. It being too late for another start, 120 of Bob Minor was rung (two singles). H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; E. Lee, 4; T. Gould, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

BISHOPS WALTHAM (Hants).—On Tuesday, September 6th, 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Cook, 1; T. Shorney, 2; T. Hale, 3; W. Shorney, 4; E. N. Garnett, 5; E. Whiteman, 6. Also a 240 of the same by Cameron Brock, Esq., 1; T. Shorney, 2; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 3; W. Shorney, 4; E. N. Garnett, 5; E. Whiteman, 6.

ALDFORD (Cheshire).—On Monday, September 5th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles), in 28 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Dunning, 2; W. Thomas, 3; J. Bassnatt, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Bassnatt, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Monday, September 5th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins. N. Spencer, 1; H. Cave, 2; G. Larkey, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Fairclough, 5; W. Bentham (conductor), 6; C. Sharples, 7; P. Fairhurst, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. Composed by James Sholicar, of Ormskirk, and was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Gardiner (formerly a ringer at the above church), but late of Sydney, Australia, who died there in July, and was interred at Waverley Cemetery.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, September 8th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 658 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Hare, 3; J. Phillips, 4; A. Squires, 5; *Richard Jackson (conductor), 6; Robert Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. *First touch as conductor. J. Hare and A. Squires hail from Hitchin, Herts. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

BILLINGHURST (Sussex).—On Sunday, September 11th, at the parish church, a 720 of Court Bob. P. Wood, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Alyward, 3; W. Chantler, 4; W. Wadey, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Single Bob. W. Chantler, sen., 1; W. Alyward, 2; T. Chantler, 3; W. Chantler, 4; F. Wickens, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. P. Wood, 1; J. Newnham, 2; T. Chantler, 3; W. Chantler, 4; F. Wickens, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6. F. Wickens hails from Charlwood, and J. Newnham from Crawley; the rest are local men.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday morning, August 14th, for Divine Service, at St. Paul's Church, a 266 of Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; J. Worsell, 3; G. Hill, 4; *W. Marshall, 5; G. Biggerstaff, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. On Thursday evening, August 25th, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. Hill, 4; J. Salmon, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; H. Cornwall, 8. On Sunday evening, August 28th, for Divine Service, a 700 of Grandsire Triples. R. Nash (Cuckfield), 1; W. Allfrey (conductor), 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Hill, 4; H. Gibson, 5; G. Biggerstaff, 6; J. Reilly, 7; J. Mockett, 8. On Thursday evening, September 1st, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; J. Reilly, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Hill, 4; G. Biggerstaff, 5; G. A. King, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. On Thursday evening, September 8th, for practice, 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; J. Reilly, 3; A. Bennett, 4; *W. C. Marshall, 5; G. A. King, 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. Also on Sunday evening, September 11th, for Divine Service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. Hill, 4; H. Gibson, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. *First 266. †First 504.

BURES ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 4th, four members of the Sudbury company, with Mr. H. Bowell, of Ipswich, paid a visit to this place, and rang for the evening service a 360 Bob Minor, Joseph Hume (Bures), 1; Felix Tolliday, 2; William Howell, 3; Harry Harper, 4; Henry Bowell, 5; Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Joseph Hume, 1; Felix Tolliday, 2; Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 3; William

Howell, 4; Henry Howell, 5; Harry Harper, 6. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. *Handbell Ringing*.—A course of Grandsire Caters was also rung on handbells, at the house of Mr. J. Hume, by F. Tolliday, 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; H. Howell, 5-6; W. Howell, 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10. Mr. Howell is at work rehanging the peal of six at Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk.

CROOME D'ABITOT (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 11th, before the afternoon service at the parish church, two 6-scores of Grandsire, and one six-score of Bob Doubles. And after service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. *H. Willis, 1; *W. Tarling, 2; L. Longney, 3; C. W. Bennett, 4; F. Jelf, 5; R. G. Knowles (first 720 as conductor), 6. *First 720, and hails from Hanley Castle, Jelf and Knowles from Malvern, the others are local men.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Thursday evening, September 8th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. Taylor, 1; J. King, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 4; G. Hum, 5. Also a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Bloice, 1; the others standing as before. Messrs. Taylor and Bloice belong to Great Bromley, the rest are of the local company.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, September 4th, being the Harvest Festival at the parish church, the local company rang for the afternoon service three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. Bloice, 1; J. King, 2; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 3; S. Bloice, 4; G. Hum, 5; J. Taylor, 6. Also after service, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Hum, 1; the rest as before. Tenor 18 cwt. Messrs. King, Nevard, and Hum, hail from Great Bentley.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, September 12th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; G. Spicer, 2; F. Furr, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Hare (conductor), 5; W. Allen, 6; Richard Jackson, 7; J. Foster, 8. And 139 of Grandsire Triples. A. Squires, 3; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen, 7; G. Halsey, 8; the rest as before. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. G. Spicer, Richard Jackson, and J. Smith hail from Baldock.

HALESOWEN (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 14th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the visit of the Worcestershire Provincial Lodge of Freemasons, a touch of 2562, containing the last half of Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples, including the midway and end singles, in 1 hr. and 27 mins. H. Lee, 1; — Raybould (conductor), 2; J. Hickingbottom, 3; G. Cockin, 4; E. White, 5; R. A. Eaton, 6; E. Hackett, 7; M. Hackett, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, September 6th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Prescott, 1; J. Higson, 2; T. Watson, 3; W. B. Lloyd, 4; William Ellis, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; J. Aspinwall, 7; P. Harvey, 8. Also after Service, 798 of Grandsire Triples (composed by Mr. John Walker, Blackburn), in 28 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; T. Watson, 3; W. B. Lloyd, 4; W. Ellis, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; G. Prescott (conductor), 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. And on Sunday, September 11th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 504 of Union Triples, in 19 mins. John Prescott, 1; Wm. J. Taylor, 2; Thomas Watson (first touch in the method), 3; William Ellis, 4; Wm. B. Lloyd, 5; Jas. Sholicar (conductor), 6; Geo. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, September 13th, at St. Mary's church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Swain, 1; H. Swain, 2; W. Holloway, 3; A. Pye (conductor), 4; H. Blissett, 5; W. Goseltine, 6; W. Newell, 7; F. Hopgood, 8.

RUSHDEN (Northamptonshire).—On Wednesday, September 7th, for practice, at St. Mary's church, 720 London Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27½ mins. F. Clayton, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Lewis, 3; C. West, 4; A. Martin, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. Also 360 in the same method (nine bobs), standing as before. Also on Tuesday, September 13th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Clayton, 1; G. Heath, 2; G. Burton, 3; C. West, 4; A. Martin, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On handbells, 144 London Single. F. Clayton, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. West, 3; G. Burton, 4; W. A. Hall, 5; A. Martin, 6. Also 120 Oxford Bob, standing as before. A. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, September 8th, at W. W. Gifford's rooms, Devizes-road, on handbells retained in hand, 2520 of Grandsire Triples, being the first half of Holt's ten-part peal, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8. Messrs. A. Goddard and A. W. Barkus kindly acted as umpires and marked off every lead as it was rung.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, September 3rd, at the Abbey National Schools, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original on handbells, but after ringing 3994 changes stand was called. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7-8. Also on Saturday, September 10th,

at the same meeting house, 4500 changes were rung. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. Conducted on each occasion by G. W. Cartmel. *Chiming*.—On Sunday, 11th, a 336 of Grandsire Minor. T. Waller, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 11th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a 720 of Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. E. Chaplin, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargeant, 4; E. Radley (conductor), 5; F. Saunders, 6. Messrs. Moore, Bearman, and Sargeant hail from Bocking, the rest are local men.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 11th, after evening service, at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. King, 1; S. Barrell, 2; J. Nunn, 3; E. Barnett, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 5; J. Priest, jun. (conductor), 6.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday, September 11th, at Holy Trinity church, after the evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 23 mins. J. Gobbett, 1; H. Randall, 2; Rev. A. S. Dowling, 3; J. Potter, 4; W. H. Doran (conductor), 5; S. Hayes, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING SEPTEMBER 10TH, 1887:—

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Thursday, September 1st, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. J. Jay, 1; H. Weston (conductor), 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; J. Reilly, 4; G. Thwaite, 5; — Fox, 6; G. A. King, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. And on Sunday, September 4th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17½ mins. J. Jay, 1; H. Weston (conductor), 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; Allfrey, 4; J. Reilly, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Cornwall, 7; E. Butler, 8. And on Monday, September 5th, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaite, 2; H. Weston, 3; W. Palmer, 4; King, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6.

By the Christ Church, Eastbourne, branch, at Heathfield.—On Wednesday, August 31st, a 360 of Plain Bob. G. Smith, 1; J. Sharp, 2; G. Howse, 3; H. Colbran, 4; F. Harding, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. And a 360 of College Single. P. Peters, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Howse, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Sunday, September 4th, a 360 of Oxford Single Bob. R. Howse, 1; T. Smith, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. House, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, September 8th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, in 24 mins. R. Howse, 1; T. Smith, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Smith, 4; G. Howse, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And on Monday, September 12th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court, in 24 mins. J. Sharp, 1; T. Smith, 2; G. Howse, 3; G. Smith, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Single Court. T. Smith, 1; J. Sharpe, 2; G. Smith, 3; G. Howse, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Sunday, September 4th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; E. Brackley, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Court Bob. T. Searle, 1; J. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Yorkshire Court. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; J. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, September 7th, a 720 of Double Court Bob. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 11th, a 720 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Tyler, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Tyler, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Worth branch, at Worth.—On Sunday, September 4th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. F. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; J. Tullett, 3; B. Payne, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Bob. F. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; J. Tullett, 3; B. Payne, 4; G. Illman (conductor), 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; E. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23½ mins. F. Rice, 1; H. Meads, 2; J. Gasson, 3; F. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. R. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; T. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Warnham Court Bob, in 23½ mins. R. Streeter, 1; B. Payne, 2; T. Streeter, 3; G. Illman, 4; F. Rice, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, September 10th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 23½ mins. E. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; J. Tullett, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; P. Payne (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. B. Payne, 1; F. Streeter, 2; H. Meads, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

Church News.

The vicarage of Herriard, Hants, is likely to become vacant by the resignation of the present incumbent, the Rev. G. H. Butler.

A three-light window, by Messrs. Lavers and Westlake, has been placed in the south transept of St. John's, Brooklands, as a memorial to the late Mrs. Lloyd.

A ROYAL GIFT.—A Reuter's telegram, dated Copenhagen, September 14th, states: "Owing to the lack of funds the new English Episcopal church here, which is to be consecrated on Saturday next, is without bells. The Prince of Wales has consequently sent telegraphic instructions to London to provide them at his expense."

On Saturday, the Countess Grosvenor laid the foundation-stone of a new Sunday-school for All Saints', Hoole, near Chester. The Bishop of Chester delivered an address, in which he said he wanted to see Sunday-schools better taught and better organised, the Sunday-school teachers and scholars improved, and their appliances made quite as perfect as those in day schools.

The Lord Mayor of London has presented to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral forty large Prayer-books, bound in morocco and gold, for the Bishop's, Dean's, Canons' and Prebendal stalls, in commemoration of the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service, held there on June 23rd last. Each book is stamped with the arms of the Cathedral and a suitable inscription.

"ICHABOD."—The Press Association's Londonderry correspondent telegraphs: "A singular outrage has occurred in this city. The Protestant Bishop, Dr. Alexander, having entertained Mr. Justin M'Carthy and his daughter at dinner, some persons, who are supposed to be Loyalists, have expressed their indignation by painting during the night the word "Ichabod" in several conspicuous places on the front of the Bishop's palace. The act has caused some stir in the city.

THE VICAR'S ADVICE.—The Rev. J. Black, vicar of Launcells, Stretton, Cornwall, is reported to have delivered a remarkable sermon at a harvest thanksgiving on Monday night. He warned the labourers that if they sanctioned a tax on corn they would simply enable the landlords to raise their rents. They had been driven from the land because landlords had thought it better to feed sheep than men, and it was their duty to see that the land was applied to the purpose for which it was made, so that there should be no unnatural divorce between the soil and the tillers, and consequent starvation of the poor.

The charge of Christ Church, Mentone, in the patronage of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, has been undertaken for the earlier part of the ensuing winter season by the Rev. E. W. Kissack, rector of Kirkbride, Ramsey, Isle of Man; and from the commencement of January till the close of the season by Dr. Pigou, Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and Vicar of Halifax. The Rev. N. Dimock, who recently resigned the living of St. Paul's, Maidstone, has also accepted the charge of St. John's, San Remo, likewise in the gift of the above society.

The memorial windows which have been placed by subscription in St. Luke's, Mow Cop, Cheshire, were dedicated on Thursday. The following inscription appears on a brass plate:—"To the glory of God, and in loving and grateful memory of Randle Wilbraham, and Sibella his wife, who desired to be builders of the ark of Christ's Church, and labourers together with God, these windows are given by the parishioners and other friends, A.D. 1887."—The preacher at the special service of dedication was Canon Blackburn, rector of Warrington and Rural Dean, and the Preacher at evensong the Rev. L. H. Evans, vicar of Tunstall.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says the Rev. Stewart Headlam has resolved to appeal to the Archbishop of Canterbury against the decision of the Bishop of London not to grant him a general license to officiate in the diocese. He does not doubt the Bishop's discretion in the matter, but he considers that the Bishop has deliberately made the question not one of his right to refuse leave to officiate where he likes, but of his right to refuse the leave for the specific reason which he has given, namely, that Mr. Headlam approves of ballet dancing, and refuses to excommunicate ballet dancers. If the Church thinks that the Bishop should have such absolute power, he is willing to submit, but he is advised that the Bishop's action constitutes a gross interference with the personal rights of the clergy.

An energetic movement for the maintenance of the marriage laws is going on in the north of England. At a conference held at Redcar on Wednesday week, it was unanimously resolved that the time had now arrived for the question of marriages within the prohibited degrees to be finally thrashed out by means of public and open discussion. It was stated that the students at Cuddesdon Theological College were taught that it was the duty of the clergy to repel from Communion any persons who contracted incestuous unions. On the following

evening, Mr. G. W. Wardman, the organising secretary of the Marriage Law Defence Union, addressed an enthusiastic meeting of working men in the parish of All Saints', Middlesbrough, and was unanimously invited to open a discussion in the same place on a future occasion.

The Rev. W. M. Haslewood, vicar of Great Harwood, has had an interview with the Bishop of Manchester on the cemetery question in his parish. He informed his lordship that he had offered a reasonable portion of the glebe land in order to extend the churchyard for the use of the parishioners of Great Harwood and Rishton, as the latter place was at one time a portion of the parish of Great Harwood. The Bishop, it is stated, expressed an opinion that Mr. Haslewood had taken the very best and wisest course that he could do under the circumstances. The committee appointed by the parishioners will now take measures to bring the matter to a close as soon as possible. There will, no doubt, be two cemeteries at Great Harwood, one used by the church people, and the other by the Roman Catholics and Nonconformists.

A new Mission-church, with two classrooms for the Sunday-school, together with a cottage for the custodian, has lately been built at Newtown, in the parish of Mountain Ash, Glamorganshire, and on Monday evening the church was opened for Divine Service, the preachers being the two neighbouring Rural Deans—namely, the Revs. J. L. Meredith, rector of Galligaer, and W. Lewis, vicar of Ystadyfodwg. This is the second new church which has been opened in the parish during the present year. During the last four years three new churches have been built, and the parish church has been considerably enlarged. The population is almost exclusively of the collier class, and so rapid has been its increase that the enlargement of a new church, opened only in 1883, has become an urgent necessity.

The *Yorkshire Post* states that Mr. Jolly, who has been for seventeen years pastor of the Baptist Chapel, Boston, has seceded from that body, and is now a candidate for ordination by the Bishop of Ripon. The Baptists were a very influential body in Boston until recently, but in consequence of disputes between the pastor and the deacons, there has been a great falling off in the attendance at the chapel. A short time ago Mr. Jolly tendered his resignation, after which the triennial election of deacons returned a majority of staunch supporters of the pastor, who pressed him to withdraw his resignation. Mr. Jolly, before setting out on his holiday tour, promised to send an answer to the request. Nothing further was heard from him direct, but the application for ordination is a sufficient answer. Some of his admirers have determined to present him with a testimonial of their regard. Mr. Jolly has been the leading Nonconformist minister of the district, and his secession has caused quite a sensation in South Lincolnshire.

On Wednesday the Bishop of Salisbury re-opened [Wimborne, St. Giles', which had been thoroughly restored by the Countess of Shaftesbury as a memorial of her late husband. The church was rebuilt in the Georgian style, and though some improvements had been effected in the time of the seventh earl, it had no pretensions to beauty of any kind. Under the care of Messrs. Bodley and Garner, however, it has become an elegant and church-like structure. The altar, now properly vested, is ornamented with a cross and candlesticks, and two vases for flowers. There is also a white frontal to the altar, and on the wall behind is hung a dossal reaching to the roof. It is of a rich red colour, and shows off the altar very effectively. At the west end of the south aisle is inserted a brass tablet to commemorate the restoration of the church. The inscription is as follows:—"To the glory of God as a thank-offering for many happy years of married life, and as a memorial to her husband, Anthony Ashley Cooper, eighth Earl of Shaftesbury, and to fulfil his heart's desire, this church has been restored by Harriet, Countess of Shaftesbury." The Bishop celebrated at eight o'clock and preached at eleven, taking for his text St. John vi. 12.

The London Correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, who was at St. Paul's on Sunday afternoon, says the preacher was the Canon-in-residence, the Rev. Henry Scott Holland. "Mr. Holland was appointed by Mr. Gladstone in the year 1883 at an unusually early age, and he has fully justified the appointment by proving himself one of the most effective and popular preachers in the Chapter of St. Paul's. At Oxford, where before his appointment he resided as a tutor of Christ Church, and elsewhere in the early days of his ministerial career, his style was marred by a startling redundancy of epithet and illustration which caused a little girl who heard him to exclaim in admiration, 'Oh, what a lot of adjectives he knows!' but the process of years has chastened his diction, while it has abated none of his fire, his brilliancy, his passionate earnestness. His text to-day was Galatians iii. 18, 19, and his sermon was an elaborate and ingenious parallel between the operation of law in the natural and spiritual worlds. Close to me was Mr. Reginald Palgrave, chief clerk of the

House of Commons, who seemed thoroughly to enjoy the reposeful sensation of being hidden in the tabernacle from the strife of Parliamentary tongues."

At Dorchester, on Saturday, the Rev Robert Gray, D.D., rector of Toller, and formerly Dean of Pretoria, was charged with assaulting one of his parishioners named John Yeates. It was stated that a few days ago Yeates was in the village inn talking over the affairs of the parish with some friends, and was overheard by the rector, who was in an adjoining room, condemning the laws which allowed a clergyman to remain in a parish when two-thirds of the inhabitants were opposed to him. The rector entered the room and, putting his fist in Yeates's face, said "If I were not a clergyman of the Church of England I would knock you down." Yeates advised him not to touch him and called him a bad man. Dr. Gray thereupon struck the complainant, who is an old man, a violent blow on the head. Yeates closed with the rector and a struggle ensued. Ultimately the contestants were separated, the complainant bearing several marks of the affray. The rector pleaded provocation and practically admitted the assault. He said he had been subjected to great abuse from complainant, and remarked to the bench, "Even if I am a clergyman you would not have me lie down in the road and have my throat cut. I am a clergyman but I am a man." The bench imposed a fine of £5, which was paid. Another charge of assault was postponed on the application of the defendant.

In an article on the Strand churches, written in the interests of the iconoclasts who would pull them down, the *Daily Telegraph* describes the slums north of St. Mary's and St. Clement's, adding:—"Into this deplorable neighbourhood, full of vice and crime, few people except the parson, the doctor, and the police, penetrate; but Mr. Thomas (of the Clare-market Mission) is assisted in his work by at least one Judge—Sir W. Grantham—who is the treasurer, and frequently reads the lessons on Sunday nights. Assistance is also given by some half-dozen barristers and by a few devoted ladies, including Miss Alderson and Mrs. Willis. Legal firms liberally contribute to augment the slender allowance from the Bishop of London's Fund. The Sunday school is better attended than the classes are at the parent church (St. Clement's), and there is some meeting arranged for every week night, except Saturdays. The duties of the curate-in-charge are similar to those of a relieving officer. Nearly one hundred and twenty children have been sent into the country this year, each for a fortnight. Others have been emigrated. In one case the mother had exclaimed one night to her daughter, 'Go; I hope you'll be brought home dead.' Much of the degradation is attributed to drinking habits, which among women are increasing frightfully, the reason being, it is said that the poor creatures are underfed and abominably housed. In one short street the average to each house is forty persons, and no house is a large one."

On Wednesday week, a long meeting of the general committee for the consecration of the cathedral was held at Truro, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe in the chair, to consider the arrangements for November 3rd, when the Prince of Wales will be present. The noble chairman read a correspondence with the Prince of Wales, who had written to express his regret that the Princess would not probably be able to be present, as she would have only just returned from Denmark. His Royal Highness suggested that a public luncheon immediately after the service might not be appropriate. He also pointed out that as Mount Edgumbe, to which he had been invited by the noble Earl, was a long distance from Truro, it would perhaps be better for him to proceed to Falmouth direct from London, and to return to his quarters on board the yacht Osborne immediately after the ceremony. Amongst the other business transacted by the general committee, it was agreed that the high sheriff should make arrangements for drawing up a county address for presentation to the Prince. Three committees are now at work—namely, the reception, construction, and distribution of tickets committee. At the general meeting it was resolved, "that as the executive committee had decided that it was not possible to make any charge for admission to the cathedral on the opening day, a committee should be appointed to represent the county of Cornwall and the city of Truro, to ascertain what expense must be incurred in connection with the reception of the Prince of Wales on the opening day of the Cathedral, and to issue an appeal jointly with those who have to provide for the expenses connected with the opening services for the necessary funds." The committee desired it to be made known that the expenses would be large. A certain amount of construction would be required for the accommodation of people in the cathedral, and also for the public reception of the Prince. It is suggested that a joint choir should take part in the service on the opening day.

The Attorney-General has appointed Mr. Horace Avery one of the Counsel to the Treasury in Mint cases at the Central Criminal Court, in succession to the late Mr. Crawford.

PROPOSED RINGING ASSOCIATION FOR CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.

We are requested to print the following circular:—

"DEAR SIR,—With reference to the circular as to the formation of a Ringers' Association, we find that the Archdeacon of Chester had already mentioned the subject in his recent charge. He proposes to bring the matter before the Diocesan conference, and immediately afterwards to call a meeting at Chester, and as we think it will be desirable to take combined action in the matter, we hope you will be able to come to such meeting (of which you shall receive due notice) and to support the scheme.—We are, yours faithfully, Ven. Archdeacon Barber; Richard Pease, Secretary (*pro tem*)."

THE LEAVES OF THE BLACK BRYONY.—By no means conspicuous as regards its flower, this plant will probably be yet well known to all who, with any appreciation of the beauties of nature, have wandered along our hedgerows in the long days of summer—for the foliage of the black bryony is one of the most graceful and most ordinary draperies that fringe and festoon the plants of the hedge or copse. The long trailing stems are thickly covered with the great heart-shaped leaves, and one of its most beautiful features, noticeable on pulling down some six feet of it from its attachment, is the delicate gradation of form and size from the great leaves of the lower portion to the lighter forms near the extremity of the stem. The last leaves are often not more than an inch in length. The brilliant gloss of the leaves is another feature that will at once attract the eye; the young leaves near the extremities are a somewhat pale and yellowish green, and have little of this polished surface, but the main bulk of the foliage—all that most readily catches the eye—is of a dark-bluish green, and has the glossy surface that is so characteristic a feature as the plant, and that makes it very noticeable amongst the other foliage up which it climbs or that surrounds it in the hedgerow or coppice.—From "*Cassell's Familiar Wild Flowers*" for September.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

REPLY TO MR. WASHBROOK.

SIR,—I ought to feel grateful to Mr. Washbrook for pointing out to me his reason for starting with a quick six in his peal of Stedman Caters, but I fail to see the necessity for such a start, and contend that the coming round course has nothing whatever to do with it, therefore his reason become unreasonable. He then says for hardly before you know you are out of the tittums, the bells are in rounds. This sounds very nice to those that are unacquainted with the method, but it is nothing new, as this plan of turning the large bells was got years before Mr. W. began to think anything at all about ringing. In his letter he infers that I make use of the word rubbish; I do nothing of the kind, for in my letters to this journal I always endeavour to avoid offensive remarks—however now he has given us the correct calling for his first course in the 13129 of Stedman Caters, the word is applicable to it, as such calling makes his peal false. CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Snider Works, Sheffield, September 12th, 1887.

TOWER ELECTIONS.

SIR,—According to last week's "BELL NEWS," I see the Chelmsford business is now confined to the question whether the election of Mr. Smith is valid or not, the other part of the question being dropped, and, I conclude, as the Scotch say, "not proven." If Mr. Smith's election is not valid then other elections in the tower by, not only the Essex Association, but other Societies will not hold good. Who is prepared to make such a statement as this? An attempt is being made to twist and cavil over the word "required." How is it this has never been done before? In the case of Mr. F. Dawe's election in Chelmsford tower, previous to starting for a peal of Grandsire Triples, was this objection then made? Was an objection made in Mr. Fussell's case at Barking? Was an objection made in Mr. Jacob's case at Romford? No, Sir, these three peals have been rung and entered in our Association peal-book, without the slightest opposition being offered, and since the rule referred to has been in force. Then why all this "ado about nothing?" There are many cases where ringers have actually stood out to allow a friend to take part in a peal that he was not originally intended to be in. For instance a friend of mine was asked to ring in another's stead in a St. James's peal in London, but it was necessary to make him a member previous to starting; if this peal had been rung, is it to be considered null and void, because he was not required, the gentleman that made room for him being outside the tower? The whole thing is ridiculous, and will not hold water. Without wishing to say anything harsh to

any of my friends, I must say (not being unmindful of kindnesses done), that all this anonymous correspondence—this stabbing in the dark—will never answer in the long run. Persecutions in a good cause never succeeded yet, even though it might have been carried on for a length of years. I cannot help saying, Sir, that had a certain gentleman in a certain quarter have met the band at Chelmsford tower on Whit-Sunday evening, as he was asked to do, and tried his hand at his first touch of Caters—as one ringer did—that we should never have had our eagerly-looked-for "BELL NEWS" crowded over such an unwarrantable piece of business as this has been. Chelmsford tower has been open to any band since the two trebles were returned. There has been no real opening of the bells. The Archdeacon is no respecter of persons. He is willing to oblige all I believe. Facts speak for themselves—another band, as I understand, having attempted a peal since our first attempt. We rang our peal—a level 5000—and I shall always think of it with pleasure, as being one of the best peals I have ever rung. Why not give us our due?

ACLAND J. PERKINS.

MOCK ELECTIONS.

SIR,—You have in your editorial column again brought before us a question of considerable importance to the Exercise, namely the mock election of members in any out-of-the-way tower, in all cases without previous intimation to any officer and in many instances without any so-called after-ratification by the committee because the attempt for the peal proves a failure. It is a matter of little public concern whether or not a certain peal, rung, by say six *bona fide* members of an Association, assisted by two other ringers (whose names, simply as a matter of form have been proposed and seconded in the tower before starting), is registered as an Association peal. But this practice of mock elections opens a course of questionable procedure, which frequently causes ill-feeling among the members, and raises suspicion outside the Association. It is undoubtedly one of the first duties of County and Diocesan Associations to annihilate every custom (never mind how universally recognised a practice it be) that is open to such abuse. The rule of the Sussex County Association (of which I am a member) provides that all members shall be elected either at a committee or general meeting, and has worked satisfactorily during the past three years. I trust that members may be found in every Association to raise this question at their general meeting, and I look forward to a time, at no distant date, when these mock elections may be only known as an evil of the past.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

Brighton.

RECKLESS STATEMENTS.

SIR,—In Mr. Washbrook's letter in last week's "BELL NEWS," in referring to the 120 course-ends of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, he says "but never has a peal of that number of courses been composed that will run home half-way." Now if Mr. Washbrook will take the trouble to look in "THE BELL NEWS" for July 23rd and August 20th, 1887, he will find two peals containing the 120 course-ends that will run home true at the half-way, by omitting the single. There has also been peals of Bob Major published, containing the 120 course-ends, that will run home true at the half way. I think Mr. Washbrook should not make such statements unless he is able to prove them.

LOOKER-ON.

DOUBLE COURT BOB AT HOLY TRINITY, WEST HAM.

SIR,—Will you permit me to say a few words respecting the above 720, in order that your readers may have a clear statement of the whole matter. In my humble opinion I consider Mr. Keeble has misapprehended the account in your issue for August 6th. The words used are, "also after service at the first attempt," which I understand to mean, on that particular night a 720 was struck by the band in the tower without any failure. Again, Mr. Randall is perfectly correct in stating this 720 to be the first in the method in Holy Trinity tower. Surely, Sir, we are not compelled to recognise any abortive attempts, such as were made on the 30th of June. If Mr. Randall's record had been worded differently your readers might see possibly some justification in Mr. Keeble's contention, but seeing that there can be but one construction placed upon it, I am surprised that Mr. Keeble has so blinded himself to its true meaning. I can confirm everything that Mr. Randall has stated in reference to myself in his last letter. Those who had the pleasure of ringing in this first 720 came over especially to oblige myself, and this promise had been given previously to June 30th. I quite agree with Mr. Keeble in thinking that his contention is a small matter, and being so, it is a wonder that as it appears to him in this light he has seen the necessity of sending his letter for publication. I hope that in the future he will find a worthier subject to write upon, and as a change-ringer endeavour not to raise discord and puerile arguments, which can only engender strife in an art where good feeling and unity should reign supreme.

A. S. DOWLING.

Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

SIR,—As regards the statement under the above heading which appeared in your valuable paper, I consider Mr. Miller quite out of place in replying, as he was not a member of either society till elected on the occasion of the attempt of the peal at St. Chad's. And as to his invitation, it was not for want of an invitation they had not been, for I have asked them myself, and the tower has always been open to them, and I am quite sure our worthy steeple-keeper (Mr. Saniger), would have been very pleased to have had everything in readiness for them if, they had thought fit to pay him a visit at any time. Next the secretary of the Holt society writes to you a bombastic letter, although that society had not been mentioned. I suppose he thought if he threw a lot of dirt some of it would stick. I beg to tell him and any one it may concern, that the Amalgamated society consists of members from St. Chad's, St. Philip's, St. John's (Deritend), Moseley, and West Bromwich, also some unattached and honorary members, the membership not interfering with their duties in their respective companies, and that they have jurisdiction in some of the churches. We think "A New Man" has put the position of the Birmingham ringers very truly, and if he could conduct them through a real state of amalgamation, he would confer a lasting favour on the young ringers of the town and neighbourhood. If you would please insert this on behalf of our society, for whom I am writing with their full knowledge; we shall not trouble you with any more correspondence on this matter.

J. CARTER,

Secretary Birmingham Amalgamated Society.

THE CHELMSFORD PEAL.

SIR,—The late Hon. Sec. of the Essex Association has come to the rescue. In doing so he contends there is no unwritten law as to the notification of election before a peal. Surely the rev. gentleman must be aware that it is a custom to publish such elections, and that custom often becomes law. As an illustration, in civil actions at law counsel often submit and judges admit of evidence as to custom, and upon such, important actions have before now been decided. What better evidence need we in support of the custom of publishing tower elections through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." Are not nine out of ten tower elections notified? Is the rev. gentleman aware that this very omission was the cause of keeping the Harlow peal out of the Essex Association peal-book? What would he say to a peal rang during Lent or upon a Sunday? Is he aware that attempts at the latter have been made since he left the county, by an Association band? There is nothing in the rules to prevent the entry of such in the peal-book, but would he not have supported a protest against such upon the grounds that it was contrary to custom to encourage them? Evidently "New Man" is well able to take care of himself, and knew perfectly well what he was about in making use of the objectionable term. I was discussing the question of this individual's identification the other day with a brother string, who remarked that he had in his possession a document showing that a certain gentleman one year neglected to pay his subscription, therefore if the idea that "A New Man" is the one in question who has failed to keep up his payments there need not be much beating about the bush, for the individual in question was actually a prominent member of the Chelmsford band.

LITTLE BOB.

[Correspondence upon this subject must now cease.—Ed.]

RINGING PEALS ON SUNDAY.

SIR,—"A New Man" has thought fit to criticise the Painswick peal in a manner rather unpleasant to those who were engaged in it. He says "why choose a Sunday above all other days?" Speaking for myself: because it was the most convenient, and I do not think it "Sabbath breaking" any more to ring a 5000 for service than a touch. Looking at it in another way, if the worthy Vicar could see no objection, why should "A New Man's" conscience be troubled? I shall feel extremely obliged to "A New Man" if his remarks are the means of placing any difficulty in our way of obtaining the bells at a future time.

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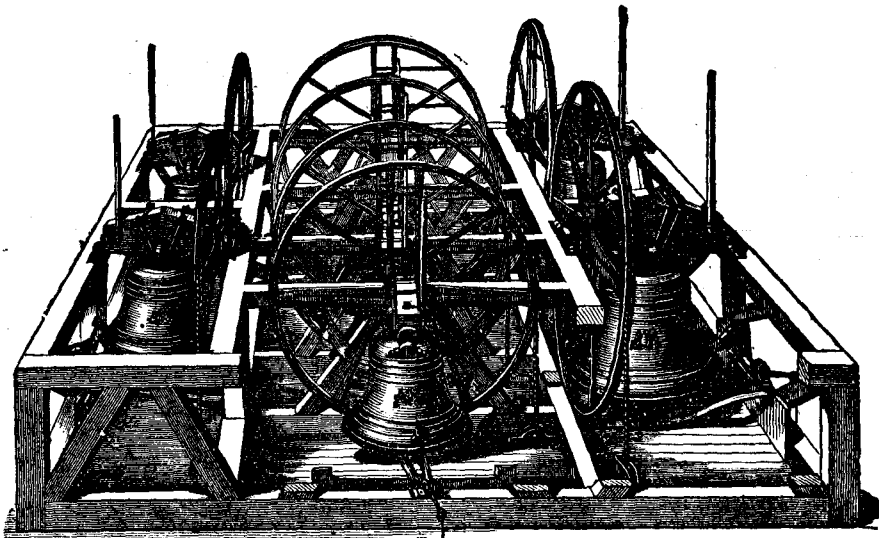


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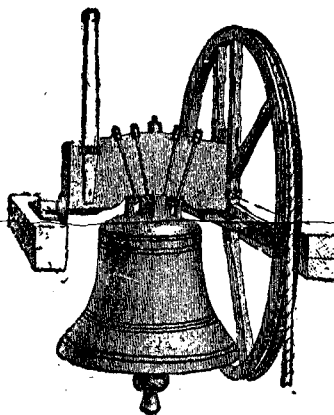
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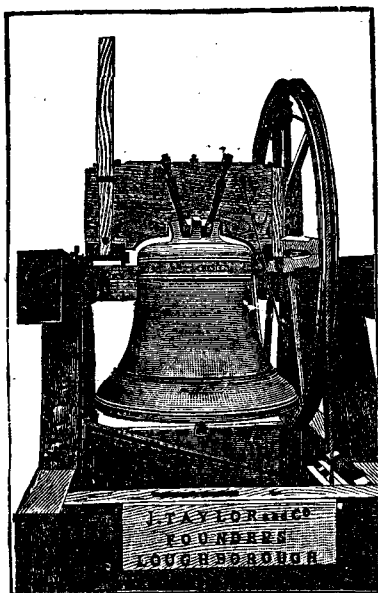
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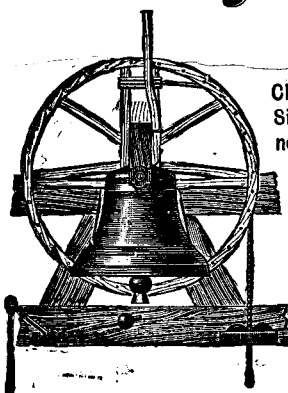
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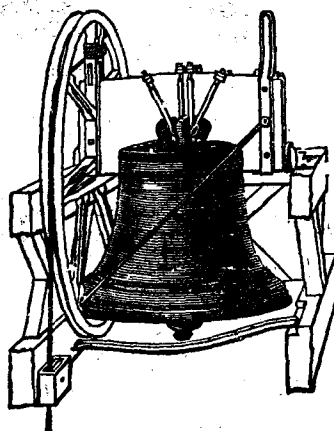
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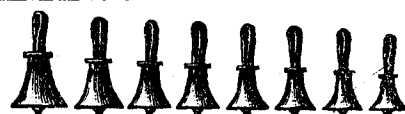
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There is a ring of eight bells in Bath Abbey, and other rings of eight in and near the city. Formerly we used to read of an Association or Guild for Bath and neighbourhood, but it seems to be defunct, as no reports of its doings ever appear.

The city of Wells ("the city of the Mendip") is renowned for its magnificent Cathedral, which is said to "distance all its competitors, both in the completeness of its ground plan, the richness and profusion of its sculpture, the delicacy and grace of its architecture, the almost perfect preservation of its three gates, palace, college, and conventual buildings; the extent of grassy lawn, and harmonious and picturesque accessories. Flaxman, Stothard, and Cockerell—sculptor, painter, and architect—have all borne enthusiastic testimony to the superb west front, entirely covered with sculptures, 153 of the size of life and larger, including twenty-one crowned kings, eight queens, thirty-one mitred ecclesiastics, seven knights, fourteen nobles and princes, all drawn by Carter in 1784-6; and upwards of 450 smaller figures, embodying the whole Christian scheme, from the creation of the world to the day of final retribution, which crowns the central gable, while in the third tier are designs from

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The front of the main north transept is of four stages. On the west angle is an astronomical clock, constructed in 1325 by Peter Lightfoot, a monk of Glastonbury; on the summit are five mounted figures, who revolve when the hours strike; two are knights, one is a hooded jester, the other has a Jacobæan costume. The seated figures strike the hours and quarters with their feet.

The situation of the building is remarkably imposing. From each of the high roads the three glorious towers forms a conspicuous object. The palace at Wells resembles an old baronial castle, with its strong military gateway, bastions, broad moat, embattled wall, built by Bishop de Salopia, in the year 1329, and an area of seven acres. In this palace Bishop Kidder and his wife were killed by a portion of the building falling in during the great storm of 1703. In the palace gardens is St. Andrew's well.

The ring of eight at Wells has recently been alluded to in these pages. Ringing seems here at a very low ebb. Perhaps what is required to give it an impetus is the establishment of a Diocesan Association, and if there should be any one who reads this brief account, that will but take the requisite initiatory steps, he may rest assured that his hands will be strengthened in so desirable a work.

ST. EDMUND'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

On Sunday, September 18th, before Divine Service in the morning at St. Edmund's Church, the first part of Reeves's variation peal of Grandsire Triples (560 changes). T. Townsend, 1; T. Herbert, 2; H. Swift, 3; E. Pitt (conductor), 4; W. Goss, 5; W. C. Marsh, 6; W. Richardson, 7; A. Searle, 8. In the afternoon several members walked to Poltimore, a village about four miles from Exeter. After asking permission to ring, the bells were raised in peal, and several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles rung. T. Townsend, 1; W. Goss, 2; E. Pitt (conductor), 3; A. Searle, 4; W. Richardson, 5; T. Halse, 6. After which some call changes was rung with the parish ringers. These bells, six in number, have recently been rehung by Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, and it is needless to say they go splendidly. The tenor is a good toned bell about 14 cwt., and bears the inscription, "SIR COPLESTONE WARWICK BAMPFYLDE, BENEFACTOR, 1723, E E WE." Besides the bells, the church contains many things of interest to the visitor, among which is the family vault of the Bampfylde, the ancestors of the present Lord Poltimore. On the tomb is two figures in stone, dressed in the fashion of Queen Elizabeth's reign, and lying at the feet of the male is a dog, and at that of the female lays a lamb. The family seat of Lord Poltimore is also worth looking at. The return journey was a very pleasant one, the party passing through the beautiful grounds of Lord Poltimore, known as Poltimore Park. The party wish to return their thanks to the vicar for granting them permission to ring.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, BRISTOL.—Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have recast the four back bells of the peal of eight, the whole of which have been entirely new hung in iron framework. Weights of the new bells: 5th, 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.; 6th, 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.; 7th, 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.; tenor, 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lbs. Inscription on all the bells: "In the Jubilee year of our gracious Queen Victoria, 1887. W. Hazledine, vicar; Robert H. Symes, Arthur E. White, Churchwardens."

DEDICATION SERVICE AT CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

There have recently been added three new bells to Cranham Church tower, making a peal of six. Mr. Joseph Horlick, of Rock House, Barnwood, near Gloucester, a former inhabitant of Cranham, very generously presented one, and also handsomely subscribed towards the general expense of the other two new ones, and the hanging, etc. Mr. W. F. Hicks-Beach, of Witcombe Park, Cranham, was treasurer, and also one of the principal donors. This gentleman has also given an entirely new leaden-covered roof to the tower. Mr. Clement Birt, of Painswick, very successfully carried out the work of the new roof. Mr. E. Gastrell, timber merchant of Cranham, gave the whole of the oak timber required for the framing of the bells. Mr. E. Bowl, of Overtown, very generously sent his teams and brought the bells from Stroud station. Mr. W. S. Hall (a large subscriber), undertook the whole duty of correspondent, and very much credit and the thanks of the parish are due to Mr. Hall for the great attention and the much valuable time he has cheerfully given to bring the work to a successful issue. Mr. G. Holloway, M.P., is also one of the largest subscribers. It would be invidious to mention more names, for nearly every person in the parish took more or less interest in the work. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, supplied and fixed the bells, and are to be complimented on the efficiency of their work.

The opening and dedication service was held on Tuesday last by Archdeacon Sheringham, attended by the following clergymen:—Rev. R. H. Denne, rector of Brimpsfield and Cranham; Rev. E. Mogridge, curate-in-charge, Cranham; Rev. R. Strong, Shepscombe; Rev. Mr. Hayward, Winstone; Rev. Mr. Trye, Leckhampton; Rev. Mr. Woolcombe, Syde; Rev. Mr. Price, Elkstone; Rev. Mr. Wilson, Cowley, read the first lesson; Rev. Mr. Liddell, Cubberley, read the second lesson. The following dedication was pronounced by the Archdeacon:—"In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, we humbly offer and dedicate these three bells to the honour and Glory of God, and the uses of the church of Cranham for ever." The following prayer was offered:—"O Lord, we beseech Thee most graciously to accept the offerings which we make to Thee this day; sanctify these works of our hands to the purposes which they shall serve; bless with Thy favour those who shall be joined together before this Altar; comfort the heart of the mourner; order the steps of Thy servants in Thy way when these bells shall call them; sanctify Thy feasts which they shall celebrate with joyful sounds, and finally guard this Holy House from all harm of fire and tempest, flood and storm, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen." The church was crowded to excess, and a collection amounting to £5 was made, which will be devoted towards building an organ chamber and a small vestry. It may be also added that about £20 balance in hand of the bell fund will be applied for the same purpose, also that next Sunday will be the annual harvest festival, when the Right Rev. Dr. Swells, of Clifton, will be the preacher morning and evening.

In the evening a capital dinner was given to all the local ringers, under the presidency of Mr. Horlick, supported by Messrs. W. S. Hall, Gastrell, Gardner, Richings, Hunt, etc., Cranham; Messrs. Wells, Elmbridge Court; Fewings and Pinching, Birdlip. The Chairman gave the usual loyal and other toasts, which were well received; and the health of the Chairman was then given, and very heartily responded to, and so closed one of the most eventful days in the history of Cranham.

Form of service was as follows:—Processional hymn, 391; Psalm 83; Collects for the day; Prevent us O Lord; Hymn; First lesson, Numbers x, 1-10; Psalm 122; Second lesson, Revelation xix, 1-9; Address to the Archdeacon; Hymn 215; Words of dedication; Touch on bells; Hymn 365; Te Deum; Benediction. The following ringing was done during the day. A 240 of Grandsire Minor. — Morris, 1; J. Middlecote, 2; W. Sevier (conductor) 3; J. Baldwin, 4; D. Marment, 5; G. Miles, 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). W. Hale, 1; H. Mitchell, 2; W. Sevier, 3; T. Downham, 4; E. Smart (conductor), 5; G. Miles, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. There were also a number of six-scores during the day. Ringers assembled from Gloucester, Upton St. Leonards, Barnwood, Brockworth, and Painswick, and they also attended Divine Service. The bands returned home at a late hour, very pleased with the day's proceedings.—*Local paper.*

A VISIT TO SAFFRON WALDEN.

On Saturday, September 3rd, I journeyed from Long Melford Station by the mid-day train to the above place, with the intention of starting for a peal the same evening. At 6 o'clock the ringers began to muster in force, and at 6.30 a start was made for a one-part peal of Kent Treble Bob, consisting of 5024 changes, and composed by N. J. Pitstow. The ringers were stationed as follows: G. C. Hammond (conductor), 1; F. Pitstow, 2; G. Martin, 3; N. J. Pitstow, 4; J. Penning, 5; G. Freeman, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; G. Taylor (Cambridge), 8. All proceeded favourably for 50 minutes (in which time nearly 1300 changes were rung), when a tremendous thumping was heard at the bottom door. This continuing, the steeple-keeper, Mr. F. Pitstow, called "stand," thinking that the Vicar had come to stop us, because of illness near the church. The last named gentleman descended the tower, to find out the cause of our being interrupted, when behold! four ringers? wanted admittance, saying, "Let us in, we're the Newport ringers!" These benighted ringers (?) after hearing the bells for nearly an hour to the tune of sweet Treble Bob, had the audacity to thump at the door, till we were obliged to stop. After this unfortunate occurrence, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, and a 560 of Double Norwich Court Bob was attempted, but both came to grief. After falling the bells, an adjournment was made to the meeting house, "The King's Head," and the handbells were brought into requisition, when touches of Stedman, Grandsire, and Double Norwich were successfully brought round. The bells were rung for the three services on Sunday, and short touches in various methods were accomplished. A 356 of Grandsire Triples was brought round for the morning service, and the bells were going at the rate of thirty-three changes a minute, as they were timed by a competent ringer outside. As the tenor weighs 24 cwt., this coincides with some remarks lately made in "THE BELL NEWS" concerning quick peals. On Monday evening an attempt was made for Holt's Original, but was lost after ringing over 1000 changes. H. Lapstead, 1; G. C. Hammond, 2; J. Penning, 3; G. Martin, 4; E. Pitstow, 5; G. Freeman, 6; F. Pitstow (conductor), 7; A. Coe, 8.

The following morning I was en route for Long Melford, and in conclusion I wish to thank, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" all those ringers who kindly met me, and who tried to make my visit a happy and successful one.

G. C. HAMMOND.

ST. MARY'S, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

On Sunday, September 18th, being Harvest Festival, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung before the afternoon service. G. E. Harborne, 1; R. J. Pearce, 2; W. G. Burge, 3; C. E. May, 4; T. Doble (conductor), 5; T. Radford, 6. Also a six-score in the same method, conducted by R. J. Pearce, who attained his 21st birthday, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns, and also expressed a hope as he had begun, he would still go on and persevere in the noble art of change-ringing. The following evening, at the invitation of Mr. Pearce, several members of the Guild and friends spent a few hours together at his house, when several selections were played on the handbells, songs sung, and ample justice having been done to the good things our friend supplied, brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings ever spent by any member of the Guild.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Longbridge Deverill, on Thursday, October 6th, when the bells will be at the disposal of members and friends from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m., members free, others 6d. each. Names of those purposing to attend to be sent to Mr. G. Parham, captain of the Longbridge Deverill company, before September 26th.

J. R. JERRAM, Sec.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

The usual Quarterly Meeting of this Society will be held on Thursday evening, September 29th, at the "Ring of Bells." All members who can make it convenient, are earnestly requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, Secretary.

AMONGST LONDON RINGERS.

A short time ago, Mr. Editor, I thought I would go as far as London. Accordingly on Monday, August 29th, found me comfortably seated in the train leaving Manchester (London Road), at 12.15 a.m., for the great metropolis, where we arrived safely at 6.30 a.m. During the journey a sleep was out of the question, as my companions were of the convivial sort, singing all sorts of songs, a few recitations, etc., and of course the inevitable refreshments were brought out just to show there was no ill-feeling amongst us. We had to part at our journey's end however, which was done with best wishes for each other's future welfare. I will not trouble you with an account of as to what I did during the daytime whilst in London, but will proceed with my experiences anent the above.

The first night there was a meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth, but could not attend, much to my disappointment. Tuesday was the night for practice at the headquarters of the College Youths (of which body I am a member), viz., St. Saviour's, Southwark. The night however turned out a very wet one, and in consequence only a few members turned up. Having seen a few of those present on a former visit, I was almost instantly recognised and was introduced to the others who had not previously seen me. There were not enough however to have a pull on the bells, so business was at once proceeded with. During the evening I had a look through the various peal books, album, etc., of the society, and especially the one presented by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., which is really a magnificent one. The only ringing done was a touch on the handbells by Messrs. McLaughlin, Winny, Hayes, and myself. The next night's (Wednesday) practice I was informed would be at St. Paul's, Shadwell. This church however must have hid herself under the Thames for that night at least, as on making enquiries where it was, no one seemed to know, so I had to be content with a long walk and no ringing. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, I was unable to attend anywhere. Sunday I had intended being in the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral to hear some Stedman Cinques, but not knowing the times of the early trains from Stratford (where I had been staying), I arrived at St. Paul's just in time to miss the ringers going up, so of course I had to be content with listening outside. In the afternoon however I was in time, and had the pleasure of being in the belfry whilst the touch of Stedman Cinques was rung. Here I was introduced to the affable and obliging conductor, Mr. J. Pettit. In the evening I had the pleasure of ringing the seventh to a touch of Treble Bob Major at St. Stephen's, Westminster, which are a splendid peal of eight, tenor 24 cwt.

Monday was practice at St. Clement Danes, Strand, the headquarters of the St. James' society. Here I conducted two touches of Grandsire Caters, one of 593, and the other 270 changes, and also rang the third to a touch of Stedman Caters, conducted by J. M. Hayes. The members then adjourned to the meeting-house in Wych Street, where the business of the society was then gone through, after which a little handbell ringing was done. Tuesday was practice at St. Paul's cathedral, where I rang the ninth in some Stedman Cinques; three touches were started for, but unfortunately not one was brought round. The meeting-house was then adjourned to, where the evening was finished up with a little handbell ringing.

Wednesday's practice was at Christ Church, Spitalfields. Here I conducted a touch of Grandsire Triples and two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, and rang in a touch of Grandsire Triples and one of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Pettit. Thursday no meeting at all. Friday being the fortnightly practice at St. Michael's, Cornhill, of course found me there. Here I rang the eighth to three courses of Stedman Cinques, conducted by J. Pettit, and also rang the same bell to a course of Treble Bob Maximus. For Saturday, Mr. Pettit had kindly arranged a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's, Shadwell (the invisible church). This time with the aid of Mr. S. Joyce, the church was found. Having stripped and got the bells up, Mr. Pettit cried "go," but as we had not a very good start, we stopped. "Go" was called again, but we had only rung about five mins., when the sixth bell (the one I was ringing), caught something and would not rise. A second time she did this, but this time was worse, so I called "stand," and was just setting her when to my surprise I could find nothing to stop her, and not wishing to make a larger hole in the ceiling I let her go over

and do as she liked. On going to see what was the matter, no slide bar could be found anywhere, and how it had got knocked off we could not tell. The bell was again pulled up, and "go" called a third time, and as we thought for the last time, but oh! horror. We had only rung ten minutes when there was some more knocking. This time it was at the front door, a little girl wanted to know if her mother had done cleaning. By this time we began to think those bells were haunted for peal ringing for that night, but at any rate we determined on having another try, and to our satisfaction we had the pleasure (mine especially) of hearing that favourite change come up 12345678. I need hardly say that this was my first attempt at a peal of Stedman Triples. The account of this peal was reported in last week's paper. On Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was to have been rung at St. Mary's, Lambeth, but proved unsuccessful. I had the pleasure of calling a short touch in the same method to make up time. In the afternoon I rang the ninth through three courses of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's cathedral, this bringing to a close my ringing whilst in London, as the same night found me on the way to St. Pancras station, there to join in a train leaving at 12.15, mid-night, for Manchester. After giving you this account of my ringing, I should think it most ungenerous on my part if I did not give some recompense. I therefore wish to thank most heartily Messrs. Pettit, Greenleaf, Mash, Coofer, Hayes, Winny, McLaughlin, Horrex, Woodley, Barry, Cecil, Clark, Springhall, Joyce, etc., for the pleasure they gave me in the matter of ringing during the time I was in London. A. E. WREAKS.

Manchester.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

ON Saturday afternoon, September 10th, the members of the above society paid a visit to Bath. The jolly boys who were accompanied by Mr. H. Porch, the foreman, Mr. W. Hill, Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. T. Jewell, Hon. Treasurer, started from St. James, Barton, at two o'clock, the weather being fine the joy of the boys was unbounded. Although passing through Brislington, where there is a ring of six, and Keynsham a ring of eight, the party did not stop until Twerton was reached. Upon arrival at the church they were met by Mr. H. Wootton, who very kindly had all things in readiness for a pull. After raising the bells, a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung. H. Tucker, 1; G. Pymm, 2; W. Paddock, 3; G. Pearse, 4; W. W. Porch, 5; H. Porch (conductor), 6; A. Howell, 7; W. Hill, 8. Also 168 in the same method, with Mr. H. Wootton at the 4th, it being his first touch of Stedman Triples. Just as the bells were lowered, Messrs. Gifford and Barkus, of Salisbury, put in an appearance, but the lads being in a hurry for tea, and anxious for a dip in Bath waters, they accompanied the party to Bath, and took tea with them at West's refreshment rooms, after which the bathers proceeded to the baths, while the rest wandered through the city and park to St. Andrew's Church, where the ringers were already in waiting to welcome the Bristol visitors. The bells being raised in peal, a 207 of Grandsire Triples was rung. F. Gooding, 1; A. Pearse, 2; A. W. Barkus, 3; H. Wootton, 4; G. Pymm, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; F. Jewell, 8. Also 252 of Stedman Triples. A. Howell, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; W. Paddock, 3; G. Pearse, 4; G. Pymm, 5; W. W. Porch, 6; H. Porch (conductor), 7; W. Hill, 8. This is also Mr. Gifford's first touch in the method. It was now time for to think about the return journey, so under the guidance of Mr. Wootton, the party wended their way through the city to the old Bristol bridge, the boys exhibiting signs of being away from home. All being seated in the break, the return journey was commenced at twenty minutes to nine, songs of a very amusing character were indulged in, also some wit and humour from A. Owl, who appeared to be greatly delighted in the cool breezes of a starry night. Home was reached at a quarter to eleven, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed their half holiday to Bath.

H. PORCH.

ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL.

ON Friday evening, September 16th, the usual practice commenced at the above church, and will be continued every alternate Friday evening at 8.30 from the above date,

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE

MAJOR.

5056.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford*.

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

In this peal the 2nd or 3rd are never in 6th place.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By JOHN SIDEBOTHAM, *Mottram, Cheshire*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
6 2 5 3 4	-	2	2	-
6 5 3 2 4	1	-	2	2
5 6 4 2 3	2	-	2	2
2 4 6 5 3	-	2	2	-
2 6 5 4 3	-	1	2	2
6 3 5 4 2	2	-	1	2
4 5 2 3 6	2	-	2	-
2 6 3 5 4	2	-	2	2
2 3 5 6 4	1	-	2	2
3 4 5 6 2	2	-	1	2
5 4 6 3 2	-	2	1	-
6 2 3 4 5	2	-	2	2
2 5 3 4 6	2	-	1	2
2 3 4 5 6	1	-	2	2

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
2 4 5 3 6	1	-	2	2
3 5 4 2 6	1	-	2	2
4 6 2 5 3	2	-	2	2
5 2 6 4 3	1	-	2	2
2 5 3 4 6	-	1	2	-
4 2 3 5 6	1	-	2	-
6 3 2 5 4	2	-	1	1
5 2 3 6 4	-	2	2	-
2 5 4 6 3	2	-	2	2
5 3 4 6 2	2	-	1	2
2 6 4 3 5	2	-	2	1
2 4 3 6 5	1	-	2	2
6 5 4 3 2	2	-	2	-
2 3 4 5 6	2	-	2	1

This peal has the 6th its extent in all positions, four course-ends wrong and five right.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	2	2	2
2 6 3 5 4	-	2	-
6 2 4 5 3	2	-	2
4 3 5 2 6	1	1	2
3 2 5 4 6	-	2	-

Repeated.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	2	2	2
5 3 6 2 4	-	1	2
3 2 6 5 4	-	2	-
4 3 5 2 6	2	1	2
3 2 5 4 6	-	2	-

Repeated.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5003.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6	4 6 5 3 1 2	3 5 11 12 14 16 17 23
5 6 2 1 4 3	4	16
5 6 3 2 4 1	-	16
3 6 5 1 4 2	5	16
3 6 2 5 4 1	-	16
2 6 3 1 4 5	5	16
2 6 5 3 4 1	-	16
2 6 1 5 4 3	-	16
1 6 2 3 4 5	5	16
1 6 5 2 4 3	-	16
1 6 3 5 4 2	-	16
3 6 1 2 4 5	5	16

The last eleven courses three times repeated produce:

1 6 2 4 5 3

When the following bobs bring round; 4, 6, 10, 12, 16.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
3 6 4 5 2	1	-	2	-
6 2 4 5 3	1	-	2	-
2 6 3 5 4	2	-	2	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	1	2	-
3 4 5 6 2	1	-	2	-
4 2 5 6 3	1	-	2	-
2 4 3 6 5	2	-	2	-
2 3 6 4 5	-	1	2	-
2 6 4 3 5	1	-	2	2
3 4 6 2 5	1	-	2	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	1	-	2
3 2 5 4 6	1	-	2	2
4 5 2 3 6	1	-	2	-
5 3 6 2 4	2	-	-	2
3 5 4 2 6	-	1	2	-
2 3 4 5 6	-	1	-	2

The 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and both bells five course-ends at home.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By JOHN SIDEBOTHAM, *Mottram*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	-	-	2	-
2 4 3 6 5	1	-	2	-
3 5 6 4 2	1	-	1	2
6 2 4 5 3	1	-	1	2
2 6 3 5 4	2	-	2	-
6 4 3 5 2	1	-	2	-
5 2 4 3 6	2	-	2	-
5 4 3 2 6	1	-	2	2
4 6 3 2 5	2	-	1	2
6 5 3 2 4	1	-	2	-
2 6 5 4 3	-	-	2	-
5 3 4 6 2	1	-	1	2
6 2 3 4 5	1	-	2	2
2 5 3 4 6	2	-	1	2
2 3 4 5 6	-	-	1	2

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent right.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5152.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
4 5 2 3 6	-	-	-
2 4 5 3 6	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-
4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-
3 2 5 4 6	-	-	-
5 3 2 4 6	-	-	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-
6 2 4 5 3	-	-	-
4 6 2 5 3	-	-	-
2 4 6 5 3	-	-	-
3 6 4 5 2	-	-	-
4 3 6 5 2	-	-	-
2 6 3 5 4	-	-	-
3 2 6 5 4	-	-	-
6 3 2 5 4	-	-	-
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-
4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-
5 3 4 6 2	-	-	-
4 5 3 6 2	-	-	-
2 3 4 5 6	-	-	-

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
3 6 4 5 2	1	-	2
6 3 2 5 4	2	-	2
5 2 3 6 4	-	2	2
4 6 3 2 5	1	-	1
4 3 2 6 5	-	1	2
4 2 6 3 5	-	1	2
3 6 2 4 5	-	2	2
3 4 5 6 2	2	1	1
6 2 4 5 3	1	2	2
2 3 4 5 6	1	-	2

This peal has the 5th twelve times right and eleven times wrong.

TWO PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By C. JACKSON, *Hull*.

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	-
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-
4	3	5	2	6	-	-	-
5	4	3	2	6	-	-	-
3	2	5	4	6	-	-	-
5	3	2	4	6	-	-	-
5	2	3	4	6	-	S	-
6	3	2	4	5	-	-	-
2	6	3	4	5	-	-	-
3	2	6	4	5	-	-	-
5	6	2	4	3	-	-	-
2	5	6	4	3	-	-	-
2	6	5	4	3	-	S	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th twelve times each way, without the 2nd in 6th place at a course-end.

Rung at Beverley Minster, Yorks, 24th August, 1887.

5136.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	M	H
4	5	2	3	6	-	-	-	-
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	-	-
5	3	2	4	6	-	-	-	-
2	5	3	4	6	-	-	-	-
2	3	5	4	6	-	S	-	-
5	4	2	3	6	-	-	-	-
6	2	5	4	3	-	-	-	-
5	6	2	4	3	-	-	-	-
2	5	6	4	3	-	-	-	-
5	2	3	6	4	2	S	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	2	5	6	4	-	S	-	-
5	3	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	5	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	S	-	-

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th twelve times each way, without the 2nd in 5-6 at a course-end.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	I	2
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	2	2
4	6	2	5	3	2	-	2	2
2	3	5	6	4	2	-	2	2
3	2	4	6	5	2	-	2	2
2	5	4	6	3	I	-	2	2
3	2	6	5	4	2	-	I	2
3	6	5	2	4	-	I	2	2
2	5	6	3	4	I	-	2	2
3	2	5	4	6	-	-	2	2
2	3	6	4	5	2	-	2	2
2	6	4	3	5	-	I	2	2
3	4	6	2	5	I	-	2	2
6	5	2	4	3	I	-	I	2
2	3	4	5	6	I	-	I	2

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th place, and eighteen times each in 5th, and the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end, the 2nd and 3rd in 2nds place at thirteen course-ends, and is thought to be the first 5000 produced having these properties, and has not yet been rung.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5280.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

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

Four times repeated.

By calling the following for the 5th part, the peal is reduced to 5064:

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford*.

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

In this peal the 2nd or 3rd are never in 6th place.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5080.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2	2	2
2	4	3	6	5	I	2	2
6	3	4	2	5	2	2	2
6	4	2	3	5	I	2	2
6	2	3	4	5	I	2	2
6	2	4	5	3	2	2	I
2	6	3	5	4	2	2	2
6	4	3	5	2	I	2	2
2	5	3	4	6	I	I	I
2	3	4	5	6	I	2	2

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB CATERS.

5184.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
2	4	5	3	6	-	I	2
3	2	4	6	5	2	2	2
2	5	4	6	3	I	2	2
5	3	4	6	2	I	2	2
3	5	2	6	4	2	2	2
6	2	5	3	4	2	2	2
3	6	2	4	5	2	2	2
6	3	5	4	2	2	2	2
4	2	3	5	6	I	2	2
5	4	3	2	6	I	2	2
4	5	6	2	3	2	2	2
2	3	4	5	6	2	I	2

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1260.

By H. J. TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford*.

2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	2	4	5	3
S	4	3	6	5	7
7	2	4	6	5	3
3	6	7	5	2	4
2	4	3	7	5	6
6	7	2	5	4	3
4	3	6	2	5	7
7	2	4	5	3	6
S	3	6	7	4	5
4	2	3	5	6	7
6	7	4	3	5	2
2	3	6	5	7	4
7	4	2	6	5	3
3	6	7	5	4	2
4	2	3	7	5	6
6	7	4	5	2	3
S	3	2	6	4	5
7	4	3	5	2	6
2	6	7	3	5	4
S	3	4	2	5	6
6	7	3	2	5	4
S	2	4	6	5	7
7	3	2	6	5	4
4	6	7	5	3	2
3	2	4	7	5	6
6	7	3	5	2	4
2	4	6	3	5	7
7	3	2	5	4	6
4	6	7	2	5	3
3	2	4	5	6	7

The whole repeated.

This quarter-peal contains the 5th at home every three leads and twelve 6-7's.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
3	5	2	6	4	2	2	2
5	4	2	6	3	I	2	2
6	3	4	2	5	I	2	2
6	4	2	3	5	I	2	2
4	5	2	3	6	I	2	2

Repeated.

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A New Man's contribution is postponed till next week.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1887.

WE have had our attention called to the tone which many of the letters sent for publication in this journal display. There is certainly some ground for animadversion relative to the manner in which several correspondents usually address themselves to their particular object, or weakness, and we have on previous occasions referred to such highly objectionable characteristics of the various letters. Recent communications however show, and most unfortunately make patent, that there is an inordinate amount of jealousy felt among particular sections of the Exercise. An apprehension of rivalry, a solicitude to maintain one's own, as it is called, is gradually but surely deadening all the finest influences in our nature, and unless a struggle is made generally to carry on the practice of ringing minus the exhibition of unrefined jealousy and ill-nature, we may safely prophesy that upon the art evil days are nigh. In short, the bitterness which is caused by the unmanly fear that some encroachment is in danger of being attempted upon ground which in fancied security has hitherto been considered a kind of private property, the jealousy, and the immense discredit attached to it, is beginning to give cause for great anxiety as to the future prospects of change-ringing, and the question is asked, not without some reason—"Is truthfulness and honesty to become the exception, not the rule, among ringers?" This is a very grave charge, for charge it is, and nothing else. And we are of opinion it is in no small measure deserved.

It is to be feared that many ringers lock themselves up, as it were, in their own individuality, that is to say, for their own aims alone do they follow the art, entirely careless of its general prosperity, so long as their selfish needs may be gratified. Such as these lead a miserable existence. The fear continually haunts them lest they should be second in the race instead of being first, and thus they allow their jealous feelings to get the better of them by indulging in something akin to abuse

and misrepresentation of those whose efforts had gained the position they themselves were unsuccessful in attaining. It is very painful indeed to be compelled to write such assertions, but we do so from a strict sense of duty, nevertheless. We may be attacked by those on whom such language appropriately falls; we may be threatened, as we have before been, that our journal will be ostracised in circles in which they move. Evils of that character we must contend and bear with, as we have borne with greater and more permanent opposition. Our task is clear. To endeavour to remove a canker which is sapping the actual existence of change-ringing, at any rate an existence which is worth having, is a duty which will overcome any contrary force, no matter how determined it may be.

We have just intimated that the mode adopted by some in their public correspondence is sufficient to cause great anxiety for the future welfare of the art. To establish this statement we will quote a phrase or two from a letter (amongst others) which we have lately received. The writers of these letters possess names honored by the Exercise, and they speak therefore with authority. One gentleman says: "I should be strongly inclined to wash my hands of change-ringing altogether so far as it concerns anything or anybody outside my own parish." And again, "if discredit is to be thrown (without conclusive evidence) at random upon the performances published in our paper, where is the good of sending them to the public print at all."

What is required is that ringers should feel greater confidence in each other. Such confidence must certainly be begotten before it can be experienced. But this increase of confidence in one another and mutual respect between the various sections of ringers can be brought about if a powerful curb is put upon that kind of language which is usually created by jealousy. Mistakes, differences of opinion, or even attempts to hide the real truth needs not the practice of vituperation to lay them bare. Their disguise can be torn from them by good words far better than by bad ones. We hope our remarks will have some good effect, that they will act as a leaven to those whose inclination is not only to be brusque and ungentle, but to those who have too great a facility for ignoring the honesty of their opponents. Mutual respect, as we have just stated, is what is needed, and the absence of it is not only likely to cause much mischief to the Exercise itself, but also to lower it in the eyes of that portion of the public whom it should be our great aim and object to enlist upon its side.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Tipton. The bells at the parish church will be available for ringing during the afternoon. It is requested that members from each tower connected with the Society will be present, as the reports will be ready for distribution to all those who have paid their subscriptions.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 8th. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells), and St. Saviour's (eight bells), will be open to members of the Association during the day. The business meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at the Schoolroom in St. Mary's Churchyard. A meat tea (price 6d. to members who give notice of their intention to be present) will be served at the Coffee Tavern in St. Mary's Road, at 5 p.m. The nearest Station is Hoe Street, on the Chingford line. Trains about every half-hour from Liverpool Street: from Stratford, 10.40, 11.53, 12.50 2.38 (September tables). Return Tickets at one fare and a quarter will be issued by the G.E.R. to members who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, October 5th, from what station they propose to start, and produce at the booking office the receipt for the current year's subscription. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*
Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford, September, 1887.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Monday October 17th. The Secretary will be glad to hear from those who wish to attend. If reduced railway fare is desired, the request should reach him by October 11th, with full particulars as to numbers, route, and trains.

R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, *Hon. Sec.*
Wrinstead Court, Lenham, Kent.

The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 9, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

HENRY J. DAVIES† Treble.	JOSEPH BARRY 5.
WILLIAM COPPAGE 2.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES .. 6.
WALTER PARTINGTON* .. 3.	ALBERT E. CHURCH .. 7.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES 4.	*HARRY PINNEGAR Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. DAVIES.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

The Provinces.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

Muffled Peal.

On Tuesday, September 13, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

B. DALTON Treble.	SAM BUNN 5.
D. BRUCE 2.	R. SCHOFIELD 6.
C. FLOWS 3.	WM. JOHNSON 7.
S. DACE 4.	ABER SCREEN Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SCHOFIELD.

The above was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr Charles Troupshore, who died after a short illness, and was a member of the St. Giles' society from its commencement—twelve years. We wish through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank Mr. Dalton, of Tettenhall, also the five members from All Saints' society, Sedgley, for taking part in it. Johnson and Dace are of St. Giles's Willenhall.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WARD* Treble.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 5.
ALFRED E. ACFIELD .. 2.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 6.
CHARLES MEE* 3.	*CHARLES WARD 7.
GEORGE PERRY 4.	GEORGE ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

* College Youths,

OXFORD.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

JOSEPH FIELD Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 8.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 9.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 5.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by the
 REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Mr. N. J. Pitstow took the time of this performance and also noticed the time occupied in ringing the different courses. He pronounced the peal to be a most excellently struck one throughout, and in every way worthy of being considered a really high class achievement, an opinion heartily endorsed by the veteran Oxford ringer, Mr. T. Hill, and by others. This is the first peal ever conducted by an Incumbent on the bells of the Cathedral of his diocese.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 16, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine-and-½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. HOLIFIELD Treble.	*C. A. CLEMENTS 6.
J. JAGGAR 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
E. HOLIFIELD 3.	N. J. PITSTOW 8.
W. BENNETT 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK 9.
B. BARRETT 5.	F. S. WHITE Tenor.

Composed by Mr. H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by the
 REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

Mr. C. A. Clements hails from Salisbury.

*First peal in the method.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER CHIBNALL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM ALLAN 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 2.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 6.
MAURICE E. WARWICK .. 3.	ISAAC HILLS 7.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP 4.	WILLIAM G. BIGGS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORPE, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and
 Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on these bells, also the first peal in the method by the above Association, and by all except the Rev. W. W. C. Baker. *First peal. Rev. W. W. C. Baker hails from Milton Bryan; W. Chibnall from Aspley Guise, and the remainder from Bedford. The calling of the above was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of November 1st, 1884.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.—THE SALOP ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ENOCH LANGFORD* .. Treble.	JOS. GRIFFITHS 5.
WM. HUTCHINSON* .. 2.	GEO. WOODHALL 6.
GEO. WRIGHT 3.	†THOS. BARRON 7.
R. T. HOLDING 4.	*FRED RYDER Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. WOODHALL.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This is also the first peal the conductor has called, and is the first peal ever rung by a company composed of Whitchurch ringers only. Also the first peal rung by the Association.

Date Touches.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 11th, at the church of St. Swithin, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of 1887 changes; eight 6-scores of Grandsire and seven of St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 1 hr. S. Romans, 1; H. G. Gardner, 2; W. Sevier (conductor), 3; W. Pezler, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; J. Merchant, 6.
 SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 4th, at the parish

church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. John Goodman, 1; David Bruce, 2; William Mills, 3; Charles Flows, 4; Robt. Schofield, 5; Sam. Brown, 6; Joseph Devonport, 7; James Flavill, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. in F. This touch contains the 6-7's twelve times each way with the 6-4's, and 7-4's their extent together. Composed by Mr. William Johnson, and conducted by Robert Schofield.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, September 17th, at the Church of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, the following members attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), but came to grief after ringing 3500 changes, in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. W. Carter, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; T. R. Bell, 4; J. Willshire, 5; H. Ellis, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Cropley, 8. Mr. William Carter was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths before starting for the peal. The above are all members of the St. Stephen's, Westminster, Society.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Bedfordshire).—On Sunday, September 18th, at St. James's Church, for service, a 504 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (seven bobs). H. Fruin, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. West, 3; H. King, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; H. Chapman, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 15th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (with nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. Allan, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). M. Warwick (conductor), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; W. Allan, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. G. Biggs, 6. On Sunday, September 18th, at St. Paul's Church, for morning service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; H. Fruin, 2; W. Allan, 3; F. Keech, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; M. Warwick, 6; H. Chapman, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also a 240 of Bob Major. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; F. Keech, 3; H. Fruin, 4; W. Allan, 5; H. Chapman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. N. Frossell, 8. Also for evening service, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Fruin, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; S. Hills, 8. *First touch in the method. And 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Chapman, 1; W. Allan, 2; C. Pass, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; H. Fruin, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; F. Keech, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also on Monday, September 19th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, but after ringing two parts it had to be abandoned on account of the seventh pad coming off. J. Spencer, 1; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; W. Allan, 4; M. Warwick, 5; H. Fruin, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; C. Pass, 8. Afterwards a quarter-peal in the same method, in 48 mins. J. Spencer, 1; W. Allan, 2; F. Keech, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; M. Warwick, 5; W. G. Biggs, 6; H. Fruin, 7; C. Pass, 8. Composed by H. J. Tucker, and contains the twelve 4-6's, 7-4's, 6-7's, Queen's, Tittums, and was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of September 30th, 1884. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Day, he having held the office of choirmaster at the above church for twenty-three years. Harry Fruin hails from Abingdon, Berks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday evening, for practice at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Bolton, 1; J. Little, (first 720), 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister (first 720), 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Little, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister (first 720), 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE (Durham).—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Tuesday evening, September 20th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins. J. W. Forster (conductor), 1; W. Oliver, 2; T. H. Surtees, 3; T. Bell, 4; F. Barron, 5; J. Spraggon, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by the whole of the above.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—On Monday, September 19th, for practice, three courses (324 changes) of Grandsire Caters. W. Harvey, 1; A. Edwards, 2; W. Rowland, 3; H. F. De Lisle, Esq., 4; W. Piper, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; W. Hawkes, 7; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 8; W. Lincoln, 9; J. Parmenter, 10. Of these, Messrs. Parmenter and Rowland belong to the Chelmsford company; Mr. De Lisle is from Galleywood; Messrs. Harvey, Piper, and Tarbun from Widford; Mr. Hawkes

from Springfield; and the Rev. T. L. Papillon and Messrs. Lincoln and Edwards from Writtle.

ST. ALBANS.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, September 17th, was rung 1120 of Bob Major. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; G. W. Cartmel, 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 7-8.

WRITTE (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 14th, after the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Shipway), in 47 mins. *E. J. de Lisle, Esq., 1; J. Everard, 2; A. Edwards, 3; F. Radley, 4; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 5; W. J. Piper, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. *First quarter-peal. Also on Sunday, September 18th, for morning service a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; J. Field, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 3; F. Radley, 4; J. Field, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. J. Dennison, 8. This quarter-peal, composed by J. Carter, contains Queen's, Whittingtons, Tittums, twelve 4-6's, and twelve 6-7's. The Messrs. de Lisle are from Galleywood, Mr. Field from Oxford. On Saturday evening, September 17th, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal by the same band, with J. Parmenter, of Chelmsford, at the tenor, and conducted by Mr. Field, was lost through a shift-course after two hours very fair ringing. On Sunday afternoon, Messrs. Field, Edwards, and Lincoln, paid a visit to Widford, and took part in a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; J. Field, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; W. Harvey, 6. Mr. Howard is from Braintree.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lancashire).—On Thursday, September 15th, at the church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, on the occasion of the marriage of James S. Tointon and Miss Pickworth, 1554 of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. J. S. Wright, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; G. Skeef, 7; E. Jarvis, 8.

TERRINGTON (Norfolk).—At St. Clement's Church, on Saturday, September 17th, 720 of Bob Minor, in 29 mins. *A. Wright, 1; *J. Cullen, 2; Dr. Seccombe, 3; F. Easton, 4; W. Mallett, 5; J. Green (conductor), 6. *First 720. And on Tuesday, September 20th, touches were rung with the bells deeply muffled, on the occasion of the funeral at Cambridge of the Rev. Dr. Swainson, Master of Christ's College, Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, and Rector of Terrington, a munificent contributor to the fund for the restoration of the magnificent parish church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. Willshire, 1; J. Tulett, 2; G. Chantler, 3; O. Sullivan, 4; E. Andrews (R.E.B.), 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. G. Willshire hails from Quex Park, Birchington.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—Sunday last, being the Harvest Festival, seven members of the local society, with Mr. H. C. Woodward, of Derby, rang for evening service a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 49 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; Jos. Warren, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunncliffe, 6; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 7; John Wood, 8. After service three courses in the same method. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 5; G. C. Tunncliffe, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; J. Wood, 8. On Tuesday, September 20th, a 420 and 336 of Bob Triples, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. W. T. Baker, of Melbourne, to Miss Jane Elizabeth Shaw, daughter of Mr. Arthur Shaw, of Calke Mill, Derbyshire. J. R. Wood, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; H. Hollingworth, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; T. Hollingworth, 6; G. C. Tunncliffe (conductor), 7; J. Bartrum, 8.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday evening, September 14th, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Gowts, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Harris, 1; H. Maidens, 2; H. Hoyes, 3; J. W. Watson, 4; W. Knowles, 5; T. Shearing (conductor), 6. J. Harris hails from Kent. Also at the Cathedral, on Thursday, September 15th, about 400 of Grandsire Triples, 440 of Bob Triples, and a course of Bob Major. T. Robinson, 1; J. W. Watson, 2; H. Maidens, 3; H. Hoyes, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. Harris, 6; T. Shearing (conductor), 7; T. Keyworth, 8. J. Vickers took the 5th in the two last touches. And on Tuesday, September 20th, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, for practice, 718 of Grandsire Triples, in 28 mins. W. Brown, 1; J. W. Watson, 2; H. Maidens, 3; H. Hoyes, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. Vickers, 6; T. Shearing (conductor), 7; J. Eliard, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, September 18th, at the parish church, for morning service, 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Newman, 1; G. Essex, 2; F. Simmonds, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Simmonds, 6. Also for evening service, a 720 Yorkshire Court. F. Simmonds, 1. H. Simmonds (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; G. Essex, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. After service, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. T. Newman, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; G. Essex, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 5; ———. 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday evening, September 11th, after Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a mixed band rang a 464 of Bob Major. A. W. Barkus, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Pearce, 3; G. Pymm, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; H. Porch (conductor), 6; J. Hinton, 7; G. Daltry, 8. Also three courses (384) of Grandsire Major. G. Pymm, 1; A. Howell, 2; W. W. Porch, 3; G. Daltry, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; H. Porch, 6; F. Price, 7; J. Hinton (conductor), 8. And a 252 of Stedman Triples. W. W. Gifford, 1; G. Pymm, 2; G. Pearce, 3; W. W. Porch, 4; G. Daltry, 5; H. Porch (conductor), 6; J. Hinton, 7; A. W. Barkus, 8. Messrs. Gifford and Barkus hail from Salisbury.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, September 5th, at the house of Mr. L. Dunkley, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. E. Chapman, 1-2; R. Dunkley, 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. Also 120 Bob Doubles. C. Dunkley, 1; F. Smith, 2; E. Chapman, 3-4; W. Richards (conductor), 5-6. Also 108 Bob Minor. C. Dunkley, 1; W. Richards, 2; E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5-6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Smith, 1; E. Chapman (conductor), 2; R. Dunkley, 3-4; W. Richards, 5; J. Cade, 6. On Sunday, September 18th, 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs). F. Smith, 1; W. Richards, 2; E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5-6. Also a course of Bob Triples. E. B. Howell, 1; C. Dunkley, 2; E. Chapman, 3-4; R. Dunkley, 5-6; W. Richards, 7-8. And a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, non-conducted. E. Chapman, 1-2; R. Dunkley, 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. And 120 Bob Doubles. E. B. Howell, 1; C. Dunkley, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6.

CLAPTON (Middlesex).—On Thursday evening, September 16th, at the church of St. Matthew, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Masters, 1; F. Rumens, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Page, 4; G. Page, 5; G. Marriott, 6; W. D. Smith (conductor), 7; C. Davidson, 8.

DRAYTON (Berks).—On Monday, September 5th, at the parish church, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor. T. Short, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Canterbury), 2; C. Hounslow, 3; C. Tolley, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Also 742 and 713 of Grandsire Triples. J. Hyde, 1; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; T. Short, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; C. Tolley, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; W. Hyde, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Monday, September 19th, at Christ Church, 720 College Single, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Fowler, head teacher of Christ Church Schools, who was also a ringer. H. Knight, 1; G. Howse, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Smith, 4; F. Harding, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6.

EXETER.—On Saturday, September 10th, at St. Sidwell's church, the following members attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who lost their lives in the late fire at the Theatre Royal, Exeter, but after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins., were asked to stop owing to illness near the church. F. Davey, 1; R. French (conductor), 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, September 18th, at St. Nicholas' church, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, five 6-scores of Bob Doubles, conducted by H. Mitchell. And four 6-scores of St. Dunstan's Doubles, conducted by R. J. Wilkins. D. Dix, 1; J. Romans, 2; J. Wilkins, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; W. Sevier, 5; A. Seyers, 6.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, September 20th, at St. Werburgh's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. *C. H. Gordon, 1; C. Waters, 2; J. Davies, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; R. Knill, 5; C. E. D. Baulflower, Esq., 6. *First 720.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 18th, five members of the Sudbury company, with Mr. H. Bowell, of Ipswich, paid a visit to this village, and rang at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. F. Tolliday, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; W. Howell, 3; H. Harper, 4; H. Bowell, 5; H. Brackett, 6. Also a 720 Bob Minor. H. Diggins (Waldingfield), 1; W. Howell, 2; F. Tolliday, 3; H. Harper, 4; H. Bowell, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; H. Bowers (Waldingfield), 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; H. Bowell, 5; H. Harper, 6. This is the first 720 in this method by H. Bowers. These bells were cast by

Bryant of Thetford, in 1800. The tenor weighs about 14 cwt. A new 4th was put in by Warner and Son in 1876.

HATTON (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, September 7th, for practice, ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), in 45 mins. J. Bayliss (conductor), 1; J. Cogbill, 2; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 3; J. Hardy, 4; W. Clarke, 5; J. Barnett, 6. J. Hardy hails from Warwick; the rest belong to the local company. And on Tuesday, September 13th, for practice, ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), in 43 mins. J. Bayliss (conductor), 1; J. Cogbill, 2; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 3; W. Male, 4; W. Clarke, 5; J. Barnett, 6. The Hatton band are in practice for a 720 of Bob Minor, which they hope to master by Christmas.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, September 18th, at St. Martin's church, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; J. Leach, 3; N. Hawkins, 4; A. Pittam, 5; J. Nixon, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LANCASTER.—On Thursday, September 15th, the local company with Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, attempted to ring the first half of Taylor's peal of Grandsire Triples, but after getting about half-way had to stop, on account of the choir practising for the Harvest Festival, much to the disappointment of all. R. S. Hirst, 1; G. Winn, 2; R. Walker, 3; W. Jackson, 4; H. Wilcock, 5; W. Newell, 6; R. Suart, 7; J. Beatie, 8.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 18th, at St. John's church, after evening service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Cornell, 1; S. Hayes, 2; G. Pearl, 3; E. Barnett (conductor), 4; W. Doran, 5; H. Springhall, 6. And on Wednesday evening, September 21st, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor. T. Wood, 1; A. S. Barrell, 2; J. Nunn, 3; W. Manning, 4; E. Barnett (conductor), 5; H. Scarlett, 6.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 18th, at the parish church of St. John, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. William Bamber, 1; Benjamin Taylor, 2; John Fell (conductor), 3; Robert Cookson, 4; William Gregson, 5; George Maries, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. Mr. Gregson was formerly at Lytham, but now resides at Carlisle.

NEWDIGATE (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 18th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, and the dedication of the new clock, subscribed for by the parishioners as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. A mixed band of ringers met at the church and rung before evening service 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; B. King, 3; G. Wickens, 4; G. Holloway, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; G. Cox, 3; T. Worsfold, 4; B. King, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And after service 720 Oxford Bob. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; G. Cox, 3; G. Wickens, 4; B. King, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Messrs. Wickens and King hail from Charlwood; Holloway and Worsfold from Rusper; Cox from Ockley; Akehurst and Jordan from Capel.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, September 15th, some of the Capel ringers visited the parish church, and with the assistance of the local company rang 720 of Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 240 in the same method. G. Jenkins, 1; A. Mills, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; R. Jordan, 5; M. Jenkins (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, September 11th, at St. Peter's in-the-East, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. P. A. Hind, 1; C. Tolley, 2; A. E. Hind, 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; W. Baston (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, September 7th, at the house of Mr. Washbrook, 120 of Grandsire, and 120 Plain Bob Doubles. Mrs. Washbrook, 1; C. Tolley, 2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3-4-5-6.

POSTINGFORD (Suffolk).—On Monday, September 19th, at the parish church, a six-score of Bob Doubles. W. Atkinson, 1; D. Gridley (conductor), 2; F. W. Hicks, 3; H. Burling, 4; C. Howe, 5. Messrs. Atkinson and Howe are local men; Gridley, Hicks, and Burling hail from Clare, and are members of the Postingford society.

SPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, 1260 of Grandsire Triples. E. Leonard, 1; J. Booth, 2; H. Meakin, 3; S. Meakin, 4; J. Meakin, 5; L. Meakin, 6; T. Marshall (conductor), 7; W. Sharples, 8. Composed by A. Squires, Hitchin, Herts.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, September 17th, after the usual steeple practice, the ringers adjourned to their meeting house, the "Compasses Inn," and rang on handbells, retained in hand, a touch of Grandsire Caters, 504 changes. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1-2; F. Tolliday, 3; W. Griggs, 4; A. Scott, 5; H. Bowell, 6; W. Howell, 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10.

WOODLESFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, September 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Jackson, 1; J. Norton, 2; Jas. Haigh, 3; T. Wrigglesworth, 4; F. Denison, 5; J. Haigh (conductor), 6. J. Norton hails from Snaith.

Church News.

The Convocations have been prorogued by proclamation to Thursday, the 1st of December.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will consecrate Canon Camidge to be Bishop of Bathurst, Australia, in Westminster Abbey, on the 18th October.

The accounts of the recent Worcester Musical Festival show that the collections for the charity are upwards of £1000, and that the receipts exceed the expenditure by more than £300.

On Monday it was announced that ten days' notices of distraint for tithes had been served upon numerous farmers in the parish of Mainlochoy, Pembrokeshire, who refused to pay their tithes in full.

Canon Body has, with the consent of the Bishop of Durham, trained a number of ladies who are willing to reside among the miners, in order to teach, nurse, and in other ways help the pitmen and their families.

At the parish church of Wangford, Suffolk, a four-light west window has been inserted in memory of the late Earl of Stradbroke by the members of his family. It has been executed by Gibbs and Howard, of Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square.

On Saturday, Mrs. Symonds, wife of the rector of St. Thomas's, Stockport, laid the foundation stone of a Mission church in Mottram-street. The scheme is part of that set on foot by the Bishop of Chester for church extension in the town and rural deanery. The building started on Saturday is one of five to be erected in the parish.

On Wednesday, at Ditchingham, Norfolk, Holy Cross House was dedicated as a house for restored penitents, having been erected by the sisterhood of the community of All Hallows and their friends as a memorial of the Rev. W. E. Scudamore, who was for many years rector of the parish, and was widely known at home and abroad through his writings.

A special farewell service was held in the convent, Feltham, on Wednesday afternoon, when a handsomely worked cope was presented to the Bishop of New Westminster by the Mother-Superior and sisters. The Bishop afterwards addressed a meeting in the convent garden. His lordship has since sailed in the s.s. *Parisian*.

The Llandaff Diocesan Conference is to meet at Cardiff on Wednesday and Thursday, the 12th and 13th of October. In addition to the reports of committees the conference will consider the Church Patronage Bill, clause 15, parochial missions, representation of the laity, the bilingual difficulty, the depreciations in clerical incomes, and the Welsh Intermediate Education Bill.

On Monday last, Viscountess Cross laid the memorial stone of a Mission Church, at Broughton Mills. Viscount Cross congratulated those present on having secured a place of worship for the district, the inhabitants of which had hitherto been without any meeting place except a barn. His Lordship hoped that those living in the neighbourhood would attend the services with profit to themselves and their children.

Upwards of sixty thousand persons assembled at Chesterfield on Wednesday for the purpose of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. The town was profusely decorated. After Divine Service the Corporation, accompanied by the military, school children, friendly societies, twenty-one drays representing the trades of the district, the Sherwood rangers, and Volunteers walked in procession to the ground purchased by subscriptions. The Mayor dedicated the plot to the town, and planted a memorial tree amidst great enthusiasm. Over 1000 aged persons were provided with dinner. At night there was a display of fireworks, and the town was brilliantly illuminated throughout.

The Rev. W. Eliot, vicar of Aston, in whose parish a considerable part of the borough of Birmingham lies, on Wednesday distrained on several occupiers for tithes due to him. In one case a man said he had occupied his premises for twenty-five years, and had never heard of tithes until five years ago. In another a distraint for £3 odd was put into the Small Heath Liberal Club, the Chairman of which refused to pay, and challenged the bailiffs to remove sufficient property to satisfy the claim, threatening to follow them with legal proceedings, and in this case the warrant was held over.

The Rev. A. E. Dibben, curate of St. John's, Chelsea, warns persons against a man who calls on clergymen, tells a plausible story about his immediate need of money, and presents a seaman's allotment note made out in favour of his brother (so he says), on a voyage to China. "The firm on whom the allotment note is drawn is Messrs. Shaw, Saville, of 35 Leadenhall Street, E.C. I advanced him ten shillings on one of these, expecting to recoup myself when the first instalment fell due, but on presentation I was informed that the document was a

forgery, and that I was the third clergyman who had been taken in by, apparently the same impostor."

Two handsome candlesticks have been placed on the altar at Salisbury Cathedral. Each candlestick is thirty-two inches high, with a diameter at the base of ten inches. This stands upon three lions, which serve as a pedestal. The lower part is richly moulded to about one-fourth of the entire height, when it takes a hexagonal form, each face of the hexagon forming a richly canopied niche—the niches being filled with small figures of twelve angels bearing scrolls. Each scroll bears a title of our Lord, the six on one candlestick being from Isaiah, and the six on the other being from the Gospel of St. John. The shaft terminates in a corona elaborately ornamented with leaves and scroll work, and is an excellent example of the metal-worker's art.

On Thursday, the Rev. Robert Grant, father of the vicar of Portsmouth, died at Southsea in his ninety-first year. He was educated at Winchester and New College, and ordained in 1819. He was curate of Droxford from 1820 to 1822, and incumbent of St. Paul's Southsea from 1822 to 1828, when he was appointed by Winchester College to the vicarage of Bradford Abbas, near Sherborne, which he resigned a few years since. In 1828 he was also chosen a Fellow of Winchester College, and owing to his death the number of Fellows, which was originally ten, is now reduced to two only, the Rev. G. W. Heathcote, and the Bishop of St. Andrews (Dr. Wordsworth). The rev. gentleman was a non-residential Canon of Salisbury Cathedral, and the author of several works.

The restoration of Upton Pyne Church, begun some years ago, has just been completed by the erection of a reredos, designed by Mr. Medley Fulford, to frame a valuable altar piece brought from Italy 170 years ago by Mr. Hugh Stafford, of Pynes, and presented to the church. The design having been approved of by the late Earl, the Dowager Countess of Iddesleigh has had it carried out as the most suitable memorial of her husband that could be placed in the church. The painting in the reredos is a representation of the Last Supper, and it has been carefully restored by Mr. Worth, of Exeter. In the churchyard over the vault containing the late Earl's remains, has been placed a white marble cross, the cost of the work being borne by his sons and daughters. These interesting memorials of the late Earl were unveiled on Thursday just before the parishioners assembled to celebrate their harvest thanksgiving. The church of Upton Pyne, called in old documents Uppeton Pyn, is a little fourteenth century structure, dedicated to Our Lady. The present edifice was consecrated by Bishop Grandison in the autumn of A.D. 1328.

The innovation of a surpliced female choir, which was started some time ago at Melbourne, has found its way to England. It was introduced at the harvest festival at Skelton-in-Cleveland. A correspondent says—"The ladies' surplices are exceedingly tasteful, in shape not unlike an M.A. gown, and consist of Scotch lawn, with pleated backs. Purple velvet eaps, similar to those worn by D.C.L's, complete the attire." The following letter from Canon Liddon, dated May and, appeared in the *Melbourne Argus* of June 8th:—

Dear Sir,—There is no truth whatever in the statement that ladies have at any time, with or without ecclesiastical dress, taken part in the services at St. Paul's Cathedral, and I feel sure that no such innovation upon the practice of the Church would be permitted on any consideration whatever by the Dean of St. Paul's and my colleagues in the Chapter.

If I am right in understanding you to ask me for an opinion on the subject, I should find it difficult to say whether the spectacle of ladies dressed in surplices and so on in church is more irreverent than it is certainly grotesque. It is greatly to be hoped that the good sense and Christian feeling of the Australian churches will steadily discourage anything of the kind, and especially for the sake of the ladies concerned.

You are at liberty to make any use you like of this note. Pray believe me, my dear Sir, yours very truly,
Rev. J. F. Stretch.
H. P. LINDON.

On Thursday, the Bishop of Lincoln re-opened the ancient church of North Witham, after restoration under the care of Mr. Withers. The building is full of antiquarian interest. The nave and chancel date from the eleventh century, the chancel arch being probably of earlier date. Some minor alterations were made during the next century, and the church still further added to in the fourteenth, when the elegant tower and spire, three bells, and all the windows were completed. The whole fabric has now been carefully repaired, the roofs reconstructed in oak to the old pitch, recovered with the old lead recast in the churchyard, and all the interior refitted in oak in a most complete manner. The Bishop arrived at the rectory on Wednesday afternoon, and afterwards preached at evensong to the parishioners, by whom the church was filled. The next day began with Holy Communion at eight o'clock, the Bishop being celebrant, the rector, Canon Young, and Canon J. P. Young, vicar of Grimsby, assisting. At eleven o'clock a procession was formed at the schoolhouse consisting of choir boys and men, about thirty clergy in surplices, stoles, and hoods, the Bishop's chaplain carrying the pastoral staff, followed by his lordship in cope and mitre with attendant clergy. The church was already closely packed with parishioners, neighbouring gentry, and friends from long distances. Matins was then sung, the Bishop

again preaching. Lunch was provided in a tastefully decorated barn, and afterwards a tea for the parishioners. Evensong followed, and a most enjoyable day came too soon to a close.

Last week the little church of Over Winchendon, near Aylesbury, was reopened by the Bishop of Oxford after renovation under the direction of Mr. William White. The plans were prepared some fifteen years ago, but the raising of sufficient funds proved a considerable difficulty. The chancel is transition Norman, with two lancet windows in the east gable, and a corbel between them inside. If circumstances should permit, it is proposed to put a large cross here made of old oak, with a reredos beneath containing a representation of St. Mary and St. John painted on canopied panels, for which the figures have been already drawn by the architect. There is a pointed chancel arch of rude construction and a screen of later date, against which new oak return stalls have been fixed. The nave is Norman. In its south wall is a richly moulded doorway, and one simple window, with a recessed arch inside. The timber porch has been reconstructed as before, but without the plastering. The north door has been opened out. The north aisle is of the fourteenth century. The aisle opens from the nave with two round arches and one pointed, with flat soffits and large rectangular tiers, evidently cut through the old wall.

On Saturday, the Rev. J. A. L. Airey, the newly appointed rector of the united parishes of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, and St. Martin Outwich, read himself in. The event was looked upon as one of more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as it was the completion of an amalgamation of benefices which was begun fourteen years ago, and by which three districts outside the City were beneficially affected. The church of St. Martin Outwich stood at the Bishopsgate end of Threadneedle-street, and was removed as one of the superfluous City churches, and St. Helen's, which is within almost a stone's throw, and is sometimes called "the Westminster Abbey of the City," was constituted the church of the united parishes. The site of St. Martin's was sold, and the materials removed, and out of the surplus revenues three new churches were built—namely, Christ Church, Stepney (the living being in the gift of the Bishop of London); Holy Trinity, Dalston; and St. Peter's, Limehouse (in the gift of the Merchant Taylors' Company). The aged rector of St. Martin's (the Rev. J. B. Deane), thereafter lived in retirement at Bath, though he was nominated the rector of the amalgamated parishes, until his death, recently, when the Merchant Taylors' Company, who are patrons of the living, presented it to Mr. Airey, first mathematical master of the school belonging to the Guild. Meanwhile service was carried on at St. Helen's by Dr. J. E. Cox, the vicar, who is now also far advanced in years, and who during his lifetime will receive £400 a year, and Mr. Airey £800 a year. St. Helen's is one of the few churches which escaped the Great Fire of London, and is full of historical and antiquarian interest. It was originally a priory church, and portions of the fabric are some six hundred years old, but the foundation dates back further than that.

On Monday week a special meeting of the Church Missionary Society was held at Keswick to hear addresses from the Rev. F. E. Wigram and Mr. E. Wigram, who have just returned from a tour through India, China, Japan, and North America, having inspected all the principal Church Missionary Society's stations in those countries. The Bishop of London presided, and gave Mr. Wigram a hearty welcome back to England. His lordship said he regarded missionary work as one great reason why the Church of Christ had been created, and urged that the discoveries of science and the marvellously increased facilities of intercourse were a perpetual call to the Church, encouraging her to utilise them in the great work of spreading the Gospel. The Rev. F. E. Wigram said that one marked feature in all the stations which he visited in India was the spirit of enquiry amongst educated Hindoos. A large number had discarded their old idolatry and were seeking after something in its place. It was interesting to notice how nearly in many cases they were approaching to Christianity. Dr. Baumann, of Calcutta, asked one Hindoo gentleman if he had ever read the Bible and the reply was, "Yes, I have read the New Testament eighty-three times and the Old Testament twenty-seven times." There was also a strong feeling growing up in India that the infidelity to which secular education was so largely lending itself was not satisfactory, producing disrespect to parents and disregard of all lawfully constituted authority. Many had expressed a conviction that the spread of Christianity would confer a real benefit upon India. The Church Missionary Society was now occupying all the principal stations on the Indian frontier, and was thus opening out a way to Central Asia. The success which had attended the missionary work was in itself a great call to further efforts. Most of the Missions were at present seriously undermanned, and there was everywhere a cry for more men and increased resources. Mr. E. Wigram said a few words about Krishnagur, and described a Sunday in the native church. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wigram for his address, and to the Bishop of London for taking the chair.

On Wednesday, shortly before evensong, a statey throne, designed for the nave, and presented to Lichfield Cathedral by the clergy of Derbyshire as a parting gift to the diocese and Bishop on leaving his Lordship's jurisdiction, was formally presented to the Dean and Chapter. The Chapter are bound by statute to provide a seat for the Bishop in the nave, and they have hitherto given him as dignified and convenient a position for hearing the sermons of his Prebendaries, and for conducting occasional nave services, as their means would allow; but this splendid gift will relieve them from all further responsibility on that score. Just at this season of the year it is difficult to gather together any large number of the clergy, and therefore only a small representative body assembled to do honour to the occasion. Their spokesman was Archdeacon Balston, who, in an address full of feeling dwelt upon the attachment they all cherished for the old Diocese to which their county had for ages belonged, upon the memories which clustered round the honoured names of Lonsdale and Selwyn, and upon the affectionate respect which the Derbyshire clergy entertained for the present occupant of the see. Bishop MacLagan then placed himself for the first time in the new seat of honour, and expressed his thanks and the thanks of the cathedral body and of the diocese for the gift. He reminded his hearers how Lichfield had indeed, by the Divine blessing, "been a fruitful mother of children"—having been privileged to be the parent of no fewer than twelve daughter dioceses, Southwell being the last and youngest of the numerous family. Indeed, he went further than that, and stated his belief that, in one way, Derbyshire rather than Staffordshire was the original and parent see, inasmuch as the first two or three Bishops of Mercia had made rather Repton than Lichfield their headquarters. Having commended the beautiful gift now in its permanent place near the mayor's official seat, to the faithful care of the Dean and Chapter for all time to come, the Bishop then offered a few short prayers, and closed the interesting little ceremony with his Benediction.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX BELL RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Association was held on Saturday, September 17th, at Standish, when the following companies were represented: Blackrod, Chorley, Leyland St. Andrew's, Leyland St. James, Preston, and Standish. During the afternoon and evening, several 720's of Bob Minor and touches in other methods were rung. At 5 o'clock the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where the usual business was gone through, the meeting closing with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, for the purpose of the Association.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

It is proposed to produce a certificate of membership for this Association, and a design will be submitted for approval at one of the Quarterly Meetings, as soon as it is ascertained how many members will require the certificate. It is calculated that the certificate will have to be charged for, at a price not exceeding one shilling per copy. All those members who wish to have a certificate on these terms are desired to send their names and addresses with date of election to the Hon. Sec., by Monday, October 3rd.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The October meeting of the above Association will be held at Bradford, on Saturday, the 8th October, and not on the 1st, as heretofore.

W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

ST. MATTHEW'S DAY IN THE CITY.—On Wednesday, in accordance with custom on St. Matthew's day, the Lord Mayor (Sir Reginald Hanson) went in state from the Mansion House to Christ's Hospital to meet the Governors of the Royal Hospitals, and to hear Divine Service and a sermon in the adjoining church of Christ Church, Newgate-street. The Lord Mayor was accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Sir H. A. Isaacs and by Sir John B. Monckton, the Town Clerk. The boys of Christ's Hospital, over 700 in number, were present at the service, and a sermon, specially addressed to them, was preached by an "old Blue"—the Rev. A. Maitland Wood, vicar of Runcorn, Cheshire. After the service the Civic dignitaries proceeded to the Court Room, where the lists of the governors of all the hospitals were presented by the Clerk of Christ's Hospital (Mr. Dipnall) to the Lord Mayor, and by him delivered to the Town Clerk for preservation among the records of the City.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1887:—

By the Brighton branch, at St. Nicholas, Brighton.—On Tuesday, September 13th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (7-8 behind), in 25 mins. Jesse Neves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; J. Fox, 3; G. A. King, 4; H. Boniface, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; W. Robinson, 7; A. Emery, 8. Also at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Wednesday, September 14th, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 22 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Keilly, 2; J. Jay, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; W. Palmer, 5; H. Weston, 6; G. King, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 18th, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; G. Thwaites, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. King, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6. On Monday, September 19th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Jay, 1; W. Palmer, 2; *G. Thwaites, 3; G. King, 4; J. Reilly, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6. *First 720.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Monday, September 12th, a 720 of Double Court. T. Searle, 1; C. Tyler, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Double Court. E. Brackley, 1; J. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Smart, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Searle, 1; J. Searle, 2; C. Tyler, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 18th, a 360 of College Single. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6.

By the Worth Branch, at Worth.—On Sunday, September 18th, for harvest thanksgiving service in the morning, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 23 mins. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob, in 23 mins. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And after Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 12 mins. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the afternoon a 720 of College Single, in 23 mins. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; W. Denman, 5; G. Illman, 6. Also after Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 23 mins. W. Owden, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Streeter, 3; G. Illman, 4; F. Rice, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. F. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; J. Newnham, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6.

By a mixed band, at Warnham.—On Sunday, September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Short, 1; C. Tyler, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Andrews, 4; G. Smart, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. And a 1140 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 40 mins. W. Short, 1; C. Tyler, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Andrews, 4; G. Smart, 5; H. Wood, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. An attempt was made by the foregoing band for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which failed after ringing 1360 changes, in 55 mins. And a 336 of Grandsire Triples. W. Short, 1; G. Smart, 2; W. Wadey, 3; T. Andrews, 4; H. Burstow, 5; H. Wood, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. Messrs. Tyler and Smart hail from Steyning.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

"THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY."

SIR,—On criticising the starting course of Mr. Carter's touch in the correspondence of your last issue, I find it to be false, as he says he considers me quite out of place in replying, as I was not a member of either society till elected on the occasion of the attempt of the peal at St. Chad's. This statement of Mr. Carter is false, as I was elected a member of the Holt Society more than three weeks previous to the attempt for the peal in question, and as regards him asking the Holt Society to St. Chad's I have strong reasons for disbelieving that, and I know the tower has not always been open to them. I think if Mr. Carter confines himself a little more minutely to facts, and not rush into print with random statements the space might be better utilised in this paper.

T. MILLER.

SIR,—I am sorry to take up more of your valuable space, but the secretary of the above society has again made a mis-statement which I should not wish to pass without contradiction. It would appear from Mr. Carter's letter taken in connection with the report of the

annual outing of the Birmingham Amalgamated, that the St. Martin's society had met at St. Chad's for a peal, and previous to starting had elected T. Miller a member. The facts are that the society meeting at St. Chad's was the Holt, of Aston (to which Mr. Carter and another member of the Amalgamated belong), and of which T. Miller was elected a member on July 14th, or more than five weeks before the attempt in question was made. I may remind Mr. Carter that my former letter is not the more bombastic because he calls it so, and that the mud thrown is not in my letter, but in the concluding lines of the report of the annual outing of the Amalgamated, to which he has now given the official weight of his position. His society is in no way defiled by the mud thrown at it, but rather by that which proceeds from itself, and he will find that in handling the pitch of detraction he has only defiled his own highly deserved and eminent reputation as a ringer. This however is a matter between himself and a society of more than a hundred years standing, with a record which any Birmingham man should cherish and be proud of whether he owes it allegiance or not. Despite the assertion as to the jurisdiction of the Amalgamated society, I doubt whether any band of ringers will be found asking permission from any society to ring in certain towers in preference to obtaining it from the clergy as usual. If Mr. Carter really desires the unity and amalgamation among ringers of this district which he claims would be such a boon, he must most certainly repent the ill-timed words I have referred to. Others who have been working in that direction have been greatly grieved and annoyed by them.

W. H. GODDEN.

September 20th, 1887.

SIR,—Will you allow me to state to the St. Martin's ringers that I am in no way concerned in the publication of the letter ament the attempt for the peal at St. Chad's church.

T. RUSSAM.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SIR,—I must thank Mr. Hattersley for pointing out the false going off course of my peal of Stedman Caters. I see the second six is false with the last one. I will, however, with your permission, substitute this calling instead, first course, bobs at 5,7,9,10,12,13,14,17; last course, 1,2,3,5,8, the intermediate calling the same, except that the fourth used in the last course must be used in the first in this, and the number 13121. I see "Looker-on" thinks I am reckless over my statements; well I think the boot is on the other leg, as the peals he refers me to are not "sixty courses" without singles, and are not therefore in-course. Of course the peals will run home half-way. But singles are used to do it. "Looker-on" ought to know that I should not be so stupid as to say a thing was not possible with the very thing before me. But perhaps "Looker-on's" opinion differs from other people's, if so, or not, he is not a very keen "Looker-on," whoever he is.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

A FINAL EXPLANATION.

SIR,—I am glad to see that you have vetoed further correspondence on the "Chelmsford peal" question. This being so, may I ask you privately to inform the person who writes this week under the signature "Little Bob," that he is quite wrong as to the cause of keeping the Harlow peal out of the Association book. The election which did take place in the Harlow tower (that of Mr. J. Luckey) was duly notified; but another member of the band was (unknown, I suppose, to the rest of the band) no longer a member of the Association, his name having been removed two years before for non-payment of subscription. This was the reason why the peal could not be entered. As no more can be said publicly, I think that "Little Bob" ought privately to apologise to Mr. Cockey for imputing to him ignorance of a matter upon which Mr. C. was perfectly well informed, I having consulted him before writing the letter which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 2nd, 1887. If "Little Bob" will kindly refer to that letter, he will find an official statement of the matter, by which to correct his own.

T. L. PAPILLON.

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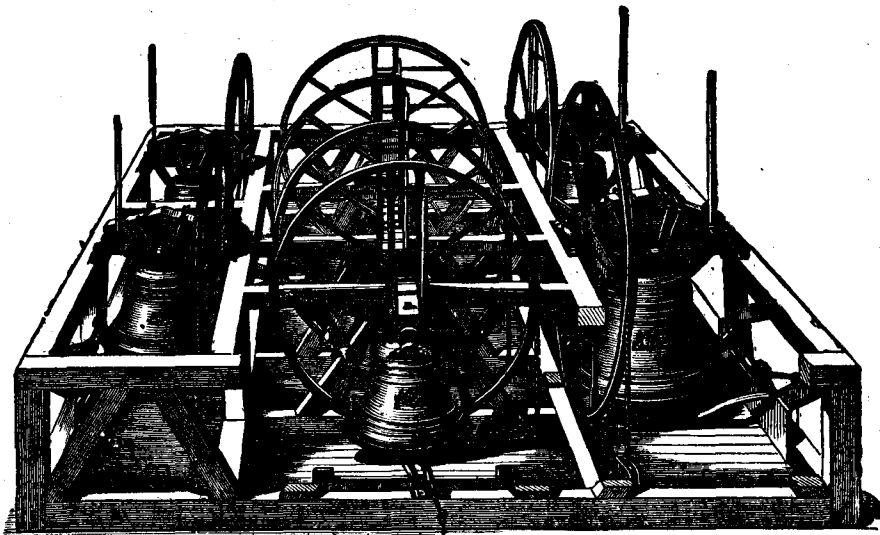
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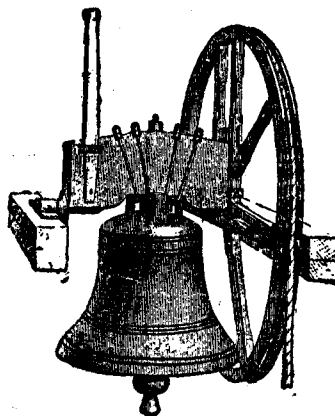
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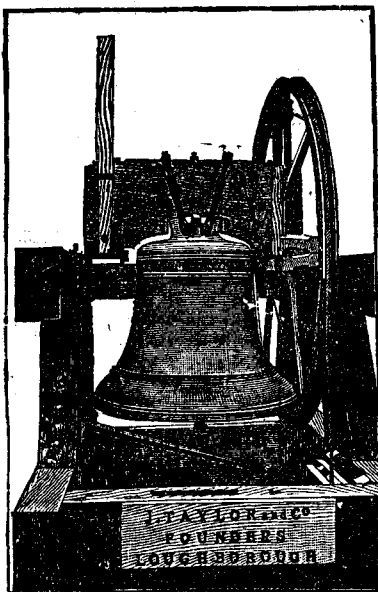
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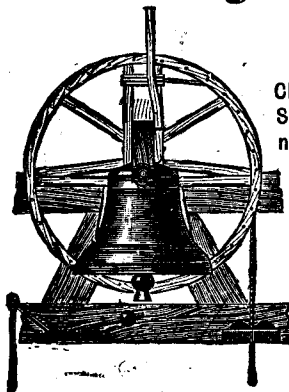
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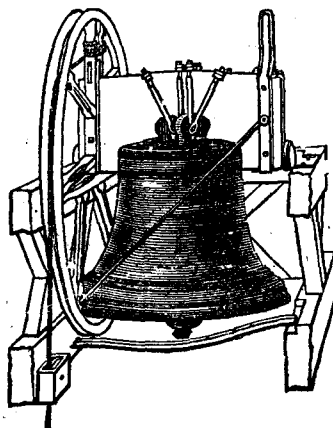
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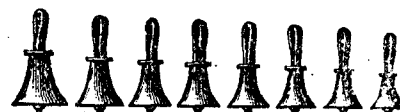
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WARWICK; ITS CASTLE AND CHURCH.

On Warwick town, and castle fair,
I've teasted full my wond'ring eyes;
Where things abound, antique and rare,
To strike the stranger with surprise?

But if again I ere appear
On this unsocial, lifeless spot,
May I be spitted on Guy's spear,
Or boiled in his porridge-pot.

So Garrick apostrophised the sleepy old town of Warwick. But notwithstanding the quiet character of the place, to call it unsocial, or even lifeless, is a libel. Plenty of life and sociability is to be found, if the visitor selects the proper times and places to look for them. The county is proverbial for hospitality and festivity, and the various social coteries among the *haut ton*, develop into rounds of festivity which centres in Warwick—the county town. Hence we read of matinees arranged by the stewards of the hunt club, soirees connected with the county regiment of yeomanry, and other parties of like character are frequently held. The town contains the seat of the Earls of Warwick, and in the neighbourhood are many other demesnes of historic interest, whose residents are far from being of that unsocial disposition the above lines would indicate.

The position of the town of Warwick being upon a pleasant eminence overlooking the river Avon, commands a series of beautiful prospects. There are a great many objects of antiquarian interest, not only in the town itself, but also in the immediate neighbourhood, which will arrest the footsteps of the traveller, and claim the passing homage due to old Time. The splendid pile known as Warwick Castle, the seat of the Earls of Warwick, is not exceeded in historical interest by any other feudal remain in the country. From whatever point Warwick is entered, the stately towers of this renowned fortress will meet the traveller's gaze long before he gets near, and on reaching the bridge, which spans the Avon in one vast arch, 105 feet in span (every stone weighing from 2,000 to 3,000 lbs.), the finest view of the castle will be obtained, reflecting its massy lengthened line in the waters of the Avon. Close to the castle are the remains of the ancient bridge. The history of this fortress reaches as far back as the times of good King Alfred, to whose daughter Ethelfleda the kingdom of Mercia, of which the county of Warwick formed a part, was given. The edifice has undergone many changes during the barbarous conflicts of the feudal age, and was the subject of siege and attack during twenty-one days in the time of the wars between Charles and his Parliament, of which the traces are still visible. The march of Lord Brooke from London, with a number of the Parliament forces, broke up the siege, and an obstinate battle restored to him the quiet possession of the castle.

It would be difficult to find a rival to the glories of this feudal pile; at all events, in the same well-kept state of preservation. The masses of ivy that envelope the walls and towers add greatly to the picturesqueness of the effect, while at the same time they give the pleasing assurance that the necessity for warlike defence has long passed away.

Cæsar's Tower is said to be coeval with the Norman Conquest. It is of irregular construction, and, although it has braved the ravages of time and the depredations of man for nearly 800 years, still continues firm as the rock on which it is founded. This tower rises to the height of 147 feet from its base, and is also machicolated. It is connected with Guy's Tower by means of a strong embattled wall, in the centre of which is the ponderous arched gateway, flanked by towers, and succeeded by a second arched gateway, with towers and battlements rising far above the first. They were formerly defended by two portcullises, one of which still remains. Before the whole is now a disused moat, with an arch thrown over it as the gateway, where formerly was the drawbridge. The visitor should before knocking at the porter's lodge, proceed down the narrow street adjoining it, leading to the Mill, and which contains some interesting specimens of ancient domestic architecture.

At the porter's lodge the stranger will be detained to look at the enormous bowl, about the size of an ordinary domestic copper, which is shown as the porridge pot of the celebrated Guy, Earl of Warwick, with the spear and other warlike weapons of that renowned champion. A long winding way cut through the solid rock, and trellised with rich luxuriant ivy, conducts to the great gateway, flanked by two towers, which

opens into the inner court. The Entrance Hall is an immense apartment, extending seventy feet in length, with a richly carved oak ceiling. The walls are hung with curious ancient armour, and other relics of a warlike age.

In two suites of apartments on both sides of this hall is arranged the old masters. It would be impossible to describe the immense collection of objects of art scattered in great profusion throughout the apartments, comprising costly garde-robes, cabinets, tables of buhl and marqueterie, vases and bronzes, with many veritable antiques. A few years ago a serious fire broke out at the castle, and many valuables were destroyed, but the ancient stronghold appears to rear its head as proudly as before, unconscious of the power of the devastating element.

Warwick, as we have before remarked, possesses several objects of antiquarian interest, which should not be overlooked by the tourist. Among these is St. Mary's Church, erroneously supposed to have been erected from the designs of Sir Christopher Wren, but now known to have been built under the direction of Sir M. Wilson. This church is deficient, in no ordinary degree, in architectural beauty, although its noble proportions give it a grandeur of appearance. It has a centre aisle, two side aisles, and a transept. Over the principal entrance is a fine and powerful organ, built by Swarebrick. The tower, 170 feet high, is seen to peculiar advantage in the neighbourhood from its imposing position in the highest part of the town. It is plain but massive. The furniture of the church is oak, deeply embrowned by age, and substantially made. It has galleries on the north, west, and south sides. It contains several monuments of interest, but the principal attraction, and one which has rendered this church famous throughout the world, is the Beauchamp Chapel, which fortunately escaped the great fire, which in 1694 laid not only the church as far as the choir, but nearly the whole town of Warwick in ashes. Near the entrance to this chapel is a marble monument, with brass effigies of Thomas Beauchamp, the founder of the church, and his wife.

The Lady Chapel is entered by a descent of several steps from the south transept of the church, beneath a doorway beautifully carved in stone, said to have been executed by a poor mason of Warwick, in 1704.

In this exquisitely beautiful mausoleum, second only to that of Henry VII's. in Westminster Abbey, are monuments to the memory of the founder, Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, Governor of France for Henry VI, whose effigy is represented in fine brass, beneath a hearse of the same metal; to Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, and his brother, Ambrose Dudley, Earl of Warwick: also to the noble "impe" (as the monument states), Robert Dudley, son of Queen Elizabeth's favourite, and who, according to tradition, was poisoned by his nurse. It is impossible to describe in a few words the gorgeous beauty of this chapel.

Deep stillness reigns, where priestly rite
And solemn dirge have blended;
Quench'd is the taper's hallow'd light,
The vigil hours are ended:
The muttered orison no more
Ascends, as it was wont of yore.

The chapel is fifty-eight feet long; the seats are of fine oak, elaborately carved. It is lighted by three large windows in the upper part of the side walls, on the west by a window looking into the church, and by a large and rich window of fine old stained glass on the east side. The ceiling of the chapel is nearly flat, and ornamented with groined ribs, at the inter-sections of which are bosses elegantly painted and gilt.

The bells are a ring of ten, tenor 28 cwt. in the key of D. They are hung so that the circle of ropes fall in what is known as the "left-handed" position, though perhaps right-handed would be the proper term, the second being to the right of the treble, instead of the left. Only two peals are known to have been rung here, and those not by local men. Indeed it is doubtful whether throughout the history of ringing, a change-ringer was ever found who was a native of Warwick. Mr. JOSEPH BICKERTON, who was for many years the respected vergier, was a very good ringer, but he hailed from Coventry. He evidently was unable to make any progress with the "Warwick Youths," whom he essayed to teach the art. The ringing-room is a spacious and somewhat comfortable apartment, and the bells at one time went fairly well. The church of St. Mary of Warwick ought to be an important headquarters of the

Exercise. Perhaps if there was a County Association something would be done. The societies who could formulate and bring to perfection such an Association are those already in Birmingham, but as they seem to be at sixes and sevens with each other, it is very doubtful whether any co-operation from such a quarter can be looked for. Meanwhile the grand old tower and its bells are silent, and change-ringing continues unknown in the ancient borough.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At the meeting of this Society held at head quarters on Tuesday evening, September 13th, 1887, the Master, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, on behalf of Mr. J. R. Haworth, presented the company with a curiosity in the shape of an oak box. During Mr. Haworth's visits to Hughenden, near High Wycombe, and the country seat of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, he came into contact with an old ringer there, named Thomas Hussey, otherwise known as "Crippled Tom," who showed him this oak box, and expressed a wish that the above Society should have it, and accordingly Mr. Haworth, on behalf of "Crippled Tom," presented the Society with it. The company passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hussey for his box and also to Mr. Haworth for his trouble in bringing the box to head quarters. The box is of oblong shape, being twelve inches in length and six inches in height. A peal of eight bells is carved on the box, four on the top, three at the sides, and one for the staple. Mr. Hussey used the box to collect subscriptions for defraying the expenses of the two new bells in Hughenden tower. The following is an inscription written and placed on the box by "Crippled Tom":

"This box was made from a block of brown oak,
That lay in a Chairmaker's yard,
Tom marked me out and saw'd me about,
And found I was solid and hard;
He said no doubt I should be about,
When asleep in the old churchyard.

Underneath the staple is another inscription written by Tom, viz.:-

Look beneath and you will see,
Crippled Tom presented me,
The College Youths' Society,
In the year of Jubilee.

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Inside the lid is another inscription, stating how Mr. Haworth got the box presented to the company. Mr. Hussey is now, and has been for some time a cripple.

RE-OPENING OF STAPLEFORD BELLS, WILTS.

The ring of five in this tower were re-opened by several ringers from Salisbury, on Friday, September 23rd. The company, consisting of Messrs. Gifford, Clements, Jerram, Adams, Lush, and Goddard, arrived about 4.30 p.m., Mr. T. Blackburn and S. Lawrence being already on the spot. They proceeded to raise the bells, and then rang several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Having ceased the bells about 7 p.m. they made their way to the "Pelican Inn," where an excellent supper was provided for them and the local ringers by Host Thring. Having done ample justice to the good things provided, songs and handbell-ringing were the order of the day. The Rev. F. W. Macdonald, vicar, although unable to be present at the supper looked in during the evening, and altogether a very enjoyable time was spent. The work of rehanging the bells has been successfully carried out by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, and comprises entirely new fittings and repairs to frame. The fourth bell has also been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and is inscribed: "F. W. Macdonald, Vicar, Mark Wallis, J. T. Grout, churchwardens, Jubilee, V.R., 1887." Mr. Blackburn is also fixing a set of Ellacombe chiming hammers to the bells.

An empty pit has been left in the frame with the intention of adding a treble to the peal when funds permit.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Monday October 17th. The Secretary will be glad to hear from those who wish to attend. If reduced railway fare is desired, the request should reach him by October 11th, with full particulars as to numbers, route, and trains.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—TIVERTON BRANCH.

ON Saturday, September 24th, the annual outing of the above branch commenced by a start from Tiverton by the eight o'clock train for Barnstaple. Arriving at Barum before 10 o'clock, they visited the ancient and interesting church of St. Brannock, at Pilton. Here they found a peal of eight, but not in a condition to suggest more than a short touch, so after a little time they let them down, and under the kind and instructing guidance of Mr. Hall, son of the vicar, they inspected the interior, and found grand reforms going on, and being conducted with great taste and judgment by Mr. Hall himself.

A pleasant drive of five miles brought them to their destination, Braunton, where they found a very pretty peal of eight, tenor 20 cwt., and hung in such a way as allowed them to go for a half-peal at least; this was being conducted by Mr. Munday, when a large stone falling on them just as they had reached the quarter-peal, threw them out, and made them cease; it proved to be a stone thrown in by some enemy at the open windows; it was fortunate it did not strike No. 6 in the face, or their day's trip would have had a sad ending. Some touches of Grandsire and Stedman allowed all the ringers to have a pull, and they received some help from a gentleman from Ilfracombe, who formerly hailed from Reading. It was a source of regret that they did not meet more of their Ilfracombe brethren. A drive back to Barnstaple, and supper at the Carnarvon Arms at Dulverton, which was duly appreciated, and a short run brought them to the "Home sweet Home," where they all agreed they possessed a peal for tone and perfection of hanging which they have not yet found equalled in Devonshire.

The following members took, part: Mr. Lewis Mackenzie (vice-president), Messrs. W. E. Allen, R. Grater, John Grater, Jas. Babbage, T. Harvey, R. Grater, jun., H. Hippisley, E. Munday, John Grater, jun., S. Hoare, Jas. Grater, and B. Grater. They wish to thank their genial and thoughtful secretary (the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote), for his kind assistance and help in promoting this holiday for them, and the Vicar of Pilton (the Rev. W. C. Hall), and the vicar of Braunton (the Rev. W. G. Morcom), for the use of their respective belfries.

HANDBELL RINGING CONTEST.

ON Monday last, the 33rd annual handbell tune-ringing contest took place at the Zoological Gardens, Belle Vue, Manchester, and it was understood to have been attended by a greater number of visitors than any other event this season. Fifteen bands competed. Each company performed a selection of six airs from *Il Trovatore* (Verdi), and a fantasia "Come l'Ardova," from *Beatrice di Tenda* (Bellini). Dr. Warwick Jordan, organist, Lewisham, London, Mr. J. Kendrick Pyne, organist, Manchester Cathedral, and Mr. Frederick Vetter, director of music, Manchester, were the judges. The ringing occupied about six hours, and very soon after its conclusion the three judges appeared on the orchestral platform, and Dr. Jordan proceeded to address the large audience somewhat as follows:-

He said that he and his colleagues had listened carefully to the performance of every band, and to the best of their judgment had estimated their abilities. He knew their verdict would not please everyone, they could not help that, however, all the judges could do was to give an honest and fair decision, and he believed that result they should arrive at, inasmuch as they did not even then know the order in which the bands rang. The awards were then made as follows: First prize, £15, Liversedge Albert, conductor, Mr. B. Cook; Second prize, £10, Almondsbury, conductor, Mr. B. Lodge; Third prize, £7, Whitefield, conductor, Mr. W. Gordon, of Stockport; Fourth prize, £5, Mirfield, conductor, Mr. W. Lee; Fifth prize, £2 10s., Holmfirth, conductor, Mr. John Moorhouse. Dr. Jordan also stated that the first and second prize winners were very close together in ability, and that the third prize winners were only two points out of a possible 120 behind the second. The first, second, fourth and fifth prize winners (Yorkshire bands all four), were also prize winners last year, but the third (Whitefield), is only a new company, who were not fully supplied with bells so late as the 1st of September last, and are therefore under those circumstances considered to have made very rapid progress.

VISIT OF BRIGHTON RINGERS TO WALDRON,
SUFFOLK.

On Monday, September 26th, at the invitation of the Vicar, four members of the Brighton branch of the Sussex County Association paid a visit to Waldron, on the occasion of the re-opening of the belfry. Starting from Brighton at 11.55, they arrived at Uckfield at 1 p.m. Procuring a trap we were soon on the road to Waldron, which lies about six miles from Uckfield, the direction being south-east. The scenery on the road was very picturesque. Waldron was reached about 2 p.m. They then adjourned to the village inn, where a cold collation was served, to which ample justice was done. At 3 o'clock they attended the dedication service at the church, which was very tastefully decorated, the previous day being the Harvest Festival. The service was opened with a processional hymn, "We love thy place, O God." After the lessons were read the clergy and the choir adjourned to the belfry, which is situated on the floor of the church. Prayers were then said by the rural dean, after which, the hymn, "Lift them gently to the tower," was sung, the bells during the singing of the hymn being rung by the local band. The Rev. Canon Sutton then preached the dedication sermon, the rev. gentleman taking for his text Psalm cl., verses 3, 4, and 5.—"Praise him with the sound of the trumpet, praise him with the psalter and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance, praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals, praise him upon the high sounding cymbals." The reverend gentleman in the course of his sermon exhorted the ringers to remember that every note they struck was a call to heaven. He alluded to the vicissitudes the bells which they had dedicated that day to the service of God had passed through, and to the vicissitudes they would in generations to come pass through. After the sermon, an offertory hymn was sung, the offertory being devoted to the defrayment of the expenses of re-casting the bells. The people were rung out of church by the local ringers and ringers from neighbouring towers, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles being rung by them in the course of the day. The Brighton contingent, together with a party of four from Eastbourne, then took hold of the ropes and rang a half-peal (2520 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 27 mins. T. Hart (Eastbourne), 1; G. A. King (Brighton), 2; W. Sigges (Eastbourne), 3; G. Thwaites (Brighton), 4; C. Harfey (Eastbourne), 5; T. Lewis (Eastbourne), 6; J. Jay, sen. (conductor, Brighton), 7; W. F. Vernon (Brighton), 8. The bells are a fine peal, tenor 11 cwt. in G. The go of the bells is splendid, the only detriment being that the tenor rope is much too thick for the weight of the bell. The ropes fall in a circle, and everything in connection with the hanging of the bells appears to give great satisfaction. After tea at the rectory they made the best of their way back to Brighton, where they arrived shortly after nine o'clock, having spent a most enjoyable day.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

A NEW BELL.—After long and patient waiting, the lovers of campanology in this village, have obtained a new treble bell, so as to make up a peal of six. The bell arrived by Midland Railway on Monday, and after being placed in position, on Tuesday morning the local company, by way of trial, gave several touches of Grandsire during the afternoon and evening. The bell weighs about six cwt., and bears the following inscription: "Cast by John Warner and Son, London, 1887, Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1887." During the trial many considered the bell was too sharp or shrill, but by competent judges it is said to be in perfect tune.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, October 15th, at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Tea will be provided in the school, tickets 1s. each. Changes of addresses for ringing calendar, etc., should be sent Joel Redford, 9, Portugal Street, Bolton, for insertion in the annual report. Further particulars next week.

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JOEL REDFORD, } Hon. Secs.

THE BELLS OF CLUNBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

Among the many charitable bequests of the late Miss Nightingale, was one towards a new peal of bells to complete an otherwise thoroughly well-fitted little church. In 1880-81 the church was restored at a cost of above £1,600. The work was so well done that few who knew the old edifice would be able to recognise it in the present one. Since then a new organ has been placed in the chancel, chiefly by the exertions of Mrs. Jellicorse, leaving only the peal of bells. This blank the late Miss Nightingale, when an occasional worshipper, must have noticed, and thus her bequest of £200. The money was paid over to the Vicar and Churchwardens in May last, and they lost no time in forming a committee of the chief parishioners. A peal of six was decided on, and their erection placed in the hands of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London. The old bells were at once removed to London, two to be recast, and the other (the tenor), re-stocked, and the clapper changed. For about four months the tower remained silent, the press at the founders being very great. The vicar, however was able on the return of the bells to note how well the whole of the congregation had attended, and with most praiseworthy punctuality. August 23rd saw the bells safely deposited in the vestry, and the following week found them well hung in their places. On Wednesday week, the combined services of harvest thanksgiving and dedication of the bells took place. The pulpit was occupied by the Lord Bishop of Hereford. The service was choral, and the anthem was "Ye shall dwell in the land" (Stainer). The Rev. Mr. Baxter (Sebdon), intoned the service. The Rev. W. Rowlands (Bishop's Castle), read the first lesson, and the Rev. Mr. Cresswell the second. In addition to these the following clergy were present: Revs.—Warner (Clun), R. Maul (Hopesay), —. Fixen (Bucknell), —. Field (Lydbury North), and the vicar (Rev. W. Jellicorse). The musical part of the service passed off in the usual satisfactory manner, while the decorations were, if anything, more beautiful than on former festive occasions. The church was packed to excess, and many could not even get inside. The procession was considerably inconvenienced by those unable to find seats, but who lined the aisle of the church, standing the whole service. The dedication service followed the grace. The Litany stool had been placed immediately in the tower entrance, but the Bishop however found it impossible to use it, so great was the press of the people. As the last "Amen" of the dedication sounded, the bells rang out a merry peal, being rung by the following: Messrs. J. G. Buchanan, R. Newill, W. Roberts, J. Roberts, Wood, Chester, and Tucker (instructor to the Herefordshire Guild). The sermon followed, and the Bishop went over the various functions of bells. He particularly dwelt on the "passing bell," and hoped many would ever be ready to answer its solemn call. He exploded the superstitious part of the old faith in bells, yet reminded the ringers that the tower was still part of the church, which would always demand of them becoming behaviour. At the close he made a powerful and urgent appeal that all would give cheerfully towards the clearing off the £28 still wanting to clear the bells. At the restoration the bell loft and ringing chamber did not come in for their share. Now these rooms had been renovated and the ringing-chamber coloured. A new double floor takes the place of the old single one. On this new floor rests the new oak frame. Among the inscriptions are the following:—"Vivos voco mortuos plango attendite populi;" "Ring in the love of truth and right;" "Jesus bee our speed, 1631;" "Jubilee, 1887;" "God save the Queen." After service the bells again rang merrily, and continued to do so till late in the evening. The tower and belfry were visited by a great number of people, while many who could ring were allowed to indulge in that pleasant and healthful art.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Tipton. The bells at the parish church will be available for ringing during the afternoon. It is requested that members from each tower connected with the Society will be present, as the reports will be ready for distribution to all those who have paid their subscriptions.

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ON Saturday, September 24th, the first peal of Stedman Triples by the above Guild was rung at Fareham, in honour of the birthday of Mr. J. W. Whiting, one of the local band, the members of which have been untiring in their efforts to obtain a peal in the method. Meeting at the house of Mr. Whiting before proceeding to the tower, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells. J. W. Whiting, 1-2; H. White, 3-4; J. Hewett, 5-6; J. W. Washbrook, 7-8; G. Williams, 9-10. The peal, a report of which will be found in the peal column, having been successfully brought round by 8 p.m., a course of Treble Bob Major was rung before leaving the tower. C. Privett, 1; J. Whiting, 2; F. Hill, 3; J. Hewett, 4; H. White, 5; G. Williams, 6; *G. Grafham, 7; J. W. Washbrook, 8. The party then returned to the house of Mr. Whiting, who had very kindly provided a substantial dinner, to which it need scarcely be added ample justice was done by the hungry band, who quickly convinced their host that bells were not the only things they could handle. At the conclusion of the repast, the health of Mr. and Mrs. Whiting was proposed and enthusiastically received, as also was that of Mr. Washbrook, the conductor of the peal. Mr. C. Privett, on behalf of the Fareham band, then presented Mr. G. Williams with a strongly bound copy of the Shipway Reprint, as a slight token of the respect in which he was held by them during his stay at Fareham, and as a small acknowledgement of his energetic endeavours to promote the art of change-ringing. The handbells were now brought into requisition, and the "March of the Men of Harlech," "Ring the bell, watchman," and "Keel Row," with accompaniments capitally rendered by Messrs. Grafham, Hill, and Whiting, Privett, and Passingham, after which the following touches were rung. A 252 of Stedman Triples. J. Hewett, 1-2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3-4; G. Williams, 5-6; J. W. Whiting, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Caters. J. W. Whiting, 1-2; H. White, 3-4; J. Hewett, 5-6; G. Williams, 7-8; J. W. Washbrook, 9-10. Also a course of Grandsire Triples. J. W. Washbrook, 1-2-3-4; G. Williams, 5-6-7-8. The company then separated for the night, the success they had achieved a few hours before having contributed greatly to the evening's enjoyment. On Sunday morning and afternoon for Divine Service at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 252 of Stedman Triples. G. Williams (conductor), 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; H. White, 3; C. Privett, 4; J. Hewett, 5; J. W. Washbrook, 6; G. Grafham, 7; T. Passingham, 8. And a 420 of Stedman Triples. J. W. Washbrook, 1; C. Privett, 2; F. Hill, 3; J. Hewett, 4; H. White, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; T. Passingham, 8. Also a 336 of Stedman Triples. H. White, 1; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 2; F. Hill, 3; C. Privett, 4; G. Grafham, 5; T. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; T. Matthews, 8. Also at Mr. Whiting's house, on handbells, a course of Grandsire Triples. G. Williams, 1-2-3-4; J. W. Washbrook, 5-6-7-8. And a course of Stedman Caters. G. W. Williams, 1-2; H. White, 3-4; J. Hewett, 5-6; J. W. Washbrook, 7-8; J. W. Whiting, 9-10. That every band in the Winchester Diocesan Guild may follow the example of the Fareham band, and that they may all climb the ladder step by step until they reach the top is the earnest wish of
A YOUNG HAND.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Walthamstow, on Saturday, October 8th. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells), and St. Saviour's (eight bells), will be open to members of the Association during the day. The business meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at the Schoolroom in St. Mary's Churchyard. A meat tea (price 6d. to members who give notice of their intention to be present) will be served at the Coffee Tavern in St. Mary's Road, at 5 p.m. The nearest Station is Hoe Street, on the Chingford line. Trains about every half-hour from Liverpool Street: from Stratford, 10.40, 11.53, 12.50 2.38 (September tables). Return Tickets at one fare and a quarter will be issued by the G.E.R. to members who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, October 5th, from what station they propose to start, and produce at the booking office the receipt for the current year's subscription. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.,
Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford, September, 1887.

HERE AND THERE.

I find I have got myself into hot water again in connection with the subject of "Peal-ringing on Sunday." I am not going to recapitulate the arguments upon the question, but it is generally understood that the practice is one which it is as well to refrain from as much as possible. Whatever us ringers may think about it, there are other persons who do not forget to call us hard names when they read of Sunday peal-ringing. That is all.

Geo. F. ATTREE, of Brighton, is down upon "mock elections." I doubt whether his remarks will be agreed with by the majority of metropolitan ringers, at any rate. But the metropolis of course should not be considered as inspiring or suggesting any question whatever. What will do for London must not be expected to do for all the rest of England. It is time we left off following the wake of a few people in London in matters of organization merely because they can (and do sometimes) write C.Y. after their name. Many a provincial ringer coming to the metropolis would imagine the purposes of his visit were not fulfilled unless he rang a peal. But how is he to ring one. The *modus operandi* is this: Whatever company he first meets with will listen to his desires, and make arrangements for carrying them out. At the church where the peal is to be attempted he will be asked to become a member of the society, if he has not been solicited before, and he very seldom refuses. Such a system however is not without its disadvantages. There is sometimes an actual competition between a few of the members of the two principal societies, who shall secure a visitor for their society, especially if such visitor happens to be, from a "social-position" point of view, well off.

Talking about the London Societies, there exists some dissatisfaction about the arrangements and what are considered the necessary fees for booking a peal. In one society in London the fee amounts to sixpence for each man engaged in the peal. This seems very reasonable, but there is another side to it. Members of this same society who attend meetings twelve times in a year, paying one penny on each occasion, have peals entered in the book free of charge. Members in suburban districts grumble at this. Why cannot they be allowed to pay the twelve pennies, they say, and be treated accordingly. Many of those who attend regularly it is alleged, would not do so, only that they are "of the scruffe," and their interests demand their presence. Something evidently requires adjustment here. It need not be done exactly as the grumblers wish, but they could, I should think, be met half-way. It would in fact be good policy to bring about an amicable arrangement in connection with the question.

I am thinking of taking a holiday for a few days, but where to go, whether east, west, north, or south, or by rail, road, or river, is a puzzler. Is there any good-natured society in England (Samaritanically inclined), who will invite one on the look-out for a charming spot, the scenery which will assist in recruiting his exhausted energies, both mental and corporeal? I hope I shall not have too many kind offers, because in such case there is a tremendous difficulty in the selection. I can ring, fish, ride a horse or a tricycle, play at chess, or draughts, and am a dead shot, especially at poultry or game, when on table. A cordial invitation (though it must be in a genial and exhilarating neighbourhood) of this kind, will be gratefully responded to by
A NEW MAN.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The 250th Anniversary of this Society will take place at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Saturday, November 5th next. Tickets 3s. 6d. each. Members and friends desirous of being present, will please communicate with Mr. G. Mash, 20, Essex Street, Southwark. A further announcement will appear next week. Early application is requested.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	2	6	5	4	2			2
5	6	2	3	4			2	2
5	2	3	6	4			I	2
5	3	6	2	4	I	-	2	2
3	4	6	2	5	I			2
3	6	2	4	5			I	2
4	2	6	3	5	I	-		2
2	4	5	3	6		-	I	2
2	5	3	4	6	I	-	2	2
4	3	5	2	6	I	-		2
2	4	3	6	5		-		2
4	5	3	6	2	I			2
5	4	2	6	3	2			2
6	2	4	5	3			2	2
2	3	4	5	6	I			2

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and the 6th its extent wrong.

5040.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5264.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
4	3	6	5	2		-	
6	5	4	3	2	-		-
4	6	5	3	2			--

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE
TRIPLES.

1260.

By EDWARD PITT, *Exeter.*

2	3	4	5	6	7	
7	5	2	6	3	4	I
6	5	7	4	2	3	5
3	4	6	2	5	7	I
6	5	3	4	7	2	I
2	4	6	7	5	3	I
6	5	2	4	3	7	3
2	3	6	5	7	4	3
6	7	2	3	4	5	3
5	3	6	4	7	2	I
4	3	5	2	6	7	5
3	5	4	2	6	7	4

Twice repeated.

This quarter-peal contains nine 4-6's and the twelve 6-7's.

This peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and right, with the 5th twelve times at home.

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All communications respecting advertisements must be addressed to the office of "THE BELL NEWS," Walthamstow, London.

ADDRESS WANTED.—Mr. S. Phillips, of 2 Beaconsfield Street, Barton Hill Bristol, would like to know the address of Mr. H. J. Tucker, instructor to the Hereford Guild.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1887.

THE handbell performances, which have of late been achieved in the metropolis, redound very greatly to the credit of all the performers who have taken part in them. Especially do the conductors of these peals deserve some meed of praise, which is not to be qualified in the slightest degree by any reason of supposed simplicity of the composition selected for operation, for the most difficult of all peals of Grandsire Triples to call, viz.: "Holt's Original," has been taken in hand by them, and in the presence of critics, both friendly and otherwise, has been executed in a masterly manner, gaining the warm approbation of the company assembled. These performances vividly bring to remembrance the days of such men as HALEY and COX, COOTER and FERRIS, POWELL, BRITTEN, and other names, at one time well known and highly distinguished in this particular branch of the Exercise. These talented exponents of the most difficult branch of the ringing science did not, however, confine themselves to one particular method, or to any particular number of bells. Peals of Stedman Cinques was at one time more frequent with them than many who read these lines would believe. In this particular they were determined to excel, and did so.

And we should be glad if anything we could say would be the means of inciting those gentlemen who have rung so many peals of Grandsire Triples recently to go yet higher in the art, and prove themselves worthy successors of those, some of whom have gone to join the majority, while others, and not the least of them, are, we are happy to say, still amongst us. It is too late now to wish that in this especial branch of ringing the metropolis may always remain at the head; the skill shewn by provincial ringers of late, notably at Birmingham and Oxford, is sufficient to discourage such a thought. But it is not too late to point out to those energetic ringers whose recent feats we are noticing, that by extending their

operations to other methods, and upon an increased number of bells, they will beyond a doubt place the London portion of the Exercise into as near a position as possible, in handbell ringing, as that which it formerly enjoyed.

We hope these observations may not be misunderstood, or received with churlishness; and will it be out of place here to give expression to a wish that taking into consideration the numerous facilities for handbell ringing, both as regards time and place, the first day of the week may be avoided as far as possible?

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Longbridge Deverill, on Thursday, October 6th, when the bells will be at the disposal of members and friends from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m., members free, others 6d. each. Names of those purposing to attend to be sent to Mr. G. Parham, captain of the Longbridge Deverill company, before September 26th.

J. R. JERRAM, Sec.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, BRISTOL.

Adverting to the paragraph in your last issue, it may interest some of your readers to learn that the peal of eight just set in thorough order by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, are hung in a tower said to be seven feet out of the perpendicular, in fact a second tower of Pisa on a small scale. The declination is obvious, and does not even escape the notice of ordinary observers. The Ancient Society of St. James meet at this church, and on Tuesday evening, September 28th, rang 840 of Grandsire Triples, the longest touch since the re-opening of the bells on June 21st (Jubilee Day). Messrs. Taylor may be warmly congratulated on the go of the bells, which, singly, leaves nothing to be desired, but owing to the oscillation of the tower, in peal the third and fourth are somewhat "tricky." The touch above referred to was rung by the following: T. Salter (conductor), 1; C. Waters, 2; A. Anderson, Esq., 3; John Davies, 4; A. Parish, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., 6; Robert Knill, 7; Henry Schusler, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Birthday Peal.

On Thursday, September 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES PAGE Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER 5.
E. F. COLE 2.	JAMES HANNINGTON 6.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
EDWARD CHAPMAN 4.	GEORGE GRIFFIN Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 47th birthday of Mr. George Griffin, and his brother ringers wish him many happy returns.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

*W. CARTER Treble.	*J. WILLSHIRE 5.
H. R. NEWTON 2.	*H. T. ELLIS 6.
J. N. OXBORROW 3.	J. M. HAYES 7.
T. R. BELL 4.	W. CROPLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

*First peal. This is the first peal rang by the St. Stephen's, Westminster, Society the success of which is due to the energy of Mr. J. M. Hayes, the instructor of the Society, who has worked hard in teaching the members change-ringing, and deserves great credit for the progress they have made. This is also the first peal rang by a local band on these bells.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

Handbell Ringing.

On Sunday, September 25, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT ST. JAMES' MEETING HOUSE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN	1-2.	THOMAS MILLER	.. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY	.. 3-4.	JOHN M. HAYES	.. 7-8.

Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

Umpires, Mr. G. Wild, of the Royal Cumberland Society, and Mr. H. R. Newton of the College Youths. Mr. Miller hails from Birmingham, and this was his twentieth peal on handbells; they consist of—1 of Grandsire Cinques; 10 of Grandsire Caters; 5 of Grandsire Major (including the longest peal rang in hand, 10,176); 1 of Bob Major; 3 of Grandsire Triples.

The Provinces.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(DUFFIELD BRANCH).

On Thursday, September 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON	.. .. Treble.	HARRY C. WOODWARD	.. 6.
JOHN HOWE	.. .. 2.	WILLIAM BILLINGHURST	7.
SAMUEL JOHNSON	.. .. 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN	.. 8.
EVAN MORETON	.. .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	.. 9.
WILLIAM HICKLING	.. .. 5.	JOHN SEAL	.. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HALEY, and Conducted by
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LIVERPOOL YOUTHS' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL,

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

RICHARD WILLIAMS	.. .. Treble.	GEORGE FISHER	.. .. 5.
RICHARD HILL	.. .. 2.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD	.. 6.
THOMAS HAMMOND	.. .. 3.	ROBERT WILLIAMS	.. .. 7.
CHARLES WILLIAMS	.. .. 4.	WILLIAM BROOKS	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

It was intended to start for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but meeting one short the above was rang instead. R. Hill hails from Southport.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, September 24, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,
5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM PEARS	.. .. Treble.	THOMAS STRINGER	.. .. 4.
RAYMOND SUMMERSALL	.. .. 2.	HENRY BURSTOW	.. .. 5.
THOMAS FAIRS	.. .. 3.	THOMAS WEST	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BURSTOW.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.

Jubilee and Opening Peal.

On Saturday, September 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F#.

HARRY HOLLINGWORTH	.. Treble.	GEO. A. FISH	.. .. 5.
JOHN VICKERS	.. .. 2.	GEO. C. TUNNICLIFF	.. 6.
FRED. W. COOK	.. .. 3.	HARRY C. WOODWARD	.. 7.
JOSEPH WARREN	.. .. 4.	JOHN R. WOOD	.. .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by H. C. WOODWARD.

The above peal was rung at the first attempt, and is the first peal by all except the conductor. Also the first peal on the bells.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,
AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

On Saturday, September 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR
METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:—

Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Yorkshire Court, to
Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

H. SMITH	.. .. Treble.	G. ESSEX	.. .. 4.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE	.. 2.	J. HANDS	.. .. 5.
E. MENDAY	.. .. 3.	T. NEWMAN	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

The above peal was rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new church of St. John-the-Baptist, Lower Caversham, the ceremony being performed by the Right Honourable the Earl Percy. As a proof of the excellent striking and compass maintained throughout, it may be mentioned that each 720 occupied almost exactly twenty-four minutes fifty seconds, the variation in no case being more than eight seconds.

GLODWICK, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, September 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD GUEST*	.. Treble.	*FRED CROSLAND	.. .. 5.
CLEMENT DRONSFIELD*	.. 2.	*ALBERT CLEGG	.. .. 6.
JAMES RILEY*	.. .. 3.	SAMUEL STOTT	.. .. 7.
JOHN GREENWOOD*	.. .. 4.	*GEORGE H. BEEVER	.. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, of Mottram, and
Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

This peal was rung as a farewell to Mr. J. Riley, who is going to America. * First peal of Major in the method.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, September 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION (Reversed). Tenor 14 cwt. in F#.

JAMES HEWETT	.. Treble.	†JAMES W. WASHBROOK	.. 5.
JOHN W. WHITING*†	.. 2.	*FREDERICK HILL	.. 6.
HENRY WHITE†	.. .. 3.	†GEORGE WILLIAMS	.. 7.
CHARLES PRIVETT*†	.. .. 4.	*GEORGE GRAHAM	.. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman. †Members of the Sussex County Association. ‡Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. This is the first peal of Stedman rang by the Winchester Guild, and believed to be the first peal in the method rang in the County of Hants. Mr. Washbrook hails from Oxford; White from Basingstoke; Williams from Midhurst, Sussex (late of Fareham); Hewett from Gosport; the rest are local men. Rang on Mr. J. W. Whiting's birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(STEYNING BRANCH).

On Tuesday, September 27, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR
METHODS, ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court, Kent Treble Bob, College
Single, Oxford Single Bob and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. MORRIS	.. Treble.	E. BRACKLEY	.. .. 4.
G. GATLAND	.. .. 2.	J. WOOLGAR	.. .. 5.
G. SMART	.. .. 3.	C. TYLER	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHAS TYLER.

This is the first 5040 on the bells in seven different methods.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, September 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SHEPPARD Treble.	GEO. A. KING 5.
JOHN R. REILLY 2.	G. C. HAMMOND 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 3.	JOHN JAY, SEN. 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	E. BUTLER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAY, SEN.

William Sheppard hails from Streatham; G. C. Hammond from Ringmer; and the remainder from Brighton. The whole of the ringers with the exception of Mr. Sheppard are members of the Sussex County Association.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5237 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

JOHN EACHUS Treble.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	THOMAS HEALD 7.
JAMES GRATRICK 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 8.
*JOHN MILLETT 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL 9.
JOSEPH GRIMSHAW 5.	EDWARD CASH Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

*First peal. W. Newell hails from Reading, Berkshire, and was elected a member of the above Association previous to the attempt; J. Millett from Heywood; and E. Bishop from Bury, formerly of Reading.

Date Touches.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, September 24th, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, a date touch of 1887 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 3 mins. W. Saniger, 1; J. Carter (composer), 2; W. Brook, 3; C. Barnacle, 4; J. Jones (Wolverhampton), 5; J. T. Perry (conductor), 6; A. Hackley, 7; A. Druce, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. This touch contains the twenty-four 4-6's and the twelve 6-7's.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, September 23rd, at the parish church of St. Swithun, a date touch of 1887 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 1 hr. and 5 mins. S. Romans, 1; W. Sevier (conductor), 2; W. Pegler, 3; F. E. Hart, 4; G. Taylor, 5; H. F. James, Esq., 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, September 18th, for Divine Service, at the church of St. Andrew, Wells Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; H. Langdon, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; J. N. Oxborrow, 4; E. Carter, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; R. T. Woodley, 8.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 25th, at the church of St. Clement Danes, a 1258 of Stedman Caters, in 53 mins. H. Langdon, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; E. Carter, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; R. T. Woodley, 5; W. W. Thorne, 6; H. R. Newton, 7; T. Miller, 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; J. Willshire, 10. Mr. Miller hails from Birmingham.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Saturday, September 24th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 41 mins. A. Keit, 1; J. H. Wilkins, 2; W. Keit, 3; G. Grimwade, 4; R. T. Maynard, 5; T. Maynard (conductor), 6; F. G. Newman, 7; W. Crockford, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. in Eb.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Monday evening, September 12th, at the parish church, the local company rang the fifth part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (518 changes). A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; D. Marment, 6; C. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also a 168, with T. Wright, 1; and T. Ireland, 3. And on Thursday, September 15th, for Divine

Service, being the Harvest Festival, two 448's of Grandsire Triples. D. Marment, 1; W. Sloman, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; C. King, 6; G. Smith, 7; T. Wright, 8. Also after Divine Service, five plain courses. And on Monday evening, September 19th, for practice, 448 of Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also 168, with T. Ireland, 3. And on Saturday evening, September 24th, 168 of Grandsire Triples. A. Gwinnet, 1; C. King, 2; D. Aston, 3; W. Hale, 4; J. Wager, 5; W. Sloman, 6; W. Sevier (conductor), 7; H. L. James (Gloucester), 8. Also a 447 of Grandsire Triples, extent of Tittums, from page 55 (Hubbard), standing as before, with G. Smith, 8. An attempt was made for half of Holt's ten-part peal, but was lost after ringing 700 changes. And for early service at 8 a.m., on Sunday, September 25th (Painswick feast), 448 of Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; D. Marment, 4; W. Hale (conductor), 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also six plain courses, with T. Ireland, 3. And for Divine Service, 168, standing as before. After dinner several members from Gloucester, Quedgley, Brockworth, Bisley, and several towers arrived, and the tower and handbells were kept in full swing till half-past six. A variety of touches were rung by the visitors, among which was a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, 1; E. King, 2; S. Romans, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; T. Brown, 5; W. Hale, 6; W. Sevier (conductor), 7; J. Thomas, 8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells. W. Hale, 1-2; W. Sevier, 3-4; T. Brown, 5-6; R. J. Wilkins, 7-8; S. Romans, 9-10. Also two courses of Grandsire Caters. W. Hale, 1-2; R. J. Wilkins, 3-4; T. Brown, 5-6; H. Mitchell, 7-8; S. Romans, 9-10. Also five courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Hale, 1-2; R. J. Wilkins, 3-4; T. Brown, 5-6; S. Romans, 7-8. And three courses. W. Hale, 1-2; R. J. Wilkins, 3-4; H. Mitchell, 5-6; S. Romans, 7-8. Also one course. T. Wright, 1-2; R. J. Wilkins, 3-4; H. Mitchell, 5-6; W. Sevier, 7-8. Tenor 22 size. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, on the back six, on the tower bells. A. Gwinnet, 1; W. Hale, 2; S. Romans, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; W. Lewis, 5; T. Wright, 6. Also 120 Plain Bob Minor. R. J. Wilkins, 1; W. Hale, 2; ———, 3; T. Downham, 4; H. Baldwin, 5; W. Sevier (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, September 20th, for practice, a 720 of College Single. C. Parfitt, 1; H. Simmonds (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; E. Menday, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; G. Essex, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; E. Menday, 4; H. Smith (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, for the Harvest Festival, a 360 of Plain Bob was rung at 7.30 a.m. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; T. Newman, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. For Divine Service at 11 a.m., a 720 of Oxford Bob. J. Hands, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; G. Essex, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the evening, a 360 of Plain Bob. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; J. Hands, 3; T. Newman, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. After service, a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; G. Essex, 3; T. Newman, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY (near Rochester).—On Sunday evening, September 25th, at All Saints' church, after Divine Service, ten-and-a-half 6-scores (1260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. D. Wiercer, 1; E. Collard, 2; A. King, 3; G. Hutchings, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt. The above was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the church.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Thursday, September 22nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Harper, 1; G. Elcombe (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; A. Cornford, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Minor. G. Elcombe, 1; L. Digweed, 2; A. Cornford, 3; F. Ring, 4; G. Hayes, 5; G. Martin (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method with a bob bell by L. Digweed.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Baddeley (conductor), 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; G. W. Walker, 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Saturday, September 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's Original, in 53 mins. J. Hicklin, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; J. Jaggar (conductor), 3; L. Bullock, 4; G. Robinson, 5; H. Wakley, 6; J.

Walker, 7; W. Orme, 8. On Sunday, September 24th, after evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Walker, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; L. Bullock, 3; W. Wakley, 4; J. Hicklin, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6; G. Robinson, 7; J. Carver, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN.—On Sunday evening, August 28th, 720 Bob Minor, in 23½ mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Ridyard (Worsley), 2; J. Williamson, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Also on Sunday evening, September 25th, a 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Brookes (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; C. Howard, 2; J. Savill (first 720), 3; S. Hammond (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. Hammond, 6. For evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor. T. Watson, 1; J. T. Barker, 2; S. Hammond (conductor), 3; E. Hynds, 4; E. Claydon, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also a course and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Howard, 1; J. T. Barker, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; E. Claydon, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; S. Hammond (conductor), 6.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Monday, September 19th, at St. Mary's church, six 6-scores in the following methods: New Doubles, St. Simon's, Antelope, Stedman's Slow Course, Grandsire and Plain Doubles. W. Emery, 1; H. Gowers, 2; E. Claydon (conductor), 3; E. Hynds, 4; J. T. Barker, 5. Also for morning and afternoon service, on Sunday, September 25th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Barker, 1; W. Emery, 2; J. T. Barker, 3; E. Claydon, 4; E. Hynds, 5.

ALDFORD (Cheshire).—On Friday, September 23rd, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Dunning, 2; W. Thomas, 3; J. Bassnett, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; T. Bassnett, 6.

BRISTOL.—*Muffled Peal*.—On Thursday, September 22nd, the St. Stephen's company met at Emmanuel Church, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins., as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Luckock, relict of the late Rev. T. M. Luckock, for some years rector of Christ Church, Bristol. J. Palser, 1; E. Duckham, 2; *F. Perrin, 3; F. Price, 4; E. Beake, 5; G. Daltry (conductor), 6; *G. Staddon, 7; G. Stallard, 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell. On Sunday morning, September 25th, at the same church, after service, a mixed band rang 128 and 351 Grandsire Major (muffled). G. Staddon, 1; H. Tucker, 2; F. Perrin, 3; E. Duckham, 4; J. Holman, 5; E. Beake, 6; F. Price, 7; J. Hinton (conductor), 8. On Sunday, September 25th, at James's church, for morning service, 97 Grandsire Triples. A. Pearce, 1; A. Howell, 2; F. Porch, 3; J. Holman, 4; W. Porch, 5; H. Porch, 6; J. Hinton (conductor), 7; W. Hill, 8. And for evening service 464 Bob Major. A. Pearce, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Pearce, 3; J. Holman, 4; W. Paddock, 5; W. Porch, 6; J. Hinton, 7; H. Porch (conductor), 8. At Redcliffe church, for afternoon service, an attempt for a touch of Grandsire Triples came to grief, owing to a rope breaking. J. Bawn, 1; J. Hinton, 2; F. Perrin, 3; A. Pike, 4; J. Holman, 5; A. Bawn, 6; G. Daltry (conductor), 7; E. Guy, 8. Afterwards a touch of Bob Minor. J. Bawn, 1; J. Hinton (conductor), 2; A. Bawn, 3; F. Price, 4; J. Holman, 5; G. Daltry, 6. At St. Peter's, after afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Bawn, 1; A. Pike, 2; J. Holman, 3; J. Bawn, 4; G. Daltry, 5; J. Hinton (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Richmond, 1; Dr. Tiley, 2; J. Hinton, 3; F. Ellis, 4; F. Ash, 5; D. Palses, 6. For evening service a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Palser, 1; Dr. Tiley, 2; A. Bawn, 3; A. Pike, 4; G. Daltry, 5; David Palser, 6; — Devon, 7; E. Guy, 8. After evening service, 419 Grandsire Triples. F. Porch, 1; F. Perrin, 2; G. Daltry, 3; J. Holman, 4; E. Duckham, 5; J. Hinton (conductor), 6; F. Price, 7; G. Stallard, 8. Mr. J. Holman hails from Lincoln, but is now at Bath; Messrs. Bawn brothers, Pike, Guy, and Dr. Tiley hails from Stapleton. The visitors wish to take this opportunity of thanking their brother-strings in Bristol for their kindness.

CHACELEY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, September 21st, the local company, assisted by L. Longney, of Croome, rang a quarter-peal (1260) Grandsire Doubles, containing ten-and-a-half 6-scores, each called differently. W. South, 1; W. Spires, 2; J. Scrivens, 3; L. Longney, 4; T. Webb (conductor), 5; G. Worthington, 6. Tenor 11½ cwt.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, September 17th, an attempt was made by a mixed band to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins.,

just before the half-way. J. Golds (Bromley), 1; R. Jordan (Capel), 2; T. G. Deal (Lee, conductor), 3; T. M. Stedman (Capel), 4; A. D. Mills (Capel), 5; G. Sheppard (Chislehurst), 6; D. Jordan (Capel), 7; W. James (Bromley), 8. Tenor 10½ cwt. Time not allowing another attempt, a short touch was brought round by the following band: J. Golds, 1; T. Rose, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; T. Durling, 4; E. Dunn, 5; R. Jordan, 6; A. D. Mills, 7; J. Denham, 8. Afterwards an hour was spent with the handbells, several tunes and courses of Grandsire Triples being rung. The Capel band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to the Bromley and Chislehurst men for the kind way in which they were received.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, September 25th, for afternoon service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; W. Sadler, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And after service 720 Violet, in 24 mins. A. Mills, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; *W. Sadler, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Also 360 College Exercise. W. Sadler, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; T. Stedman, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. W. Sadler hails from Betchworth, Surrey.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Monday, September 26th, at All Sain's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes, Brook's variation), in 43 mins. S. Greenwood, 1; C. E. Malim, 2; J. Plowman, 3; W. Burkin, 4; A. B. Carpenter, 5; J. Fayers, 6; G. Welling (conductor), 7; H. Pates, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, September 22nd, at the church of St. Paulinus, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. L. Hammond, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; E. E. Richards, 3; F. Durling, 4; W. J. Cook, 5; G. Conyard, 6; F. French, 7; W. Saxby, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of Mr. French's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. It was intended to start for a peal of Bob Major, but meeting one short, the above was rung.

ELTHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, September 18th, for afternoon service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Fraser, 1; G. Sheppard, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Jordan, Mills, and Stedman hail from Capel; Deal from Lee; Sheppard from Chislehurst; and Fraser is a local man.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 25th, for afternoon service at St. Gabriel's church, three six-scores of Bob Doubles, and three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 25 mins. H. Willis, 1; W. Tarling, 2; L. Longney, 3; A. Pitt, 4; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 5; H. T. Knowles, 6. And after service, several six-scores of Bob Doubles, with F. Jelf taking part. Also two six-scores of Grandsire, with Extremes. R. G. Knowles (conductor), 1; H. Willis, 2; L. Longney, 3; A. Pitt, 4; W. Tarling, 5; J. Baldwin, 6. Tenor about 11 cwt. Messrs. Jelf and Knowles hail from Malvern; Longney from Croome; the rest belong to the local company.

LEE (Kent).—On Sunday, September 18th, for morning service, two 168s of Grandsire Triples. T. Dickson, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. G. Deal (conductor), 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; J. Crowder, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; D. Jordan, 7; F. Fraser, 8. Messrs. Jordan hail from Capel, Surrey; F. Fraser from Eltham; the rest are local men.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Wednesday, September 14th, at St. Mary's church, 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Balls, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 3; E. E. Richards, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; W. Bowles, 6; A. G. Freeman, 7; W. Foreman, 8. The above was rung to celebrate the placing of a tablet in the belfry recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on February 5th, 1887, in which Messrs. W. W. Gifford, and W. E. Tydeman, of Salisbury, took part, and by whom the tablet was presented. It was intended to start for a quarter-peal, but owing to the bells going so badly, it was brought round at half-way.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, September 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Goodman, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; S. Spittle, 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; S. Spittle, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Smith, 6. And 360 Plain Bob. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Micklewright, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Prestidge, 6. And 360 of Grandsire Minor. J. Townsend, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; F. Hotchkiss, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Prestidge, 6. The above was rung to commemorate the twenty-seventh birthday of H. P. Skidmore, Esq., of Penang Villa, South Devon. Messrs. Goodman, Spittle, and Micklewright (conductor), are from Dudley.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 24th, at the parish church, a touch of Grandsire Minor, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. T. Fuller, formerly of the Nutfield

society, but of late years a member of the Reigate society, who was buried on that day. A 720 of Bob Minor. F. Smith, 1; J. Skinner, 2; J. Burkin, 3; T. Boniface, 3; J. Tidey, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. F. Smith, 1; J. Skinner, 2; J. Burkin, 3; T. Boniface, 4; J. Tidey, 5; H. Peters, 6.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, September 18th, at the church of St. Cross, Holywell, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Payne, 1; R. Jerram, 2; W. Baston (conductor), 3; W. Jeffries, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; S. Hounslow, 6. And on Wednesday (St. Matthew's Day), at St. Michael's church, Northgate, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Tolley, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; A. Browning, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. Also on the same day at the church of St. Peter's-in-the-East, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; C. Tolley, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Jeffries, 5; C. A. Clements, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROTHERHITHE (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, September 20th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part (reversed) peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 2,300 changes, the bells were brought into rounds on account of one of the band feeling unwell. H. Bright, 1; W. Pead, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; T. Taylor, 5; A. G. Freeman, 6; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 7; W. Foreman, 8.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—At St. Thomas' church, on Sunday, September 25th (being Hospital Sunday), for afternoon service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. J. Short, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. This is the longest touch ever rung on these bells. Also a 700 in the same method, for Divine Service in the evening. S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; T. Blackburn (conductor), 4; H. D. Adams, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; A. Goddard, 8. And a 518 for the morning service. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, September 21st, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 3-4; *A. Goddard, 5; *A. W. Burkus, 6. *First 720 of Minor.

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, September 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. E. A. Foster (Corsham), 1; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 2; A. Anderson (Bristol), 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 7; J. Cooper, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

WOODFORD (Northants).—On Monday, September 26th, the local company, assisted by W. J. Gilbert, of Raunds, rang at St. Mary's church, a touch of 2520 changes, in the following methods: one 6-score of London Doubles, two 6-scores of the Dream, two 6-scores of St. Clement's Doubles, two 6-scores of New Doubles, two 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, two 6-scores of Morning Delight, two 6-scores of Stedman's Slow Course, two 6-scores of Shipway's Place, two 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, making half-peal, two 6-scores of Old Doubles, and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 42 mins. B. Green, 1; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 2; J. Bunning, 3; T. Wilson, 4; W. Meadows, 5. The above was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Walton, who used to be one of the ringers. This is the longest touch on the bells since they have been rehung. Tenor 20 cwt.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, September 24th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Major in 25 mins. H. Bright, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; J. Nunn, 3; H. Barnett, 4; W. Manning, 5; A. S. Barrell, 6; E. E. Richards, 7; H. Sclatter (conductor), 8.

In Memoriam.

THOMAS FULLER.

We regret to have to announce the death of the above named gentleman, after a very brief illness. He had been a member of the Reigate Society a great many years, and a member of the Nutfield company previously, making a total of over fifty years, and was a member of the Nutfield church choir for about fifty years. He was a good musician. He had rang thirteen peals of 5040 changes, namely twelve of Grandsire, and Holt's one-part peal of Bob Triples. He had also rang many 720's of Minor in various methods. He was an excellent striker and a sure ringer. His loss will be felt very much at Reigate. He died on Monday, September 21st, aged 70 years, and was buried in Reigate Cemetery on the 24th. The members of the local company met and rung before the funeral, with the bells deeply muffled, a touch of Grandsire Triples, after which all the members followed to the grave. After the interment the ringers returned to the tower and rang two more touches of Grandsire Triples.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Saturday, September 24th, the St. Martin's society, Tipton, had their outing to Kidderminster. Arriving at the parish church, they made an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1700 changes a slight mishap occurred which caused the band to stop, and time would not permit of starting again. H. Mills, 1; G. Hughes (conductor), 2; E. Goodreds, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; S. Jesson, 5; A. Hill, 6; W. R. Small, 7; B. Starkey, 8. Tenor 29 cwt. An adjournment was afterwards made to the meeting-house of the Kidderminster company by the Tipton and local ringers, after which they returned to the tower and rang a few short touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Major, also several touches of Plain Bob Triples by the Tipton and Kidderminster companies, including Mr. G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove, again at the ringers meeting-house. The remaining part of the evening was spent with handbells, etc. Time getting short, and some of the band wishing to take home some memento of this visit, two of them purchased a lady's umbrella each, which upon inspection by return journey home, caused no small amount of amusement by discovering that one of them had been taken in a little, but "never mind Ben, don't buy another one in the dark." They wish to thank through "THE BELL NEWS," the church authorities for the use of the bells, and also the ringers of Kidderminster for getting the bells in order, as the go of them is very good. The Tipton band are all members of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and the Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATHERINGTON (Hants).—The ring of bells at St. Catherine's, which formerly consisted of five, and which has been enlarged to six (the old second having been recast and a treble added) by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was re-opened on Thursday, September 22nd. The bells were set going at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the local band and visitors from Havant, Basingstoke, Gosport, and Fareham. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. by the following members: G. Grafham, 1; H. White (conductor), 2; J. Hewett, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; J. Staples, 5; J. Whitney, 6. At 5 o'clock the ringers adjourned to the Schoolroom near the church, where a capital tea was partaken of, provided by the Churchwardens. The bells were then rung for the service, and at 7 o'clock, and two well struck six-scores of Stedman Doubles were brought round. An appropriate sermon was preached to a crowded congregation by the Vicar, the Rev. R. F. Maynard. The Whitechapel firm have had rather a difficult task in splicing this ring, as the old bells were abnormally thin, but they have accomplished their task very satisfactorily, as the new bells harmonise well with the old ones, and they are now a very musical and handy peal, with tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday evening, September 16th, the Bromsgrove and Hanbury branches of the above Association proceeded to Stoke Prior, to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of Messrs. Harry and Joseph Tompson, members of the above Association. The proceedings commenced with a 720 of Grandsire Minor, at St. Michael's church, in 28 mins. Harry Tompson (first 720 in the method), 1; Elijah Crump (Bromsgrove, conductor), 2; Alfred Moore (Hanbury), 3; Thomas Allbutt (Bromsgrove), 4; George Moore (Hanbury), 5; Walter Rea (Bromsgrove), 6. Afterwards several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, by mixed bands, and then an adjournment was made to the house of Messrs. Tompson Brothers, to partake of refreshments. The cloth being removed the health of the Messrs. Tompsons were drank, and some capital songs and tune playing on the handbells brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE October meeting of the above Association will be held at Bradford, on Saturday, the 8th October, and not on the 1st, as heretofore.

W. WHITAKER, Hon. Sec.

Church News.

The gentleman who has been licensed by the Bishop of Ely to the curacy of Cockfield, is the Rev. Charles Arthur Williamson, not "Wilkinson."

The Temple Church will be re-opened on Sunday next, when the sermons will be preached by the Master (Dean Vaughan) and Canon Ainger.

On St. Luke's Day (Tuesday, October 18th), the Archbishop of Canterbury will consecrate at Westminster Abbey, Canon Camidge to the Bishopric of Bathurst. Canon Hudson, rector of Gilling, and late Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, will preach the consecration sermon.

The Bishop of Southwell has appointed Mr. A. B. Kemp, of the Western Circuit, to the Chancellorship of the diocese, which has become vacant by the elevation of Mr. Justice Charles to the bench. Mr. Kempe, who was secretary to the Royal Commission on the Ecclesiastical Courts, is also Chancellor of Newcastle.

On St. Matthew's day, at Wells Cathedral, the Bishop admitted to the diaconate Mr. Gordon J. H. Llewellyn, who was afterwards licensed to the curacy of Yeovil. Mr. Llewellyn had for the last nine years been the minister of the so-called "Reformed Episcopal Church in Yeovil," but had returned with most of the congregation to the Church of England.

The preachers on Sunday mornings at Westminster Abbey next month will be—Oct. 2, Minor Canon Price; 9, the Rev. J. F. Kitto (offertory for Choir Benevolent Fund); 16, the Rev. J. H. J. Ellison vicar of St. Gabriel's, Pimlico (offertory for Wakefield Bishopric Fund); 23, the Rev. H. L. Paget, vicar of St. Pancras (offertory for Dr. Barnardo's Home for Boys); 30, the Precentor (the Rev. S. F. Jones). The Rev. G. Prothero, Sub-Dean, as Canon in Residence, will preach in the afternoons.

The preachers at Chapel Royal, Savoy, for October are as follows:—Mornings, Rev. Henry White. Evenings, 2nd, Hon. and Rev. Canon Leigh, rector of St. Mary's, Bryanston-square; 9th, Rev. Blomfield Jackson, Classical Master in King's College School; 16, Canon Hannah, vicar of St. Nicholas's, Brighton; 23, Rev. Henry T. Waters, vicar of Holmwood, Dorking; 30th, Rev. Lord Victor A. Seymour, rector of Carshalton.

At the Durham ordination the sermon was preached by Canon Falconer, and the Gospel read by Mr. Johnson. Chester—preacher, the Bishop; gospeller, Mr. Lea. Gloucester—preacher, the Rev. M. Trotter, rector of St. Mary de Crypt; gospeller, Mr. Norris. Llandaff—preacher, the Rev. C. E. T. Griffith, vicar of Blaenavon; gospeller, Mr. Hamsworth. Manchester—preacher, Canon Hicks; gospeller, Mr. Ram. Norwich—preacher, the Rev. W. Saumarez Smith, Principal of St. Aidan's; gospeller, Mr. Adams. Oxford—preacher, the Rev. W. Foxley Norris, rector of Witney; gospeller, Mr. Kidd. Peterborough—preacher, Canon MacDowell; gospeller, Mr. Kelsey. Worcester—preacher, the Rev. M. E. Welby; gospeller, Mr. Hugh Evans.

This week the first of the series of Sunday afternoon lectures, with music, has been given at St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, Queen Victoria-street. Weber's Harvest Cantata and The Wilderness by Wesley were performed, the principal soloists being Mr. Henry Cooper and Miss Waugh. Mr. Norris presided at the organ and Miss F. Baker at the grand piano; the rector (the Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth) conducting. Mr. Shuttleworth delivered a short address, in the course of which, anticipating the objection which might possibly be made by some to oratorios in a church, he said that music appealed to many persons more keenly than sermons, and expressed a voice to which words could not be given. We use it, added the rev. gentlemen, as a method of preaching and a form of prayer. The lectures on the next two Sundays will be on "Disestablishment," one being for and one against. The lecturers will be the Rev. F. N. Oxenham and the Rev. Bradley H. Alford.

On Sunday the services which had been given for some years past under the direction of Mr. H. Ehrlich, at the Pavilion Theatre, Whitechapel-road, were resumed with a harvest festival. In the afternoon there was a large attendance, the whole of the building, with the exception of the upper gallery being thrown open. The stage presented quite a remarkable appearance, the whole length of the front with the exception of a small space for a table, being banked up with a profusion of flowers, vegetables of all kinds, sheaves of wheat, small trusses of clover, and great loaves of bread. Prayers were read by the Rev. H. N. G. Hall, curate of St. Mary's, Whitechapel, and the Bishop of Bedford gave an extempore address of a very earnest and practical character upon the last verse of the 144th Psalm, "Happy is the people whose God is the Lord."

The St. Albans Diocesan Conference is to meet at the Town-hall, Stratford, E., on Wednesday and Thursday, October 12th and 13th. Among the selected subjects is the question of Tithe Rent-Charge Legislation, the speakers announced being the Hon. Baron Dimsdale, M.P., the Rev. E. G. Gepp, and the Rev. H. T. Armfield.

The Staffordshire Church Board of Education has, with the sanction of the Bishop, appointed the Rev. Dalhousie Ramsay to be Diocesan Inspector for West Staffordshire. Mr. Ramsay for the last two years has been helping the work of Church school inspection in the diocese of Rochester, more particularly as regards the examination of pupil-teachers and children; and will enter on his office with strong recommendations from those under whom he has served.

Among the clergymen who have completed a fifty years' rectorate is the Rev. T. G. F. Howes, M.A., Oriel College, Oxford, who was appointed to Belton in the diocese of Norwich in 1837. During his incumbency the church has been rebuilt except the outer part of the walls of the nave; schools and schoolhouse have been erected, the rectory has been largely added to, and a parish institute started. Last week the parishioners presented him with an illuminated address and a silver inkstand. Mr. Howes has this year also kept his golden wedding.

Yesterday week the Bristol Bishopric Committee held a meeting, Canon Mather in the chair. The hon. secretaries (Archdeacon Norris and Mr. Ward) reported that since Lady-day £1,092 had been paid to the bank by old subscribers, and £131 by new subscribers; and that £9,572 had been invested at three and two-thirds per cent. The anonymous offer of £10,000 was contingent on £30,000 being paid into the bank by next midsummer. In order to insure this, not only must all promises be paid up, but about £6,000 more must be subscribed. If £40,000 could be thus realised, there was good ground for believing that the endowment would be completed from another source, as the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol had several times pointed out. The question of a Bishop's residence was then considered, and the restoration of the Bishop of Bristol's ancient palace, adjoining the cathedral, appeared to those present the most likely to interest the people of Bristol.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells has issued a circular to his clergy stating that he has appointed the Rev. R. D. Monro to be Diocesan Missioner for his diocese. His lordship adds—"I have long felt a strong desire to have some additional machinery at work by which, with the gracious blessing of God, the Church life of the diocese might be fanned into a brighter flame, and the kingdom of God advance among us. This want from the nature of the case exists more strongly in country parishes than even in the towns. In the towns there is a great mental activity, more facility for meeting, more opportunity for intercourse among the clergy. In a country parish the great danger is stagnation. My hope is that the occasional ministrations of the Diocesan Missioner will be found a welcome both to the clergy and to the people of town and country. In selecting Mr. Monro for this responsible office, I have been guided by the strongest testimonials as to his personal piety, his experience in Mission work, and his sound Churchmanship. And I ask for him a loving, brotherly reception at your hands. The following are the chief ways in which I conceive the Missioner will be able to help in the diocese. 1. By conducting parochial missions whenever he is asked to do so by the incumbent of a parish. This will be his chief work. But he will be ready also to organise missions, to assist the clergy in finding capable missioners, for which his wide acquaintance with mission preachers gives him great facility; to hold preparatory services before a mission commences, and to visit parishes after an interval where missions have been held, in order to revive and deepen the work. 2. By holding quiet days for the clergy in the deanery or district for the Church workers. I attach great importance to this last as a means of strengthening and giving fresh life and power to the Church work throughout the diocese. 3. By addressing the clergy and laity in ruridecanal chapters and conferences on the subject of parochial missions. 4. By preaching sermons, or courses of sermons, at the special season of the year, Advent, Lent, Holy Week, or otherwise, as may be arranged. Mr. Monro will come into residence in the diocese as early as possible in the coming year."

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A very large clock has just been erected upon the church tower at the above place, by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, which strikes the hours upon a 21 cwt. bell, plays the Westminster quarters upon four bells, and shews time upon two dials each six feet across. The movement is fitted with all the latest improvements, and designed generally after the lines laid down by Lord Grimthorpe.

The same firm have also just completed a large clock at Kingsbury Church, Somerset, which shews time on two six-ft. dials.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1887.—

By the Balcombe branch, at Balcombe.—On Sunday, August 28th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. T. Leary (Hurst), 1; R. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, September 8th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. *T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. *R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; H. Meads, 3; J. Gasson, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also on September 18th (being Harvest Festival), a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; J. Cheeseman (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; J. Gasson, 2; H. Meads, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, September 22nd, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. R. Streeter, 1; J. Cheeseman, 2; R. Bourn, 3; T. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor. T. Streeter, 1; R. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; R. Bourn, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday, September 25th, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 22 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; C. Tyler, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; W. Palmer, 5; H. Weston, 6; G. King, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8.

By the Eastbourne branch, at All Saints', Eastbourne.—On Sunday, September 25th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. T. Siggs, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; W. Siggs, 3; C. Harfey, 4; W. Avann, 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6; T. Lewis, 7; E. Willoughby, 8.

By four members each of the Brighton and Eastbourne branches at Waldron.—On Monday, September 26th, being the occasion of the re-opening of the bells, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 27 mins. T. Hart, 1; G. A. King, 2; W. Siggs, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; C. Harfey, 5; T. Lewis, 6; J. Jay (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, September 20th, in honour of the wedding of Miss F. Pridgeon, sister of the Vicar, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Tyler, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; C. Chambers, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. T. Searle, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Chambers, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Searle, 1; G. Gatland, 3; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Gatland, 1; G. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single Minor. J. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; G. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Tyler, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, September 23rd, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Minor. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Chambers, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Single Court Minor. J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, September 25th, a 360 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Smart, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; T. Searle, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor. J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; J. Searle (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Single Minor. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; T. Searle, 4; E. Brackley, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Smart, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

On Thursday a special meeting of the Harwood Local Board was held to consider the written legal opinions which they have sought in regard to the cemetery difficulty. The advice received by the board confirmed their former belief that to consecrate the cemetery will be tantamount to handing over their rights and privileges to the ecclesiastical authorities. A resolution was therefore passed regretting that the board cannot see its way to the consecration under the present state of the law. With regard to preventing the provision of an opposition cemetery, the legal advice received by the board was not satisfactory.

The Dean of York and a sub-committee of the Burial Reform Association have issued for consideration and criticisms a draft statement setting forth the objects of the society.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

SIR,—Your issue of the 10th inst. recorded a peal of London Surprise, rung at Burton-on-Trent, to which, as the composer, my name was appended. My friend Mr. Dains has pointed out to me that the composition in question is based on an old peal of Treble Bob Major by Thurston, of Norwich, and I have to tender my apologies for the involuntary piracy, but my excuse must be that I did not think of examining Treble Bob productions when informing myself of what previous peals of London had been composed, which is the more pardonable that I cannot find a single other one in the former method that is capable of the same use. I append the original and the variation, and merely trouble you with this explanation to prevent any future misapprehension as to the authorship of the composition in so important a performance as that of the Burton gentlemen.

Duffield Bank, September 24, 1887.

A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

7360 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

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Four times repeated.

S. THURSTON.

Rung at Norwich in 1837.

5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

2	3	4	5	6	B	W	H
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4	3	5	2	6	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-

Three times repeated produces:

4 2 6 3 5

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2 3 4 5 6 - - -

Variation of Thurston's peal, by
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Rung at Burton-on-Trent, September 1, 1887.

CORRECTIONS.

SIR,—The 5184 Stedman Caters under my name in your issue of the 10th inst. is false, the second six from rounds repeating with two in the thirteenth course. The 5184 Treble Bob Caters, in your issue of the 24th inst. should read 5220, and the first course M 2B 1W 2H, and last course 2M 1B 1W H. The figures as published produce only 5112. The 5040 Treble Bob Royal in the same issue is not mine; I never having sent it, but from a conversation I had with my friend Williams, I fancy it will be found to be his. J. R. PRITCHARD.

SIR,—I thank you for publishing the peal rang at Waterloo, on the 17th inst. I observe you have put the date September 9th, instead of September 17th. If you will kindly call attention to the correct date in your next issue you will oblige. HENRY J. DAVIES.

WARKTON, NEAR KETTERING.—Two new bells to complete with the old three a ring of five, have just been added by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The same firm has rehung the whole with entirely new fittings and iron framework. The weight of the new bells are: treble, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.; 4th, 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

AN ADDITION to the peal of Grandsire Triples rang at St. Paul's meeting house by the College Youths on Wednesday, September 7th, conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham. Umpire, Mr. G. Wild, of the Royal Cumberland Society; Witnesses: Mr. A. E. Wreaks and Mr. R. T. Woodley.

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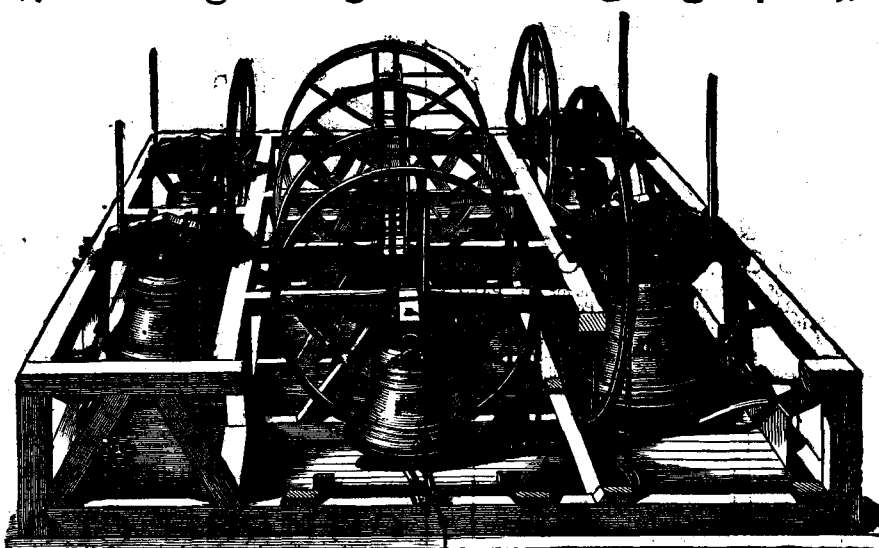


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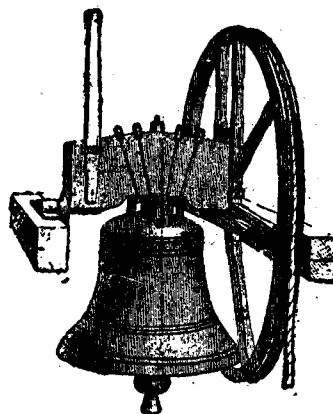
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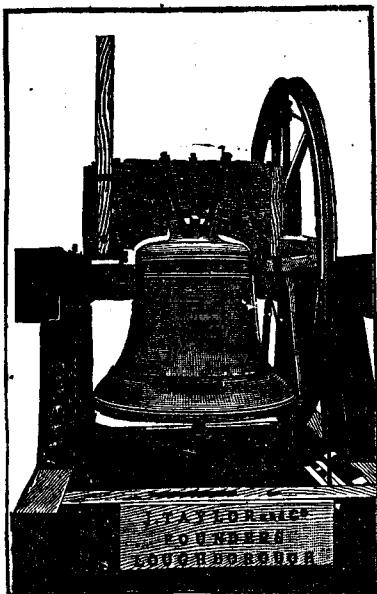
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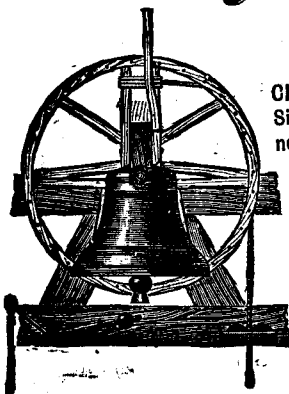
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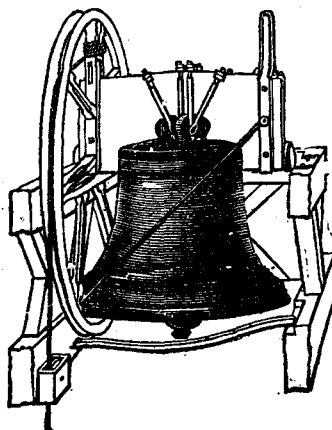
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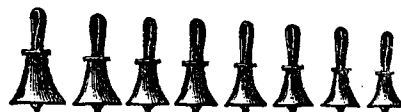
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On entering the choir, the stranger will feel the force of the description of the Rev. Dr. Oliver, where he says—"The mind is enchanted with the exquisite richness of the noble east window, with the splendid episcopal throne, that towers in airy state to the vaulting, and seems to despise the modern desks and seats around it; and as the spectator advances to the sanctuary, he will acknowledge that the three stalls on the right are unrivalled in beauty and delicacy of sculpture." The throne is of oak, about 52 feet in height, the canopy of which is composed of pointed arches, columns, niches, pinnacles, and foliated ornaments, tastefully and delicately carved, rising in a pyramidal form, and finishing in a series of ascending spires. It was erected by Bishop Bothe, in the year 1470. During the Commonwealth it was taken down and concealed, but replaced at the Restoration, and now remains almost as perfect as when first erected. The pulpit, opposite the Bishop's throne, constructed in 1560, is an elegant piece of workmanship. The stone altar screen is a modern work by Mr. John Kendall, of Exeter, in 1819. It is in the pointed style of the fourteenth century, and composed of seven divisions. These divisions are separated from each other by receding buttresses, surmounted by pinnacles and supported by columns. The centre over the altar is enriched by a canopy entwined with ivy, combining the rose, thistle, and shamrock. The height of the centre is 21 feet, and length of the entire screen 41 feet.

The fine old monuments existing in this Cathedral are numerous, and especially worthy the stranger's attention. We cannot do more than enumerate some of the principal, and point out their situation. In the choir is a splendid monument of Bishop Stapleton, who was murdered in 1326, and chaste and elegant altar tombs of Bishops Marshall and Lacey; the former died in 1206, the latter in 1455. In a recess in the north aisle of the choir is a sepulchral memorial, representing a full-length skeleton lying on its winding sheet. Nearer the Lady Chapel, in the same aisle, is the statue of an armed knight, commonly supposed to the memory of Sir Richard Stapleton, the bishop's brother. In the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene, on the north of the Lady Chapel, is the sumptuous tomb of Bishop Stafford, who died in 1419. In the chapel of St. Gabriel, on the south of the Lady Chapel, stands the stately monument of Bishop Brones-

combe, founder of the chapel, who died in 1280; this, perhaps, may be deemed one of the gems of the numerous ancient sepulchral mementoes within this Cathedral. In this chapel also are two of the finest specimens of modern art to be found within its walls. One is an exquisite piece of sculpture of a full-sized figure in white marble, by Sir Francis Chantrey, of Northcote, the painter, who died in 1831. The other is by Flaxman, in memory of Lieutenant-General Simcoe, who died in 1806. In the Lady Chapel are three monuments of early bishops, supposed to be those of Bartholomew Iscanus, Simon de Apulia, and Quivil. In the south choir are the effigies of two crusaders, one of whom is said to have been of the Chichester family, and the other of Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford. Besides these and many other monuments which the stranger will inspect with a high degree of interest in his round over this Cathedral, he cannot fail to be delighted with the exquisite remains of ancient art displayed in the beautifully pointed arches—the delicate sculpture of the decorations, particularly in the canopies of the stalls, and in the screens between the chapels,—and the other ornamental embellishments of the several monumental chapels with which this sacred edifice is enriched.

The bells of Exeter Cathedral are of well-known celebrity, and it is thus hardly necessary to refer to them. They are the heaviest peal in the world, the tenor weighing 67 cwt. It is greatly to be regretted that the capitolary body cannot see their way clear to have them put into good ringing order. Various suggestions have been made to this effect, but such a good work seems as far off as ever, though money can readily be collected for objects more ephemeral than bells. The good folks of Exeter can hardly know the treasure they have in the bells of their Cathedral. The late Mr. H. W. Haley, who was no mean judge, stated more than once that he had never heard anything in the least approaching them; to him other celebrated rings were insignificant in comparison. May we hope that at no distant day something in the way of restoration of such a national monument as the bells of Exeter Cathedral may be made.

A CURIOUS CASE.

The following novel case was submitted, in 1824, to Mr. Gurney, the eminent counsel, for his opinion: "Emma, the daughter of W. and A. G., was born after the house clock had struck, and while the parish clock was striking, and before St. Paul's had begun to strike twelve, on the night of the 4th January, 1815. As there are great estates in the family, it may be of importance to ascertain whether the said Emma was born on the 4th or 5th of January. Your opinion is therefore requested, whether the proper evidence is that given by the house clock, the parish clock, or the metropolitan clock?" Mr. Gurney's answer was as follows: "This is a case of great importance and some novelty; but I do not think I should be much assisted by reference to the ponderous folios under which my shelves groan. The nature of the testimony is to be considered with reference to the subject to which it is applicable. The testimony of the house clock is applicable only to domestic—mostly culinary purposes. It is the guide of the cook with reference to the hour of dinner, but it cannot be received as evidence of the birth of a child. The clock at the next house goes slower or faster, and a child born at the next house at the same moment may, according to the clock at the next house, be born on a different day. The reception of such evidence would lead to thousands of inconsistencies and inconveniences. The parochial clock is much better evidence, and I should think that it ought to be received, if there were no better, but it is not to be put into competition with the metropolitan clock. When that is present it is to be received with implicit acquiescence. It speaks in a great tone of authority, and is unquestionably of great weight. I am therefore of opinion that Miss Emma G. was born on the 4th of January, 1815, and that she will attain her majority the instant St. Paul's clock strikes twelve on the night of the 3rd of January, 1836."

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WEDNESBURY.—DEDICATION OF TOWER AND BELLS.

ON Sunday morning, September 25th, the dedication of the new tower and peal of bells at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, took the form of a special dedicatory service conducted by the Bishop of Lichfield. The church was erected some years ago at the cost of the Elwell family, and has just been completed by the addition of a tower and spire, also the gift of the same munificent donors, and a peal of eight bells, for which the late Mrs. Richards left a legacy of £700 nearly two years ago. A new entrance to the churchyard has also been formed at the angle of the roads, and the churchyard and walks re-arranged and improved. The building of the tower and spire was done by Mr. Willcock, of Wolverhampton, from the designs of Mr. E. R. Clarke, architect; the bells, which are of fine tone, were supplied from the celebrated foundry of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, their cost exceeding the legacy before named: and Mr. Job Edwards superintended the improvements in the churchyard, and the erection of the new cast iron gates at the entrance. The Mayor (Alderman R. Williams), in cocked hat, robes, and chain, and the Aldermen and Councillors in robes, with the officers of the Corporation, assembled in the Sunday School room, and from there formed a procession, the Mayor, preceded by the mace-bearer, bringing up the rear. From the schoolroom the procession proceeded to the church gates, which were closed, and the other members of the procession having opened out into two lines, the Mayor, advancing to the front, took a firm hold of the iron gates and threw them wide open, and doffing his hat, said gravely, "I declare these gates to be open for ever to the worshippers of St. Paul's church upon all suitable and proper occasions." The Mayor, then advancing, was received by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Tuthill, who shook him by the hand warmly, and the procession then re-formed and walked into the church. The Bishop of Lichfield, the Rev. J. Eckersley (vicar), the Rev. W. G. Box, the Rev. G. Tuthill, the members of the choir, and the churchwardens (Messrs. Griffiths and Aston), entered the tower. The churchwardens took possession of the bell-ropes, and addressed the Bishop as follows:—"Right Reverend Father in God, we request you to dedicate to the glory of God, and the use of St. Paul's church, this tower and spire, together with this belfry and peal of eight bells contained therein." The Bishop having received the ropes said:—"By virtue of our sacred office, we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses, this spire and belfry, and these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God, for the benefit of His Holy Church." His lordship afterwards delivered the ropes to the Vicar, and in doing so said:—"Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed minister of this church and parish; take heed that they be ever and only used in his services and for His glory. You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the vicar of the parish, to be used by his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the diocese." The Bishop, clergy, and choir, afterwards entered the church, and the ordinary morning service was gone through, the Rev. W. G. Box intoning the prayers and preces, and the Rev. J. Eckersley reading the lessons. The Bishop preached from Psalm lxxv., 2—"Thou that hearest prayer, to Thee shall all flesh come." After using the words as a declaration, first of God's care for man, and of man's need of God, he said:—

The subject has a special fitness for our gathering here to-day. We are met to dedicate to the service of Almighty God these bells, which have come to you almost like a gift from the other world. They come to us as a gift from one whom we call dead, but Holy Scripture tells us such are not dead, but living before God: and their purpose and mission is truly nothing less than this, to call you to the service of that God "who heareth prayer, and to whom all flesh shall come." Let every sound of these bells be to you a continual reminder of these two great truths which we have been considering this morning—God's love and man's need—and whenever you hear them, whether you are on your way to the House of God, or hindered from coming by duties which God himself has given you to do, remember that by them, God's loving message comes to you, reminding you of that which alone can satisfy the soul, and bring rest to your heart. Nay, may it not be well sometimes when we hear these bells to whisper to ourselves the very words of the Psalmist, "Thou that hearest prayer, to Thee shall all flesh come." What tender words are there to occupy

our thoughts as we draw near—Sunday after Sunday, or day after day—the House of God. "Thou that hearest prayer, to Thee shall all flesh come." It is the whole meaning of life, as it is seen by the eye of God, and the whole purpose of our existence. It was this which Christ breathed forth, as it were, at every moment of His life on earth, as he gave himself as a living sacrifice for us; it was to draw all men to Him, as He was lifted up on the Cross. His life was one long and loving invitation to come to Him; and in His resurrection we have the blessed assurance that God heareth and answereth prayer. And so we may trace in all the changes and chances of our earthly life, the same great purpose, finding in our cares, in the sound of the bells, and even in our joys and sorrows, if we read them aright, an intimation of God's love, and of His desire, by all means, to always to draw us to Himself. And so to-day, when your offerings are asked to complete the work which has been done for you by the munificence of one family, and for God's honor and glory, to complete the church by the addition of a clock, which will continually remind us that life's little span must soon run to a close, and how urgent it is that we should come to God, and also to provide for our bodies a quiet resting place in the churchyard which lies around this church—shall we not have deepened in our hearts the conviction of those truths which the Psalmist has taught us, so to number our days, that every fleeting moment may bring us one step nearer to God, and be helped to come to Him every day of our life, so that when we lie down and take our rest, we may indeed come to his very presence in the Paradise of God, and be satisfied with the assurance of His love.

Special hymns were sung, and special prayers were read, and an offertory was taken towards the improvements in the churchyard, and the cost of placing a clock in the tower. The bells were afterwards chimed again, the architect for the present not deeming it advisable to allow a peal to be rung. At the conclusion of the service, the Mayor's procession formed as before, marched back to the schoolroom, and from there the Mayor drove home in his brougham. The sermon in the evening was preached by the Rev. W. G. Box.

The collection for the day realised £27, including a donation of £5 from the Rev. William Thorn, of Ivy-gate, Worcester, and a guinea from Mr. Enoch Horton, of the Grange.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Walthamstow, to-day (Saturday), October 8th. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells), and St. Saviour's (eight bells), will be open to members of the Association during the day. The business meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at the Schoolroom in St. Mary's Churchyard. A meat tea (price 6d. to members who give notice of their intention to be present) will be served at the Coffee Tavern in St. Mary's Road, at 5 p.m. The nearest Station is Hoe Street, on the Chingford line. Trains about every half-hour from Liverpool Street: from Stratford, 10.40, 11.53, 12.50 2.38 (September tables). Return Tickets at one fare and a quarter will be issued by the G.E.R. to members who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, October 5th, from what station they propose to start, and produce at the booking office the receipt for the current year's subscription. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*
Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford, September, 1887.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, October 15th. Service will be held in St. Peter's church at 3.30 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. W. R. P. Circuit, Vicar of St. Luke's, Heywood. Tea will be provided in the school at 5 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each, may be had from any member of the committee. Members are particularly requested to purchase their tickets not later than Tuesday, October 11th, so that the necessary arrangements can be carried out.

A. E. HOLME,
JOEL REDFORD, } *Hon. Secs.*

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The 250th Anniversary of this Society will take place at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Saturday, November 5th next. Tickets 3s. 6d. each. Members and friends desirous of being present, will please communicate with Mr. G. Mash, 20, Essex Street, Southwark. A further announcement will appear. Early application for tickets is requested.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Birmingham, on Saturday, October 15th. The tower of St. Philip's church (ten bells), will be open during the afternoon as usual. The business of the Association will be transacted at the Club House, the "White Swan," Edmund Street, to commence at 6 p.m. The Secretary will be obliged if those members who have not paid their subscription for the current year will pay or cause to be paid the same to him, on or before the 15th, as this is the last occasion on which such payments can be made. Any member failing to pay up will be considered to have left the Association. Tower keepers and local secretaries are particularly requested to acquaint their several members of meeting and dues.

JOHN WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

GRENDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CHURCH BELLS.—The church of St. Mary, Grendon, is at present undergoing restoration. It is to be hoped that this will include the re-hanging of the peal of five bells, for they are in a very unsatisfactory condition. The treble, second, and fourth are 17th century bells, dated 1618; but the third, judging from its shape and inscription, is probably much older. It is inscribed, "Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum." The tenor (a good bell) was cast by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, in the year 1761, and weighs about 15 cwt. There is a tradition in the village to the effect that the Grendon and Earl's Barton tenor bells were both cast at Eayre's foundry at the same time, and that the Barton bell was sent to Grendon in mistake, the Barton folk of course getting the Grendon bell. The largest bell at Earl's Barton is dated 1761, so there may be some truth in the "old tale." Mr. North, in his "Church Bells of Northamptonshire," states that a similar tradition is current at Earl's Barton.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual gathering of members will take place on Monday, October 17th, 1887. Service at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45; preacher, Rev. J. J. Raven, D.D., Vicar of Fressingfield. Dinner in Blackfriars Hall at 1.30. Those intending to be present are requested to inform the Secretary on or before Tuesday, October 11th.

N. BOLINGBROKE, *Hon. Sec.*

Bracondale, Norwich.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting will be held at Cranborne, Dorset, on Friday, October 21st, when the bells will be at the disposal of members and friends from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m., at a moderate charge to non-members, and free to members of the Guild. The names of those purposing to attend to be sent to the Rev. R. P. Thompson, Cranborne Vicarage, before October 17th.

J. R. JERRAM, *Hon. Sec.*

DURHAM CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will be glad to learn that the Dean and Chapter have given instructions to have these bells put into proper order, in accordance with a report submitted to them by me, and that the work is now being put in hand so as to have all in readiness for the forthcoming annual meeting to be held on Monday, October 31st.

G. J. CLARKSON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING of the year will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, October 22nd. Full particulars in next week's issue.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

5, St. Paul's Street, Burton-on-Trent.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE October meeting of the above Association will be held at Bradford, on Saturday, the 8th October, and not on the 1st, as heretofore.

W. WHITAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

The following (which we give in extenso) is published in the form of a leaflet, for private circulation. The writer is Mr. W. H. Thompson, author of the celebrated "Note on Grandsire Triples," which as most of our readers are no doubt aware, proved the impossibility of a peal of Grandsire Triples with bobs only.

"A THREE-PART TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

4998.

"By W. H. THOMPSON.

"Since the publication last year of my 'Note on Grandsire Triples,' I have been informed that all yet published touches of 4998 are in one part, and that ringers would like a three-part touch of 4998.

"I therefore now circulate one from which, on the advice of an accomplished ringer, I have omitted the B block

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

which may be introduced at the end in the manner indicated.

"As printed, the touch contains 132 bobs. It can, however (by the device noted in the postscript to my "Note"), be transformed into a three-part touch of 4998, containing 147 bobs. For the purpose of effecting this transformation, the three Q sets of which the rows

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

are respectively members must be bobbed.

1st October, 1887.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

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

6 4 7 2 5 3 2nd part end.

S 2 3 5 4 7 6

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

Last four leads."

POLEBROOK, NORTHANTS.

BELL ACCIDENT.—On Sunday, September 25th, during the ringing for evening service at this church, the gudgeon of the tenor bell broke, and let the bell go down into the frame with a crash. The wheel was smashed and other damage done. Fortunately the bell, a very fine-toned one of 14 cwt., was not injured. The services of a bellhanger have been brought into requisition, and the mischief will doubtless soon be repaired.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

ON Saturday, September 24th, about a dozen members of the above Guild visited the seat of Lord Poltimore, where they found a nice peal of six bells, by Evans, of Chepstow, and recently rehung by Stokes, of Woodbury, tenor 14 cwt. (not 14 cwt. as was stated in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, September 24th). The bells were found to go well, and are a very pretty peal in the key of A. After a few six-scores were rung, a move was made for Broadclyst, about one mile distant. Here by the kindness of C. Pearson, Esq., of Whitsone, a nice tea was done justice to in a cosy room at the "Red Lion." A few six-scores on the tower bells (tenor 20 cwt.), brought the half day's ringing to a close, and the drive as well as the ringing was much enjoyed by all. The following members were present and took part in the ringing. Whitstone: C. Pearson, Esq., and Messrs. Sercombe, Pester (2), Baxter (2), and Skinner; Exeter: Messrs. B. Mundy, Moss, Davey, Carter, Bastin, and Shepherd (2). The County Guild begs through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicars and wardens of each tower for placing the bells at their disposal. On Tuesday, September 27th, the Upton Pyne band had their annual outing. They were accompanied by their rector, the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, Hon. Secretary of the Guild, who also invited Messrs. A. and F. Shepherd, from Exeter, to join them. A lovely drive along the estuary of the Exe and South Devon coast, brought the party, nine in number, to Dawlish. Dinner being over, provided by the kind generosity of the rector, a move was made to the tower, and some Doubles rung. A drive of five miles brought them to Ideford. Here they found a peal of six, by Warner and Sons, and hung by Stokes, of Woodbury, tenor 8 cwt. After ringing they were invited by the rector of Ideford to partake of his hospitality, and justice was done to the good fare provided, after which two courses of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, which was much appreciated by the rector and family. The drive over Haldon Hills (ten miles), on a lovely moonlight night, brought them back again to Exeter, and so ended this year's outing of the Upton Pyne band. Besides the rector, and the brothers Shepherd, were Messrs. Webber (2), Bonner, Spear, Bradford, and Bennett. On Wednesday, September 28th, a dedication service was held at Powderham Church. This beautiful little church stands in Powderham Park, one of the grandest spots in Devon, with its fine old oaks, underneath which the deer are at home, but its greatest ornament is the ancient castle, the seat of the Earl of Devon. There were formerly three bells in the tower, founded by Pennington, the tenor was recast in 1879, and is in the key of G sharp. Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, has put a new cage for six, recast the treble, and added three new trebles. These are founded by Warner and Sons, and both the hanging and splice are excellent, thus making a pretty peal of six. The dedication service was performed by the Hon. and Rev. H. H. Courtney, and the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote preached a very appropriate sermon. The Whitstone band, under the guidance of Mr. Ferris Shepherd, rang the bells for the first time for Divine Service, and a few rounds at the Dedication. After service two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the first on the bells. W. Pester, 1; H. Baxter, 2; W. Sercombe, 3; G. Baxter, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; S. Skinner, 6. Afterwards the bells were well handled by the Kenn ringers, then by a band made up from Upton Pyne, Clyst St. George, and St. David's, Exeter. C. Pearson, Esq., and the Hon. Secretary of the Guild also took part in the ringing. It is to be hoped that Kenton bells, six in number, close by, will now be put in order, and both bands join the County Guild, and learn to ring like their neighbours at Kenn.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Monday October 17th. The Secretary will be glad to hear from those who wish to attend. If reduced railway fare is desired, the request should reach him by October 11th, with full particulars as to numbers, route, and trains.

R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.
Wrinstead Court, Lenham, Kent.

RYPE, SUSSEX.

Rype is a village about three miles from Berwick station, on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway. The church, which is a mixture of decorated and perpendicular architecture, has been restored with much taste. Its square tower contains a ring of five bells. They have lately been re-hung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, three of them being re-cast. A brass tablet on the south wall of the belfry records this as follows: "To the Glory of God and in memory of William Wyatt Woolcombe, B.D., these bells were restored by Robert Shuttleworth Sutton, M.A., Prebendary of Chichester and Rector of Rype, in the year of Our Lord, 1887." Belfry, bells, and fittings are now in excellent order. The belfry is open to the church, and the ropes fall to the pavement. Below are the inscriptions on the bells: Treble, "Praise the Lord. 1717." Second, "John Waylett Made Me. 1717"; Third (recast), "When I do call thee serve God all. 1887"; Fourth (recast), "God Save the Queen. 1887"; Tenor (recast), "All you that hear me ring, Praise the Lord your King. 1887." The tenor is in the key of G, and measures 39 ins. across the mouth. It weighs 10 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs. without clapper.

BATH AND KEYNSHAM DEANERY ASSOCIATION.

ON Monday afternoon, September 26th, the members of the above Association held their monthly meeting at Brislington, twenty-two of them journeying there by brake. On their arrival they at once proceeded to St. Luke's church, where a short service was held by the Rev. J. Lindsay, who placed the tower at their disposal, where they rang some good six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, after which they were invited to tea at the school-room, by the churchwarden, Dr. Charles H. Fox, the Rev. J. Lindsay presiding. After tea the members again went to the tower and rang some six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, and a touch of Grandsire Minor. Votes of thanks having been given to the rector and churchwardens, the party returned to Bath, having spent a very pleasant evening.

ST. OSYTH, ESSEX.

The Great Bentley band visited the above parish church at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Potts, on Sunday, September 18th, being the Harvest Festival, to ring for the evening service, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. Taylor, 1; J. King, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 4; G. Hum, 5; A. Kidby, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. Before this they were kindly entertained to a capital tea, provided by the worthy vicar, and for which they return their best thanks. The bells are not in very good order for change-ringing, for they are so very false, but it is in hopes they will be rehung before long. The local band are only round ringers, but they hope to be change-ringers if they can only get this peal rehung.

In Memoriam.

JOHN MASON.

We regret to have to record the death of the above named gentleman, which took place at the residence of his daughter, 38, Cranworth Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, on Friday, September 23rd, in his 92nd year. From the year 1864 Mr. Mason had charge of the bells of Christ Church, Southport, until he met with an accident while ringing at a neighbouring church, and being disabled, was succeeded by Mr. Richard Hill. Mr. Mason was one of the oldest total abstinents in the country, and was at one time collector to the treasurer of the Southport Temperance Society. He was the first president of the Lancashire Association, and often used to talk of having rung for a whole day in the steeple of the Lancaster parish church, when but thirteen years of age, to celebrate the Jubilee of George the Third. The bells of Christ Church rang muffled peals to his memory.

The Rev. F. H. Gray, has placed his resignation of the rectory of the parish of Hockliffe, near Leighton Buzzard, in the hands of the Bishop of Ely. Mr. Gray was instituted to the benefice in 1869.

TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

8160.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

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

Five times repeated.

Single at 6 half-way and end.

5248.

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

Three times repeated.

Single instead of a bob in the 13th course of the 2nd and 4th parts.

This peal has the 6th sixteen times wrong and right.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
2 3 5 6 4	2	2	I
3 6 5 2 4	2	2	I
6 3 4 2 5	2	2	I
2 5 3 4 6	I	2	2
5 4 3 2 6	2	2	I

Repeated.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	2	2	2
2 6 3 5 4	2	2	2
6 2 4 5 3	2	2	2
5 3 2 4 6	I	2	2
4 5 2 3 6	I	2	2

Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5216.

By SAMUEL WOOD, *Ashton-under-Lyne.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	O	W	H
6 3 5 4 2	I	2	I	I
3 6 2 4 5	2	2	2	2
3 2 4 6 5	I	-	2	2
5 2 6 4 3	2	-	I	I
2 5 3 4 6	2	2	2	2
4 2 3 5 6	I	I	I	I
6 2 5 3 4	I	2	I	I
2 6 4 3 5	2	2	2	2
5 4 6 3 2	I	I	I	I
4 5 2 3 6	2	2	2	2
3 4 2 5 6	I	I	I	I

Last five courses repeated.

This peal was rung at Hyde, September 30th, 1887.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5088.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	in	out	5th	W	H
2 3 5 6 4	I	I	I	2	2	2
4 2 6 3 5	2	2	2	I	2	2
3 5 6 2 4	I	I	I	I	I	I
5 4 3 2 6	2	2	2	I	I	I
4 2 3 5 6	2	2	2	I	I	I

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	M
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-
4 2 5 3 6	-	-	S
4 2 3 6 5	-	-	S
5 4 3 2 6	-	-	S
5 4 2 6 3	-	-	S
3 5 2 4 6	-	-	S
3 5 4 6 2	-	-	S
4 3 2 5 6	-	-	S
4 3 5 6 2	-	-	S
5 4 2 3 6	-	-	S
5 4 3 6 2	-	-	S
2 5 3 4 6	-	-	S
2 5 4 6 3	-	-	S
4 2 3 5 6	-	-	S

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 6th alternately wrong and right.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6048.

By JOHN HARE, *Hitchin, Herts.*

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
4 2 6 3 5	-	-	-
5 6 2 3 4	-	-	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	-	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	-	-
4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-
6 5 4 3 2	-	-	-
4 6 5 3 2	-	-	-
2 5 4 6 3	-	-	-
3 4 2 5 6	-	-	-

Five times repeated.

Single at end of 3rd and 6th parts.

TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By C. H. HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

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

The last eight courses repeated with a single at six in the second course, produces 3 2 4 5 6, then the whole repeated completes the peal, with 4 5 6 consecutively (and the only bells) in 6th's place.

5104.

2 3 4 5 6	I	5	6
4 3 6 5 2	-	-	-
3 5 6 4 2	-	-	-
5 4 6 3 2	-	-	-
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB ROYAL.

5400.

By JAMES MOTTS, *Ipswich.*

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MR. LIVERMORE.—Will you be good enough to send again.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1887.

IN the page afforded to correspondents a letter will this week be found from Mr. WILLIAM IRELAND, of Diss, Norfolk, which is an appeal on behalf of a brother ringer who has unhappily met with reverses of fortune. In calmly reviewing what some people would call the ethics or philosophy of such an appeal as this, we have come to the conclusion that it is most appropriate. If there is any collective body under heaven which can consistently render help to its members when evil days overtake them assuredly it is the body of ringers. How often do we see the handicraftsman who has been unable to obtain employment seek the temporary assistance of his more fortunate brother, and in cases even where they are absolute strangers to each other? The connection and relationship between ringers is greater perhaps than with any other pursuit, and it would follow therefore that an unfortunate brother-string who had seen better days would readily enlist the sympathies of his more fortunate brethren of the Exercise when any appeal was made on his behalf. It cannot be said that ringers have not been ready to respond on occasions when they have been asked to contribute to various objects, and we doubt not that the appeal put before us will meet with a full measure of practical sympathy at their hands. Mr. RUDD, who has been overtaken by misfortune, has for many years been a most enthusiastic ringer; so great was his enthusiasm for the art that two of the "olive-branches" of his family bore the respective names of "BELL" and "RINGER." A hearty greeting was given to any one who took the trouble to look in upon him at any time, whether, like a true son of VULCAN, he was at the moment presiding over the interests of his forge, or was about to seek "a night's repose" after the labors of the day, and we speak from personal experience of the man. Now, however, the evening of his life has arrived, and it is for his ringing brethren to solace, in some measure, his downward journey by their seasonable and well-timed benevolence.

It is remarkable that among ringers the idea of some provision for mutual help in the time of adversity is not oftener made. Very many local ringing societies have some sort of constitution, which is kept together by small contributions, to which is added in some cases the fees earned by parochial and other ringing. The fund thus created, if not used to liquidate the expenses of the annual outing, is generally divided at Christmas among the members. If this fund could but once be made available as a nucleus for a kind of friendly society, to give relief in sickness or any other adversity, we have no hesitation in saying that it would be devoted to a very excellent purpose. There are societies in fact who have adopted such a plan, with happy results. Some months ago a printed balance-sheet was sent for our inspection of the society at Reigate, Surrey. This financial statement reflected great credit upon the company of ringers, and upon the administration of its finances in particular. After sick pay and loans to members were accounted for there remained a considerable balance to be carried forward to next year's account. This is a very satisfactory way of utilising the finances of any society. And there need be no fear of the usual bonus at Christmas if properly managed, and unless extraordinary calls are made upon the fund. But in this as in all other things, success can only be obtained by unity.

Attention is again directed to the regulations for the reception of reports, which will be found at the commencement of this page. Some of our friends appear to totally disregard the condition of publication that the name of the writer must always accompany the correspondence.

The Metropolis.

CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, September 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM A. MASTERS* .. Treble.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. 5.
WILLIAM D. SMITH 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL 6.
FREDERICK RUMENS† 3.	JAMES PETTIT 7.
THOMAS PAGE 4.	*CHARLES DAVIDSON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

*First peal. †First peal inside.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES;
 Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES R. HAWORTH Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 6.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	*WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7.
RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. 3.	*RICHARD F. LANE 8.
GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN .. 4.	JOHN M. HAYES 9.
EDWIN HORREX 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY W. HALEY, and conducted by JOHN M. HAYES.

*First peal of Stedman. Mr. Gifford hails from Salisbury; and Mr. Lane from Loughborough.

Mr. Haworth rang his first peal of Stedman at Fulham on May 16th, 1842, which is over 45 years ago; it was the late Mr. H. W. Haley's first peal in any method.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART (Reversed). Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BEAVEN† .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.
GEORGE HOGG* .. .. .2.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS .. 6.
RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
JAMES C. HARVEY 4.	HENRY BRIGHT.. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. Mr. Gifford hails from Salisbury; Mr. Woodley from London; Mr. Weatherstone from Rotherhithe; the rest belong to the local company. Mr. Bright is nearly 79 years of age. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

The Provinces.

LLANGOLLEN, NORTH WALES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE WREXHAM SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS .. ..Treble.	EDWARD ROWLAND 5.
RICHARD W. EVANS 2.	THOMAS NEWELL 6.
JOHN ELLIS 3.	EDWARD EVANS.. .. 7.
FRANCIS E. DAWE 4.	JAMES KENDRICK .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This is the first peal in the above method on the bells.

HEYWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Thursday, September 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM R. BARRETT ..Treble.	JOHN MILLETT 5.
GEORGE HOYLE .. .. .2.	ALBERT ED. WREAKS .. 6.
JAMES GRATRICK 3.	JOHN HARRISON.. .. 7.
FRANK BIRTWISTLE 4.	ERNEST BISHOP.. ..Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BIRTWISTLE.

This peal was rung in honor of the 35th birthday of Mr. John Harrison. Messrs. Gratix and Wreaks hail from Manchester; Bishop from Bury; Hoyle and Birtwistle from Rochdale; the rest belong to Heywood.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 31, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK .. ..Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 5.
ROBERT WOOLLEY 2.	SAMUEL BRADLEY 6.
JAMES S. WILDE 3.	THOMAS WILDE 7.
THOMAS BRADLEY 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. ..Tenor.

Composed and conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN WHITING .. ..Treble.	WALTER WHITING 5.
JOHN KNIGHTS .. .. .2.	WILLIAM DYE 6.
GEORGE SHARMAN 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	GEORGE PERRY .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM DYE.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Wedding Peal.

On Thursday, September 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE BURTON VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ROBINSON .. ..Treble.	HARRY WAKLEY 5.
EDWARD ISAAC STONE .. 2.	JOHN JAGGAR 6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 3.	THOMAS HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. .4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY .. ..Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal, which is in three parts, contains the 4th twelve and the 6th nine times in 6ths place, the 2nd, 3rd and 5th being only once in that position. It is now rung for the first time. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. Austin (a member of the St. Paul's Society), with Miss H. Driver, of Burton-on-Trent.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, October 1, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS, ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Bob Minor.

Tenor about 12½ cwt. in G.

FREDERICK KEECH .. ..Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 4.
WILLIAM G. BIGGS 2.	ISAAC HILLS 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 3.	MAURICE WARWICK .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by MAURICE WARWICK.

* * First peal as conductor. This is the first 5040 on these bells, which have recently been augmented from five to six. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion, and also to Mr. John Dickens, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, BROMSGROVE.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT HOBDAV .. ..Treble.	GEORGE MORRIS 6.
GEORGE BOURNE .. .. .2.	GEORGE HAYWARD 7.
OLIVER JAMES .. .. .3.	*ALFRED MOORE.. .. 8.
WALTER REA .. .. .4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER.. .. 9.
WILLIAM JAMES .. .. .5.	JAMES PARRY .. ..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

William J. Sevier hails from Gloucester, and is a member of the Lancashire and Gloucester and Bristol Associations; Alfred Moore hails from Hanbury. The above ringers are members of the Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association, except the ringer of the ninth. *First peal of Caters.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—THE WALTHAM ABBEY SOCIETY.

Handbell Ringing.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. A. ALPS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

D. TARLING .. .. .1-2.	G. THURGOOD 5-6.
W. A. ALPS .. .. .3-4.	*T. COLVERD 7-8.

Conducted by W. A. ALPS.

Referee, Mr. P. Cleverley. Witness, Mr. G. Peace. This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of the conductor, who is 32 years of age, having been born on October 4th, 1855. And his brother-ringers wished him many happy returns of the day. *First peal on handbells.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—The Harvest Thanksgiving Services being held on Sunday, October 2nd, eight members of the local company rang for evening service a date touch of 1887 of Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 13 mins. H. Horsman, 1; J. Wane, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; J. McGoun, 4; H. Birtwhistle, 5; W. Whitaker, 6; C. Langstroth, 7; J. Mc Kell, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and conducted by C. Langstroth.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 2nd, being the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 4 mins. S. Gough, 1; F. G. Shorrocks, Esq., 2; J. Alexander, 3; F. Turner, 4; P. Roberts, 5; A. Jones (conductor), 6; J. Allen, 7; J. Evison, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. The touch was arranged from J. R. Pritchard's six-part peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Friday, September 30th, 1887, at the church of St. Clement Danes, for the Harvest Festival service, a 312 of Stedman Caters. R. French, 1; H. Langdon, 2; R. T. Woodley, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; E. Horrex, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; A. E. Church, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; G. R. Banks, 10. Conducted by J. M. Hayes.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, September 29th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins. W. Baron, sen., 1-2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; G. Wild, 7-8. This is the first quarter-peal on handbells by this society. Mr. R. T. Woodley was present.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, September 24th, for practice at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). J. Spencer (first 720 in the method), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; H. Fruin (first 720 in the method), 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. G. Biggs, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Fruin, 5; J. Spencer, 6. H. Fruin bails from Abingdon, Berks. And on Sunday, September 25th, being the Harvest Festival, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also a 720 of Single Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; I. Hills, 2; F. Keech, 3; M. Warwick (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. G. Biggs, 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; I. Hills, 6. Also a 720 of Double Court Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; I. Hills, 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE (Durham).—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Cuthbert's church, for morning service, 360 of Plain Bob Minor. T. H. Surtees, 1; T. Bell, 2; J. Spraggon, 3; J. W. Foster, 4; W. Oliver, 5; F. Barron (conductor), 6. And for evening service 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. H. Surtees, 1; F. Barron, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; T. Bell, 4; W. Oliver, 5; J. Spraggon (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Thursday, September 29th, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; *C. H. Howard, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; S. Hammond, 6. *First 720. On Sunday, October 2nd, 720 College Exercise, in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; *C. H. Howard, 2; S. Hammond (conductor), 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. *First 720 in the method.

BLACK NOTLEY.—On Sunday, October 2nd, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving at the parish church, the Baintree band paid a visit to this church and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; S. Hammond (conductor), 3; F. Rudkin, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5. Also several 6-scores of Bob

Doubles, each called differently. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; S. Hammond (conductor), 5. Tenor 7 cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 1092 of Grandsire Triples. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; J. Dains, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Harvey, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; C. J. Dennison, 8.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, September 18th, by the voluntary band, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Hendry, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. On Sunday, September 25th, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob (thirty bobs and two singles). J. Hendry, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs), in 29 mins. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes (conductor), 2; H. Allen, 3; H. Hill, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLUN (Salop).—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday evening, September 30th, at the house of J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 1360 of Grandsire Minor. C. Edwards, 1; J. Davies, 2; W. Roberts, 3; J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 4; J. Lunn, 5; H. J. Tucker (instructor and conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 20 mins. *J. Davies, 1; W. Mead, 2; W. Roberts, 3; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 4; J. Roberts, 5; J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 6. *First 720.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the following members rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. Raynor, 1; W. Tuppey, 2; W. Baker (conductor), 3; A. Osborne, 4; J. Kidd, 5; J. Tullett, 6.

MILTON (near Gravesend).—On Tuesday, October 4th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Louth, 1; J. Allen, 2; J. Aitkin, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Hayes (conductor), 5; H. D. Davis, 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—Sunday last, October 2nd, being the Harvest Festival at the old parish church, the ringers met in the tower at 7 a.m., and rung a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Elcombe, 1; G. Hayes, 2; G. Martin, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the morning a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. L. Digweed, 1; *J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. *First in the method with a bob bell. Also after evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Elcombe, 1; F. Ring, 2; A. Cornford, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Harper, 5; G. Martin (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN.—Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd, being the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Paul's church, 720s were rung on the bells as follows: For evening service, on Saturday, at 7 p.m., a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. W. Denner, 1; E. Cash (conductor), 2; J. Potter, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Welsby (Worsley), 5; J. Brookes, 6. Before Sunday evening service, on Sunday evening, a 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. The above 720 of Grandsire Minor is the first ever rung on the bells, and the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Brookes, Denner, Williamson, and Potter.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—Recently for Divine Service, the following members rang a 560 of Bob Major. W. Taylor, 1; H. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; W. Button, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; R. Stannard (conductor), 6; J. Button, 7; T. Staulkey, 8. And after service, a short touch of Grandsire Triples, by the same band. On Saturday, August 27th, for practice, a 1008 of Bob Major. J. Flegg, 1; T. Staulkey, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; J. Button, 5; W. Button, 6; A. Lincoln, 7; R. Stannard (conductor), 8. Also 448 Grandsire Triples, by the same band. On Saturday, September 3rd, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but stand was called after about half-an-hour's ringing, through two bells shifting, but some touches were rung as follows: 712 of Grandsire Triples. W. Taylor, 1; W. Lambert, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; W. Button, 6; H. Cooper, 7; J. Flegg, 8. Also 720 Bob Major. W. Taylor, 1; G. Cooper, 2; R. Stannard (conductor), 3; H. Button, 4; W. Button, 5; H. Cooper, 6; W. Lambert, 7; J. Button, 8. Also on Wednesday, September 7th, 672 of Grandsire Triples. W. Taylor, 1; R. Stannard (conductor), 2; H. Button, 3; F. Wilson, 4; A. Rodwell, 5; W. Button, 6; A. Lincoln

7; J. Flegg, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. Cooper and Lambert hail from Rendham; the rest are local men.—*Handbell Ringing*.—A 720 of Bob Minor. H. Button (conductor), 1; J. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; F. Argent, 4; W. Button, 5; J. Button, 6. First 720 of Bob Minor by F. Argent, who has just commenced to learn the art.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, September 24th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Watling, 1; F. Watling, 2; W. Lambert, 3; R. Wells (conductor), 4; H. Cooper, 5; J. Avis, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Watling, 1; F. Watling, 2; R. Wells (conductor), 3; H. Cooper, 4; F. Cooper, 5; W. Lambert, 6. First in the method by F. Watling. F. Cooper hails from Aldeburgh. And on Saturday, October 1st, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. R. Stannard (conductor), 1; F. Watling, 2; H. Button, 3; R. Wells, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; J. Edmunds, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Watling, 1; F. Watling, 2; R. Wells (conductor), 3; H. Button, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; R. Stannard, 6. First in the method by H. Button, A. Lincoln, and R. Stannard, all three of whom hail from Leiston, the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, September 27th, for practice a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; T. Newman, 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; G. Essex (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning October 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening, a 120 of Yorkshire Court. C. Parfitt, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; T. Newman, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; E. Munday (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, a 360 of Yorkshire Court. C. Parfitt, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; T. Newman, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; E. Munday (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ROWLEY.—On Sunday last, five members of St. Andrew's Society (Netherton), assisted by J. Whatmore of St. Michael's (Brierley Hill), rang at St. Giles' Parish Church, before evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. B. Townsend, 1; F. Hotchkiss, 2; J. Whatmore, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Also after service 360 of Plain Bob, in 12½ mins. J. Prestidge, 1; W. T. Hartshorne, 2; J. Whatmore, 3; R. Round, 4; H. Hartshorne, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Weight of tenor, 12½ cwt. *Hails from Brierley Hill. This peal of bells has just been augmented from five to eight, but are now waiting for a special dedication service for opening. The work, which has been carried out by Mr. J. Barwell, of Birmingham, reflects great credit upon the firm for the admirable way in which the work has been done, the "go" of the bells being everything that could be desired.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, October 1st, at the quarterly meeting of the above Association, a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung. S. Reeves, 1; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 2; A. W. Bassano, Esq., 3; W. R. Small, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; W. Smith, 6; G. Hughes, 7; H. Mills, 8. After tea another touch of 1260 in the same method. W. R. Small, 1; T. Horton, 2; J. Tinsley, 3; M. Murphy, 4; J. Plant, 5; W. Smith, 6; S. Reeves, 7; R. Cartwright, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. Conducted by Samuel Reeves.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, September 18th, to celebrate the Harvest Festival at the parish church, the local company met at 6.15 a.m. and rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. D. Done, 1; C. Slatter, 2; W. Wellan, 3; W. Davis, 4; J. Bayliss, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6. Also at 11 a.m. a 720 in the same method (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins., the ringers standing as before. At 2 p.m. a 720 of Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. D. Done, 1; C. Slatter, 2; W. Wellan, 3; H. Payne, 4; E. Devereux, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. H. Payne and E. Devereux hail from Kemerton.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; J. Phillips (conductor), 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Hare, 7; Robert Jackson, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. A. Squires and J. Hare hail from Hitchin.

BISHOPSGATE (London).—*Muffled Peal*.—On Saturday, October 1st, eight members of St. Botolph's society rang, with the bells half-muffled the usual whole pull and stand, as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Barker, for sixteen years sexton of the above church, who died on Saturday, September 24th, 1887, aged 64 years. W. J. Williamson, 1; D. Living, 2; W. Sinclair, 3; J. Sinclair, 4; W. Scholes, 5; R. Cook, 6; J. Scholes, 7; G. Simmons, 8.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.

James Fielding, 1; James Smith, 2; Edward Horsefield, 3; William Slater, 4; John Sanderson, 5; William Benthall (conductor), 6; John Walker, 7; W. H. Wilde, 8. Composed by James Sholicar, of Ormskirk. W. Benthall hails from Aughton, and is a member of the Ormskirk Society; the rest belong to Blackburn.

BRAUGHING (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 20th, at St. Mary's church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing about 1200 changes, it came to grief. T. Webb, 1; J. Spicer, 2; J. Phillips, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; E. Bygrave, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in E. A. Squires and J. Hare hail from Hitchin, Herts; E. Bygrave from Wallington, and the rest from Baldock, Herts.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, September 23rd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27½ mins. T. Alden, 1; A. Whatmore, 2; D. Garbett, 3; H. Lloyd, 4; A. Beddall (conductor), 5; H. Hartshorne, 6. The above 720 was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Rev. W. H. Beadmore, formerly curate of Brierley Hill.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—On Sunday, September 25th, on account of it being the Harvest Festival, five four-and-twenties each of the following methods: Bob Singles, Reverse and Double Grandsire. E. Chapman, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; H. Chapman, 4. Also for morning service three four-and-twenties each of Single Reverse and Double Bob Singles. E. Chapman, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; H. Chapman, 3; R. Dunkley, 4. For afternoon service, several touches of Bob Singles. R. Dunkley, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. Richards, 3; H. Chapman, 4. Tenor 14 cwt. F. Gilbert hails from Raunds; H. Chapman from Bedford; the rest belong to Bythorn.

CHARLWOOD (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 2nd, by a mixed band, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; *A. F. Hillier, 4; *M. Heffer, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of College Exercise. M. Jenkins, 1; *J. Newnham, 2; R. Jordan, 3; F. Wickens, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Bob. J. Akehurst, 1; G. Wickens, 2; G. Cox, 3; A. Ellis, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. The brothers Jordan, Jenkins and Akehurst hail from Capel; Hillier and Newnham from Crawley; Cox from Ockley, the rest are local men. *First 720 in the method.

DURHAM.—On Monday evening, September 26th, for practice at the church of St. Oswald, several 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles were rung by the local company. There were also several courses of Minor, and a 6-score of Plain Bob Doubles rung by the following: *Chas. Bradford, 1; *Wm. H. Craggs, 2; J. E. Avery, 3; *Chas. J. Butterworth, 4; Wm. Noble, 5; *Lancelot Newton (conductor), 6. Messrs. *Prince, Hinchley, and W. G. Newton also took part in the ringing. There is a practice at the above church on Monday nights, with the exception of Saint's days or their vigils, from 7 to 9. *Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday, September 18th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; E. Pether, 2; F. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; E. E. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; C. W. Allen, 7; Lewis Hitchman, 8. The above performance is the first since having the new ropes, which were obtained by the proceeds of the concert given a short time since in the parish schoolroom, by Mr. W. Newell and friends of Reading.

FOXEARTH (Essex).—On Saturday, September 24th, the following attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after two hours capital ringing the sixth rope flew out of the wheel and became fixed, thus causing a collapse. G. Maxim (Foxearth), 1; R. Mingay (Foxearth), 2; J. Lee (Foxearth), 3; W. Howell (Sudbury), 4; S. Slater (Glemsford), 5; H. Bowell (Ipswich), 6; H. Harper (Sudbury), 7; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 8.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Friday evening, September 30th, at the parish church, 504 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Reeves's ten-part peal. S. Gough, 1; F. G. Shorrocks, Esq., 2; F. Turner, 3; J. Alexander, 4; J. Allen (conductor), 4; W. Toft, Esq., 6; A. Jones, 7; J. Evison, 8.

GISLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 1st, at St. Mary's church, 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Warner, 1; G. Bird, 2; T. Selsby, 3; G. Vincent, 4; W. Ireland (conductor), 5; C. Elmer, 6. Also another 720 in the same method. E. Youngs (Wickham Skeith), 1; C. Elmer, 2; T. Davey, 3; G. Bird, 4; G. Vincent, 5; W. Ireland (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. W. Ireland hails from Diss.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Monday evening, October 3rd, at the church of St. Etheldreda, 251 of Grandsire Triples. A. Shepherd, 1; W. J. Piper, 2; J. Grant, 3; W. H. Buckingham, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; T. Waller, 8. And a 336. A. Shepherd, 1; W. J. Piper, 2; E. A. Hulks, 3; W. H. Buckingham, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; W. Battle, 6; T. Waller, 7; F. Stocks, 8. Also 111 in the same method. A. Shepherd, 1; T. Waller, 2; E. A.

Hulks, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. Buckingham, 5; W. Battle, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; F. Stocks, 8. And 168, 97, and 42, in the same method. T. Grant, 1; W. J. Piper, 2; W. Battle, 3; E. A. Hulks, 4; W. H. Buckingham, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; T. Waller, 7; W. J. Richardson, 8. The above touches were conducted by G. W. Cartmel. Messrs. Sheppard, Richardson, and Stocks belong to Hatfield; W. J. Piper to Widford, Essex; the rest to St. Albans.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Thursday, September 22nd, at St. Mary's church, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service in the evening, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), with 4-6-8 covering. J. Randall, 1; F. Furr, 2; A. Squires, 3; T. Dobbs, 4; S. Hare, 5; J. Foster, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. On Monday, September 26th, for practice, 180 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. A. Squires, 1; J. Hare (conductor), 2; F. Furr, 3; Richard Jackson, 4; J. Foster, 5; W. Allen, 6; T. Dobbs, 7; J. Froy, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, September 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, at the Church of St. Mary and All Saints, a 620 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennet, 1; J. Crane, 2; T. Salters, 3; G. Hayward (conductor), 4; J. Bennett, jun., 5; H. Williams, 6; R. E. Grove, 7; T. Walters, 8. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Bennett, 1; J. Crane, 2; T. Salters, 3; J. Bennett, 4; H. Adams, 5; G. Hayward (conductor), 6; R. E. Grove, 7; T. Walters, 8.

KIMBOLTON (Hunts).—On Saturday, September 24th, ringers from Bythorn, Keyston, and Raunds paid a visit to this place, and rang 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Dunkley, 1; J. Twelvtree, 2; E. Chapman, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; H. Twelvtree (conductor), 5. Also several 120's in the same method, by the same company, tenor about 24 cwt. F. Gilbert hails from Raunds; J. Twelvtree from Keyston; the rest are from Bythorn. This is believed to be the first change-ringing on the bells.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, September 29th, the annual gathering of ringers was held. The meeting was thinly attended, but a few ringers were present from Sudbury, Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds, Melford, Preston, etc. A 360 of Bob Major was rung in the morning at the parish church by the local company. T. Bruce, 1; H. Symonds, 2; Rev. E. Symonds, 3; J. Boby, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; A. Symonds, 7; W. Moore, 8. After dinner a 464 of Bob Major was rung by H. Symonds, 1; C. Fisk, 2; Rev. E. Symonds, 3; J. Boby, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; G. Sillitoe, 7; H. Bowell, 8. Also a 720 of Bob Major. W. Boby, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; H. Duce, 3; H. Smith, 4; A. Symonds, 5; W. Snell, 6; H. Bowell, 7; W. Moore, 8. The first touch was conducted by A. Symonds, and the last two by C. Sillitoe. And a 224 of Bob Major on handbells retained in hand, by C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1-2; H. Bowell, 3-4; H. Duce, 5-6; A. Symonds, 7-8.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, at the church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. John Dupen, 1; Matthew A. Wood (composer and conductor), 2; William Cecil, 3; John Bonney, 4; Thomas Dupen, 5; Walter Prime, 6; Joseph West, 7; James Munday, 8.

MAISEMORE (near Gloucester).—On Wednesday, September 21st, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Wicks, 1; S. Romans, 2; R. Brunsten, 3; J. Wilkins, 4; G. Brunsten, 5; B. Etheridge (conductor), 6.

MINSTER (Sheppy).—On Monday, September 26th, at the parish church, 120 Bob Doubles. G. Mayfield, 1; R. White (conductor), 2; T. Beal, 3; C. Hook, 4; C. Willshire, 5. And on Friday, September 30th, two 120's of Bob Doubles. R. White (conductor), 1; C. Willshire, 2; T. Beal, 3; C. Hook, 4; A. Beal, 5. C. Willshire hails from Quex Park; the rest are local men.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, at the parish church, for Divine service, 680 of Bob Doubles, with bobs and singles. G. Beresford, 1; T. Allibone (conductor), 2; W. Hopkinson, 3; J. Tarlton, 4; T. Day, 5; G. Hunt, 6. It was intended to go for six 6-scores, but the last 120 was called out at 80, the bell announcing the commencement of service being rung. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Thursday evening, September 28th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, the local band rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. J. Clark, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; T. Lingard, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. Bates, 5; G. Winter, 6. Also for practice on Friday evening, September 30th, a plain course of Plain Bob Minor. G. Winter, 1; J. Clark, 2; T. Lingard, 3; T. W. Chapman, 4; T. Bates, 5; H. Horwood, 6. This is the first Minor by the present band.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 2nd, it being the harvest festival, six members of the Capel society rang for morning service a 720 of Superlative Surprise, in 25 mins. G. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Kent Treble Bob. G. Jenkins, 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; E. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; R. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Oxford Bob. G. Jenkins, 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Cox and Mills are local men. Tenor 16 cwt.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, at Holy Trinity church, 546 Union Triples, in 22 mins. J. Palmer, W. Bird, W. Green, R. Bird, H. Cartwright, H. Mason, A. H. Baasano (conductor), A. E. Parsons. Also 560 in the same method, in 22½ mins. A. E. Parsons, J. Palmer (first touch), W. Green, W. Bird, H. Cartwright, H. Mason, A. H. Baasano (conductor), W. Foxall.

POWDERHAM (Devon).—On Sunday, October 2nd, several members of the St. Edmund's Society, Exeter, visited this place, and being granted permission to ring by the rector, the bells were raised in peal, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles rung. The following took part in the ringing during the afternoon: Messrs. S. Herbert, H. Swift, E. Pitt, W. Richardson, T. Townsend, W. Goss, T. Halse, Roberts, Templeman, and H. Webber. And on Monday, October 3rd at St. Edmund's church, for practice, 336 of Grandsire Triples. S. Meadows, 1; S. Herbert, 2; E. Pitt (conductor), 3; H. Swift, 4; W. Goss, 5; W. C. Marsh, 6; W. Richardson, 7; T. Townsend, 8. Mr. Meadows hails from Brandeston, Suffolk.

RINGMER (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 15 mins. H. Jones, 1; A. E. Paris, 2; A. Starks, 3; J. T. Rickman, Esq., 4; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 5; G. Taylor, 6. Also for evening service three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the Rev. F. H. Fisher at the 6th, the rest standing as in the morning.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Giles's church, for the Harvest Festival in the morning, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. H. Boney, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; A. Evans, 4; H. Blissit, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Friday, September 25th, at St. Giles's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. A. E. Parsons, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Mason, 3; J. Buffery (St. Martin's, Birmingham), 4; W. Bird, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells. Formerly there were only five bells; Messrs. Barwell and Son are increasing them to eight, but only six were completed by this practice. And 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24½ mins. H. Bastable, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; J. Buffery, 3; R. Bird, 4; W. Green, 5; T. Miller, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Bird, T. Miller, A. E. Parsons, J. Buffery, A. H. Bassano, R. Bird.

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Saturday, October 1st, the following members of the Liverpool Youths' Society attempted Mr. C. H. Hattersley's peal of Treble Bob Major (5088 changes), but unfortunately (through the 7th going badly), stand was called after ringing 1984 changes, in 1 hr. and 9 mins. Richard Williams, 1; Richard Hill, 2; John R. Pritchard, 3; Charles Williams, 4; Thomas Hammond, 5; William Booth, 6; Henry Coley, 7; Robert Williams (conductor), 8. Afterwards a short touch of Stedman Triples was rung. Richard Williams, 1; Robert Williams, 2; William Booth, 3; Charles Williams, 4; Henry Coley, 5; John R. Pritchard, 6; Thomas Hammond, 7; William Ellis (Ormskirk), 8.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Monday, September 26th, the Rushden ringers visited this place, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, at the parish church. F. Clayton, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Lewis, 3; A. Clayton, 4; W. Hall, 5; C. West (conductor), 6. Also touches of London Single. This is the first 720 on the bells. A new treble has lately been added by Warner, of London. *First 720.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Wednesday evening, September 21st, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 and 180 Bob Minor before the service, and 360 after the service. J. Cook, 1; D. Dawson, 2; J. Dains (Widford), 3; W. Sharpington, 4; M. Rolfe (conductor), 5; W. Hawkes, 6.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, October 2nd, after the evening service at St. Peter's Church, the following members of the local company with Mr. H. Bowell, of Ipswich, rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob (864 changes). F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Griggs, 5; H. Bowell, 6; H. Harper, 7; A. Scott (conductor), 8. Also on Sunday, September 25th, after the evening service, a touch of Kent Treble Bob (768 changes). A. Symonds (Lavenham), 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; R. Mingay (Foxearth), 3; H. Bowell

(Ipswich), 4; O. Garwood (Glensford), 5; A. Scott, 6; S. Slater (Glensford), 5; A. Scott, 6; S. Slater (Glensford), 7; H. Harper, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

TIPTRON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 25th, at the parish church of St. Martin, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the following touches were rung: 1008 Grandsire Triples. H. Mills, 1; G. Hughes, 2; H. Bastable, 3; W. R. Small, 4; E. Goodreds, 5; A. Hill, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; B. Starkey, 8. And 504 in the same method. H. Mills, 1; H. Bastable, 2; W. R. Small, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; A. Hill, 6; G. Hughes, 7; B. Starkey, 8. Before service in the afternoon, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Mills, 1; H. Bastable, 2; W. R. Small, 3; A. Hill, 4; G. Hughes (conductor), 5; R. Cartwright, 6. For evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. B. Starkey, 1; H. Bastable, 2; R. Cartwright, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. R. Small, 5; A. Hill, 6; G. Hughes (conductor), 7; A. Mills, 8. And two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; G. Hughes, 2; R. Cartwright, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. R. Small, 5; B. Starkey, 6. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. B. Starkey, 1; H. Bastable, 2; W. R. Small, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; A. Hill, 5; G. Hughes, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8. H. Bastable belongs to Birmingham; and Rowland Cartwright to Wombourn.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. A. Keit, 1; T. Scarlett, 2; R. J. Maynard, 3; H. Boast, 4; T. Maynard (conductor), 5; F. Bines, 6; J. H. Wilkins, 7; W. Crockford, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. in Eb.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for evening service at St. Mary's church, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 41 mins. J. Beaven, 1; G. Hogg, 2; B. Sheldon, 3; J. C. Harvey, 4; E. E. Richards, 5; H. Harman, 6; H. Bright, 8. Composed and conducted by E. E. Richards.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 22nd, at the parish church, the members of St. Margaret's Society rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, after the Harvest Festival, in 28 mins., the 2nd being left out and the tenor covering. *Frederick Grocott (age 14), 1; *William Fitchford (age 13), 3; *Thomas Miller (age 14), 4; *Harry Fitchford (age 15), 5; *Alfred Grocott (age 16), 6; William Miller (conductor), 7; William Slater, 8. On Sunday, September 25th, before evensong, 503 changes of Grandsire Triples. F. Grocott, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; H. Fitchford, 4; A. Grocott, 5; W. Miller (conductor), 6; S. Walker, 7; W. Slater, 8. On Sunday, October 2nd, 504 in the same method, the band being placed as in the previous touch, with the exception of S. Walker, whose place was occupied by A. Walker. *First 720.

Church News.

At the St. Albans ordination on Thursday, the preacher was Canon Sharpe, and the gospeller Mr. Thompson.

The following Diocesan Conferences have been fixed:—October 12th and 13th, Chichester; Gloucester and Bristol, Lincoln, Llandaff, St. Albans; October 20th and 21st, Peterborough; October 25th and 26th, Gloucester; October 26th and 27th, Exeter, Hereford; November 30th, Liverpool.

As a result of inquiries held by a Commission appointed some time ago by the Archbishop of Canterbury, a scheme has been adopted for the amalgamation of three of the ecclesiastical parishes of the cathedral city, so as to do away with two of the existing churches. It is understood that his Grace has purposely cleared the ground for the arrangement by removing the present rector of St. Margaret's, Canterbury, to the rectory of Halstead, Kent.

The living of St. Michael's, Cornhill, has fallen vacant by the death, in his sixty-second year, of the Rev. William Hunt, who had been rector of the parish since 1875, and who formerly (1855-75) held the office of master and chaplain of Bancroft's Hospital. Before that he was Professor and Tutor in Queen's College, Birmingham, and afterwards (1858-75) Lecturer at St. Michael's. He took his degree at Corpus, Cambridge, in 1846, and was ordained in 1848.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. West Wayet, vicar of Pinchbeck, near Spalding, and Prebendary of Lincoln, died after a short illness, having held the living (of which he was himself the patron) since 1834. He had graduated from Queen's, at Oxford, 1831, and been ordained in 1833. He was one of the first clergyman to commence the work of church restoration in Lincolnshire, and he devoted a large amount of money to the work out of his private income.

On Michaelmas Eve, the organ at St. Andrew's, Hoxton, which has undergone thorough repair and has been considerably enlarged by Mr. F. A. Slater, of Bow, was re-opened by Dr. Bridge, of Westminster, who most kindly came at considerable inconvenience, and who at the conclusion of the service gave a recital. The choir of St. Andrew's was augmented for the occasion, many members of the St. Leonard's choir, Shoreditch, giving their help. The vicar of Shoreditch preached the sermon.

An arrangement has been made by which the Rev. Charles J. Robinson, vice chairman of the Clergy Pensions Institution, will resign the living of West Hackney, in favour of the Rev. H. Bickersteth Ottley, vicar of Horsham, and brother of the incumbent of Quebec Chapel. Mr. Robinson has held the rectory of West Hackney more than ten years, during which period its population has largely increased, and much has been done to meet the requirements of the parish. The entire consent of the patrons—the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Mr. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P.—has been given to an exchange between the incumbents.

The Rev. G. Herbert Wooley, curate-in-charge, writes from St. Peter's vicarage, Bethnal Green:—"On the morning of the 21st ult. I was aroused by the unpleasant news that the house had been broken into during the night. On examination I found that the thief had cut through the kitchen shutters and had carried off not only nearly all my plate (very little of which was silver), but also a coat and my cashbox, the latter containing my letters of orders, licence of this curacy, and many private papers and letters which I value highly, but which are no use to any one else except for begging or impersonation. In view of this possibility, I ask you to allow me to warn my brethren and the public against being imposed upon by documents bearing my name."

The church of St. Michael, Garton-in-Holderness, East Yorkshire, was re-opened on the 22nd ult., by Archdeacon Blunt, after considerable repairs. The work has consisted of the repairing and cleaning of the whole of the interior masonry, a new fifteenth century window in the east end, filled with stained glass, to the memory of the late Colonel Marmaduke Grimston, and on the north side of the nave and chancel, other corresponding windows. The nave has been seated with open benches of pitch pine, and stalls and prayer desk of oak are placed in the chancel. The pulpit erected by his children to the memory of the Rev. H. Ward, a former vicar, is executed in various shades of Ancaster stone. The sacrarium floor is paved with encaustic tiles, and the nave and chancel with plain red tiles. The ancient rood screen has been carefully cleaned and replaced. A screen has also been erected between the south aisle and the vestry. The work, which has cost about £750, has been executed from the designs of Messrs. Smith and Broderick, of Hull.

On Wednesday a farewell service of unusual interest was held in the chapel within the house of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The missionaries who were on the eve of their departure to their several fields of labour were the Rev. Arthur Westcott, lately tutor of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, and recently appointed Principal of the society's theological college at Madras; the Rev. H. J. Foss, who returns to his work at Kobe, Japan; Miss Thornton and Miss Hicks, who have offered their services in the Associated Mission, formed by Bishop Bickersteth; Mr. Henham, of St. Augustine's, who goes to Bombay; and the Rev. F. J. Williams, who sailed the same day for North China. There were also present the Rev. C. Mitchell from Bloemfontein, the Rev. G. Ledgard from Bombay, and the Rev. J. L. Wyatt from Madras. Canon Westcott gave a devotional address of much beauty on "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the strength and support of all work for God, the love of God the motive, and the communion of the Holy Ghost the end." Forty persons received the Holy Communion, and with some quiet leave-takings in the society's house after the service the gathering dispersed.

On Friday the Church of England Soldiers' Institute at Aldershot celebrated its fifth anniversary. The Bishop of Winchester, who again presided at the luncheon, expressed his thankfulness at the continued success of the institute, and proposed the usual toast "Church and Queen." The Chaplain-General, Dr. Edgehill, said the ordinary duties of the chaplains needed to be supplemented. Something like this institute was wanted at every large station to fill up the lives of the men. It was useless to preach to men of strong passions, needing some pleasure and interest in life, a gospel of eternal negation. What they needed was to have their lives filled so full of good as to leave no room for evil. The last report of the Secretary of War on the condition of the army showed that the proportion of men belonging to the Church of England had never been so strong as at the present time, when it is 67, as against 58 per cent. ten years ago. Some place was needed offering the opportunity for personal intercourse, where you could get a man alone, and deal with him individually according to his own need. Only thus would it be possible to gain a real influence over him.

ALL HALLOWS' SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

The following is the ringing done by the above society during the month of September:—On Sunday, September 4th, 1887, for morning service a 560 of Plain Bob Major. J. Waghorn, jun., 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Langran, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Pye English, 8. And for evening service a 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Waghorn, 1; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 2; A. Hubbard, 3; A. Fox, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Pye English, 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; T. Hughes, 8. Also a 420 Union Triples. A. Hubbard, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; A. Fox, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; W. Pye English, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; T. Hughes, 8. And on Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, 518 of Grandsire Triples. A. Hubbard, 1; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 2; A. Fox, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; W. Pye English, 7; T. Hughes, 8. And on Tuesday, September 13th, for practice a 560 of Plain Bob Major. Joseph Davidson, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; G. B. Lucas, 4; A. Fox, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; J. Waghorn, jun., 7; W. Pye English, 8. Also 518 of Grandsire Triples. Joseph Fox (Oxford Diocesan Guild), 1; J. Davidson, 2; A. Hubbard, 3; A. Fox, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 7; C. J. Davidson, 8. And on Sunday, September 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Masters (Hackney), 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Langran, 4; W. D. Smith (Hackney; conductor), 5; W. Pye English, 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; C. J. Davidson, 8. And on Sunday, September 25th, for morning service, 546 of Grandsire Triples. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; H. Boast, 6; H. Freeman, 7; C. J. Davidson, 8. And on Thursday, September 29th, for Harvest Thanksgiving service, a 420 of Plain Bob Triples. J. Davidson, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, 5; G. B. Lucas, 6; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 7; W. Pye English, 8. And after service 380 of Plain Bob Major. J. Davidson, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Langran, 4; J. Waghorn, 5; W. Pye English, 6; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 7; G. B. Lucas, 8. Also a 350 Union Triples. J. Davidson, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 4; J. Waghorn, 5; G. B. Lucas, 6; W. Pye English, 7; J. Langran, 8.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The following is the Ringing done at Shireoaks during the Month of September:—

On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, 360 of Duke of York. Also for evening service, 360 of Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. On Thursday, September 8th, for practice, a 720 of New London Pleasure and 720 of Duke of York, standing in the same order as above. On Sunday, September 11th, for morning service, 360 each of Violet and Kent Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; D. Russon, 4; R. Knowles, 5; John Hargreaves, 6. In the afternoon, 360 of Oxford. S. Tomlinson, 1; R. Goacher, 2; S. Harvey, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; D. Russon, 5; R. Beeston, 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; M. Tylden Wright, 2; S. Harvey, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. And on Tuesday, September 13th, 720 of Oxford. S. Harvey, 1; F. Mackie, 2; H. Watkinson, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. On Wednesday, September 14th, at Worksop, 720 of Oxford. R. Beeston, 1; S. Harvey, 2; F. Mackie, 3; J. Marshall, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. On Sunday, September 18th, for morning service, 360 each of New London Pleasure and Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, 360 each of Violet and Kent, standing as last-mentioned.

WEST RETFORD.—At the parish church, on Monday, October 3rd, by the Everton band, 720 each of Violet, Duke of York, and Oxford Delight. C. Lindley, 1; F. Durdy, 2; J. Holgate, 3; J. Swindin, 4; G. W. Stevenson, 5; G. Brown (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Woodbine, standing as before, with the exception of T. S. Philips at the treble.

The Stratford-on-Avon Town Council on Tuesday adopted, with only two dissentients, estimates showing a reduction in the stipend paid to the vicar of £260 per annum to £210, the reduction to take effect immediately. King Edward VI.'s charter stipulates that the council shall pay the vicar £20, but owing to increased rentals the corporation have from time to time increased the amount. The rents, however, having lately fallen, the corporation contend that they are at liberty to reduce the amount. Some members are of opinion that they are only legally bound to pay the £20 mentioned in the charter.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SIR,—It appears that bands of ringers who try to pass a pleasant day in visiting the towers of their neighbours are occasionally treated with less civility than they deserve. A rope is missing, or a stone flies through the window, or the gas goes out. Such things cannot be excused, but may they not be prevented by a little tact? It is not wise to reckon without your host. For instance, we write to the Vicar of X—, and ask if we may ring there next Saturday afternoon. He gives permission, and tells some functionary that we are coming. Meanwhile the ringers of X—, who are not consulted in the matter and think themselves slighted, eye us askance, and begin to imagine evil against us. If any unpleasantness follows it is scarcely to be wondered at. Would it not be better for us to request the ringers at X— to obtain permission from their Vicar, instead of addressing him over their heads. In that case no susceptibilities could be wounded.

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C. PEARSON.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Will you kindly make a note for your next issue that the peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part) rung at St. Stephen's, Westminster, should have been headed "The St. Stephen's, Westminster, Society," and "the Ancient Society of College Youths." Also that the name for No. 6 should be H. S. Ellis. T. R. BELL.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will allow me through the medium of your paper, to bring to the notice of all brother-strings the case of Mr. James Rudd, of Diss, a once noted Norfolk ringer, who I regret to say is now got into low circumstances. He has not been able to do scarce anything for the last five or six years, owing to ill-health, has recently lost his father, mother, and wife, all in six weeks, has been compelled to sell up his home, and now got into lodgings, and all he has coming now is three shillings out of a club. He has been the means of raising many a company of ringers, and has assisted in ringing over thirty peals, including three of 10,000, and now he does his best to learn any one on handbells. Should his case excite the sympathy of any ringers who know or who have read of him, and they make up their minds to help him through the winter by sending him a small sum it will be gratefully acknowledged in "THE BELL NEWS." Mr. Rudd's address is Parkfields Road, Diss.

Victoria Road, Diss.

W. IRELAND.

We request that all correspondence intended for publication may reach us on or before Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current number.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Bishop-designate of Bathurst was presented with a large and beautiful photograph of the Thirsk National Schools, in oak frame, with the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. Canon Camidge, D.D., Prebendary of York, Proctor of Convocation, Rural Dean and vicar, on the occasion of his appointment to the Bishopric of Bathurst, by the teachers and scholars of the Thirsk National Schools." In acknowledging the gift, Dr. Camidge said it would always be a most pleasing reminiscence of his nearly eleven years' residence in Thirsk. In his thoughts they would often be present with him, and he hoped they would remember him in their prayers, for he was not going forth to be idle, he was not going forth to lie on a bed of roses, but because he thought there had been a distinct call given him, and he hoped by God's blessing to do some good in that great and distant colony.

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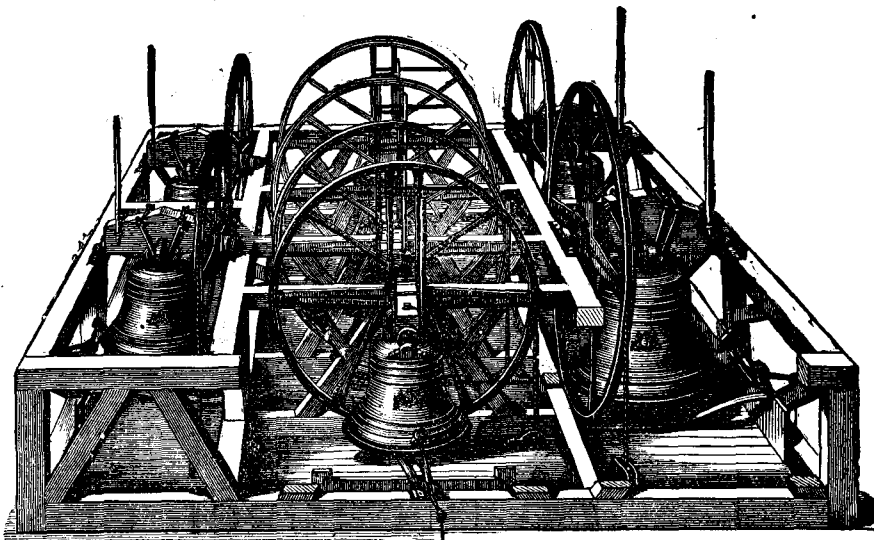


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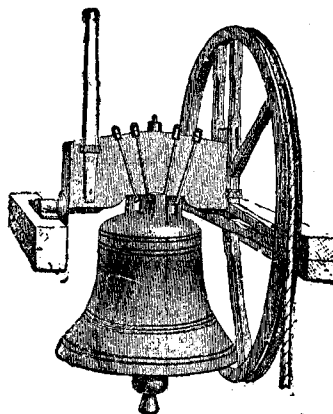
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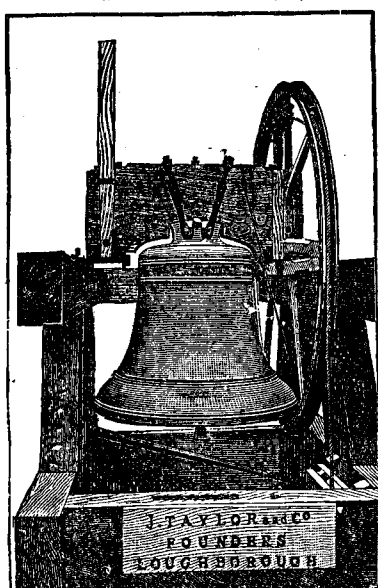
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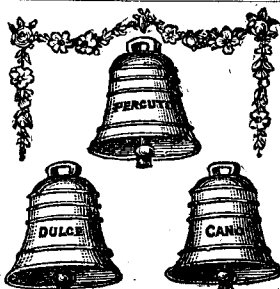
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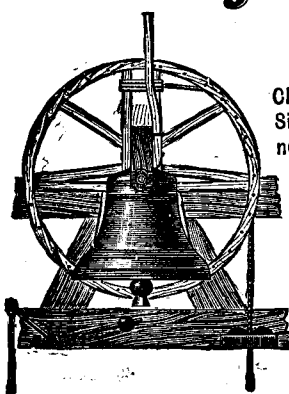
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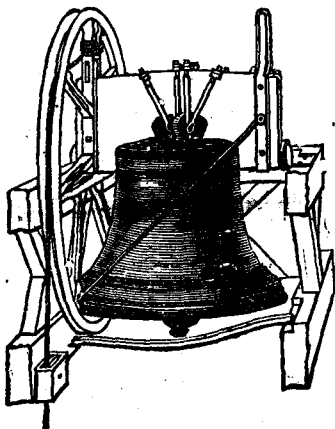
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THE COLLEGE BELLS OF OXFORD. CHRISTCHURCH.

I propose in these papers to give an account of the bells of the four college towers at Oxford, with particulars of the peals rung and attempted thereon in the last century. I shall begin with Christchurch Cathedral.

The peal at Christchurch originally consisted of six bells, which are said to have been brought from Oseney. These six bells were named respectively "Douce," "Clement," "Haustin," "Heckstetter," "Gabriel," and "John." They formerly hung in the central tower of the Cathedral, and from the inscriptions which I give below, they appear to have been augmented to ten in 1698.

Treble.—"Abra: Rudhall, Glouc: Bell-founder, 1698."

Second.—"God prosper the Church of England, A (a bell) R. 1698."

Third.—"A (a bell) R. 1747."

Fourth.—"Prosperity to all our benefactors. A.R. (a bell)."

Fifth.—"The Grace of our Lord. 1640."

Sixth.—"This bell was made 1611. W + Y."

Seventh.—"In multis annis resonet campana Johannis" (A shield charged with a chevron between three trefoils).

Eighth.—"Stella Matris Maris Succurre piissima nobis." (Two shields charged, one with a chevron between three lave-pots, and the other like the seventh).

Ninth.—"Prosperity to this College. A.R., 1740."

Tenor.—"Trinitate Sacra fiat haec campana beata W.I. M.H. (a rose and crown between two griffins). A.D. 1589."

In 1710, Dr. Aldrich, Dean of Christchurch, wrote his well-known catch, commencing—

"Hark! the bonny Christchurch bells,
One, two, three, four, five, six, etc."

Some years ago these bells were removed from the Cathedral tower to their present position in their wooden cage near the Hall. The tenor of the peal is estimated to weigh 42 cwt.

I shall now give some extracts from Hearne's diary, which will give some idea of the ringing in Oxford in 1733.

"Thursday, May 24th, 1733.—On Whit Sunday last (May 13th), came to Oxford on foot, fifteen ringers from London, and the day before came on horseback, one Mr. Skelton, about fourteen or fifteen years ago a Commoner of Queen's College, Oxford, and an excellent ringer, and at this time Register to the Bishop of London (Gibson), and a proctor in the Arches. The next day being Monday, May 14th, the Oxford ringers gave them a short peal at Magdalen College, as they did in the evening a short one at Christ Church, the Londoners laying still that day, that they might refresh themselves after the fatigue of their journey. . . . On Wednesday, May 16th, they (the Londoners) began to ring at Christ Church in the morning, a quarter or more before twelve, and they rang till two, most incomparably well, when the gudgeons being bad, the biggest bell (that is the tenth), fell down, but not through the loft, otherwise they proposed to have rang 5040 changes. . . . On Tuesday, May 22nd, the great bell at Christ Church was got up again, and in the evening the Oxford men rang all ten, and endeavoured to imitate the Londoners, but they were soon out, and made poor of it in comparison of the others."

"1734.—Jan. 2.—Wednesday, 4th, Christ Church bells being now in very good order, yesterday some select Oxford ringers rung them all for a wager. They were every man of them townsmen, but had received some considerable instructions from Mr. Stone, M.A., a man in orders, and a good ringer himself, Fellow of Wadham College. The wager was that they could not ring the 5040 changes, quater or cater changes, upon them. They were to have six tryals, and if upon the sixth trial they did not do it, they were to loose. Yesterday they began (being the first trial), just at twelve o'clock, and finished the whole twenty-seven minutes after three o'clock. This is the first time that this number of changes was ever rung in Oxford, the biggest bell at Christ Church falling down, and the ropes breaking at New College when the Londoners rang at both places lately, otherwise the said Londoners, who rang at each place above two hours, and never made the least fault, would have done it with the greatest ease imaginable. The Oxford ringers yesterday made many mistakes, so that 'twas expected

they must have given over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it about three-quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed fifty-two faults in the ringing, nine of which were very considerable ones. However, take it altogether, 'twas excellent ringing, and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History and Student of Christ Church, who yesterday broke in upon the ringers, to their great disturbance. The names of the ringers were:—

- 1.—Mr. Richard Hearne, a Taylor.
- 2.—Mr. John Vicars, Second Butler of New College.
- 3.—Mr. John George, a Taylor.
- 4.—Mr. Guy Terry, a Pot-ash maker in St. Clement's.
- 5.—Mr. Thomas Yates, Second Cook of Magdalen College.
- 6.—Mr. John Broughton, a Barber of St. Peter-in-the-East.
- 7.—Mr. Richard Smith, a Glover in St. Peter-in-the-East.
- 8.—Mr. William Barnes, Second Cook of Christchurch.
- 9.—Mr. Arthur Lloyd, of Holywell, Carpenter and Bell Hanger.
- 10.—Mr. Nicholas Benwell, Sexton of Christchurch."

"1734, Monday, Dec. 2.—On the 5th of November last some Oxford ringers were resolved to shew their zeal for the Government by ringing Cator changes as well as possibly they could upon Christchurch ten bells. They were some of the best ringers, and because they think they merited much by their performance, I shall here specify the names of everyone of them, at the same time noting that three excellent ringers, Mr. John George, a Taylor, Mr. Thomas Yates, the second Cook of Magdalen College, and Mr. John Broughton, the Barber, acted much more for their honour and credit, who declined ringing amongst them that day, by which these three avoided the censure of being poor mercenary ringers (for the others rang for money) and of giving credit to a downright false notion, that the Prince of Orange landed upon the 5th, whereas it was upon the 4th of November, to say nothing of the Powder Plot, which many wise men give out was a meer sham. I happened that day between three and four o'clock in the afternoon, to go through the White Walk, while the bells were ringing, and I heard several in the walk say 'twas exceeding good ringing'. Coming to the Cloysters I stood still to listen (which I should not have done on such a day as that were it not to see whether the character of its being exceeding good ringing were just or not), and in sixteen minutes I discovered eighteen considerable faults, the last six so very considerable that I found they would soon be confounded, as indeed they were, and so gave over, being not able to make clean work; and yet notwithstanding this, they boast that 'twas extraordinary good ringing, and that they rang two thousand. I cannot say anything to the number of changes nor for the goodness of the ringing before the last quarter of an hour, and how bad that was I have fairly signified, and yet 'twas good enough for the day. I should likewise here remark, that the reward of these mercenary ringers was only 15s. 6d. a man, and that one of the ringers was a learner or beginner (as it were) only, viz.: Mr. Crozier, a Cork Cutter, and yet so skilful, that he may deservedly be reckoned among the best Oxford ringers. The names (what I propose to give) of all these ten ringers were in order, just as they rang, as follow:—

- 1.—Mr. Richard Hearne, a Taylor.
- 2.—Mr. John Vickers, second Butler of New College.
- 3.—Mr. William Crozier, a Cork Cutter.
- 4.—Mr. Guy Terry, a Pot ash Maker.
- 5.—Mr. Brickland, a Schoolmaster.
- 6.—Mr. Thomas Nash, a Cabinet Maker.
- 7.—Mr. Arthur Lloyd, Carpenter and Bell Hanger.
- 8.—Mr. William Barnes, second Cook of Christ Church.
- 9.—Mr. Richard Smith, a Glover.
- 10.—Mr. Nicholas Benwell, Sexton of Christ Church."

So much for Mr. Hearne's notes on the ringing at Christchurch. I shall now finish this account by giving records of two more recent performances.

"Sept. 22nd, 1820, Rung in this tower a complete peal of Grandsire Cators, containing 5303 changes, in 3 hours and 32 minutes, by the Society of Oxford Youths. William Godfrey, Treble; Henry Taylor, Second; George Pavier, junr., Third; Henry Carr, Fourth; Richard Cater, Fifth; Joseph Taylor, Sixth; Thomas Godfrey, Seventh; William Parker, Eighth; Arthur Tyror, Ninth; Thomas Hanks, Tenor. Tenor 24 cwt.

(sic for 42) In this peal the 2nd was never behind the ninth. Composed and conducted by W. Parker."

"Jany. 19th, 1828, Rung in this tower a complete peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5165 changes; with only the fifth and sixth behind the ninth, in 3 hours and 36 minutes, by the Society of Oxford Union Scholars. George Harris, Treble: Edward Nickolls, Second; Jonathan Pavier, Third; Henry Nunney, Fourth; Edward Whitebread, Fifth; Robert Young, Sixth; William Parker, Seventh; Thomas Hanks, Eighth; Arthur Tyror, Ninth; Henry Pill and George Nunney, Tenor. Tenor 42 cwt. Composed and conducted by W. Parker."

Before concluding this account of Christchurch bells, I must just say a word about "Great Tom," which hangs over the College gateway.

This monster bell weighs 7 ton 11 cwt. It is 85 and a quarter inches in diameter, 81 inches in height (extreme to top of cannons), and 6 and one eighth thick at the sound bow. The inscription is in plain Roman Capitals, "Magnus. Thomas. Clusius. Oxoniensis. renatus. Aprilis. VIII. Anno. MDCLXXX. Regnante. Caroli. ii. Decano. Iohanne. Oxon. Episcopo. Subdecano. Gul. Iane. SS. Th. P. Cura. et. arte. Christ; Hodison. Thesaurario. Hen. Smith. SS. Th. P." J. R. J.

FROME, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Harvest Festival at the parish church of St. John-the-Baptist, Frome, was held on Sunday, October 2nd, when all the services were attended by crowded congregations, especially at evensong, the aisles being packed by people standing, sitting accommodation being out of the question. The decorations were very beautiful indeed, and included a number of hot house plants and flowers and choice fruit, kindly sent for the occasion by the Marchioness of Bath, from the Longleat gardens. At the high celebration at 8 a.m. the service was Schubert in F, a magnificent service, which was well rendered by the choir. At matins the sermon was preached by the Vicar of St. Barnabas, Pimlico, London, and in the evening by the Vicar of Knowle, Bristol. At the conclusion of the latter service there was a procession, the hymn sung being "Onward, Christian Soldiers," which was well taken up by the immense congregation. After this the choir and clergy returned to the chancel and grouped around the altar, and a solemn "Te Deum" was sung as a special thanksgiving for the in-gathering of the harvest. The offertories during the day were divided between the local Home for trained nurses, and the Convalescent Home at Clevedon. The ringers connected with the church assembled about an hour previous to Divine Service in the evening and indulged in their old favourite, "Churchyard Surprise." It might be well to add that this grotesque "art" is threatened soon to be eclipsed by change-ringing. A few new members have been admitted into the Society, and will join with those who have for their object to make progress, and establish a society of ringers for this grand old church, which hitherto it has never had the good fortune to possess. We are also pleased to hear that Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, has by the request of the churchwardens of the parish presented a report on the necessary repairs required to be done to put the bells in thorough going order.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING fixed to be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, October 22nd, has been postponed until Saturday, November 5th, particulars of which will appear in due course.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At the District Meeting at Folkestone on Monday, October 17th, there will be a Committee Meeting at the Town Hall at 2 p.m. Business—Admission of members, and time and place of next meeting. The churches in the programme are Cheriton, Lyminge, and Folkestone.

LOWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

The Lowick ringers accompanied by three of the Woodford ringers, all members of the Higham Ferrers second Deanery Association, had their annual outing on Saturday, October 1st, when they paid a visit to Geddington, and although the bells were not in very good ringing condition, as some of them strike very false, they succeeded in ringing several 6-scores of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. From Geddington they proceeded to Weekly, where they were received by the Rector and some of the ringers. Here they rang some 6-scores of Antelope, St. Simon's Doubles, and Canterbury Pleasure. After partaking of tea at the rectory, they proceeded to Burton Latimer, where they were joined by W. Meadows, another of the Woodford ringers. Here they rang some touches of Stedman's Slow Course, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's and Grandsire Doubles. When they had finished ringing, they found refreshments kindly provided by the Rector, after which they thought it was time to think of returning home, the Lowick ringers calling and having a touch at Thrapston. The ringers wish through this medium to thank the clergymen of the places where they visited, for allowing them the use of the bells. And on Sunday morning, for Divine Service, some 6-scores of Stedman's Slow Course, St. Simon's Doubles, and Canterbury Pleasure were rung.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual gathering of the members of the Association will take place at Norwich, on Monday, October 17th, 1887. Blackfriars hall (the eastern portion of St. Andrew's hall) will be the head-quarters for the day. Masters of companies and members are requested to attend as soon as possible after arrival, to secure dinner tickets, and be directed as to ringing. All ringing to cease at 12.30. At 12.45 there will be Divine Service at St. Peter Mancroft church. Preacher, the Rev. J. J. Raven, D.D., Vicar of Fressingfield, Suffolk. At 1.30 dinner will be provided in Blackfriars hall. After dinner, the usual business meeting will take place. Ringing may recommence about 4 p.m.

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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETING of the members of the above Association will be held at Market Rasen and Claxby, on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells at Market Rasen (8), and Claxby (5), will be at the disposal of members for that day. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen. All members are invited. Those intending to visit Claxby will please arrange to arrive early in the day. Societies or members intending to be present, will please communicate not later than Wednesday next, October 19th, with the Hon. Secretary,

Market Rasen.

W. LUNN.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

A District Meeting will be held at Dorking, on Monday, October 17th. The belfry will be open to members from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. A committee meeting will be held at 5.30.

H. A. SPYERS, Hon. Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of this Association was held at Bradford on Saturday, October 8th, when notwithstanding the very inclement weather, a large number of members and friends attended from Birstall, Bolton, Calverley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Huddersfield, Hull, Keighley, Kirkburton, Leeds, Low Moor, Ossett, Ripon, Sheffield, Rothwell, Shipley, Tong, Wakefield, York, and other places. The ring of ten at the parish church, and the rings of eight at St. John's and St. James's were by the kind permission of the respective vicars at the disposal of the members during the afternoon, which was taken advantage of by the visitors.

At six o'clock, the annual business meeting was held in the parish church schoolroom, which had been kindly lent by the Rev. Canon Bardsley, D.D., Vicar. Mr. W. Snowdon, President, occupied the chair, and commenced the business of the evening by reading the minutes of previous meetings, which were passed and signed. The "Officers' Roll" was then called, when, with two unavoidable exceptions, all the officers and committee answered to their names.

THE PRESIDENT next read the annual report, which stated that—

The Committee again find themselves in a position to congratulate the members on the past year's proceedings. Three successful and enjoyable meetings have been held, and everywhere has a hearty welcome, with abundant hospitality, been held out to the Association. Further than this, of the last six meetings, extending back over two years, we have been welcomed at each place by the respective rector or vicar, and of these six clergymen, five were at the time, or have since become, honorary members of the Association. All this goes to prove that the Association gains ground outside the Exercise itself, so that it only remains for each individual member to help forward this good result by every means that lies in his power, that in the end change-ringing, "considered both in its scientific aspect, and as a branch of church work," may attract the attention it deserves.

The meeting at Birstall is noteworthy as having—following the good example of Sheffield—seen the commencement of an annual church parade, according to a resolution passed by the committee, at which it is proposed to get a member of the Exercise to preach before the Association. The Ilkley meeting must have been specially gratifying to every member of our Association, as witnessing the unveiling of the memorial window to our late President, subscribed for by the nation's change-ringers. As on that occasion an excellent sermon was given to us by the Rev. Canon Wigram, the committee have not felt themselves bound to arrange another service this year, but it is trusted that when they again do so, it will be as well, or even better, attended than the three successful ones already held. Whilst on this subject, we would wish to express our high appreciation of the work and talents of the late Rev. J. H. Fish, Vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, who was the first change-ringing clergyman and member of our Association to preach before us.

With regard to the Jasper Snowdon memorial window, the Committee are proud to have had the honour of acting for the whole Exercise as the Executive Committee in this matter, and they are pleased to be able to report that all that now remains to be done is to expend a small surplus in a fitting manner, and to issue a balance-sheet to the subscribers. On this balance-sheet they propose to give an engraving of the window, feeling sure that those living at a distance from Ilkley will be interested therein, whether they are afterwards able to journey there or not.

The total numbers brought forward from last year were 525—that is, nineteen honorary, 464 ringing, and forty-two non-resident members. During the year four honorary and forty-four ringing members have been elected; but as nineteen of the former year's members have not renewed their subscriptions, the net increase amounts to twenty-nine members.

Five members have been transferred to the non-resident list; one honorary and eight ringing members have died, leaving as the numbers to be carried to the now opening year twenty-two honorary, 476 ringing, and forty-seven non-resident members, which make a total of 545 members on the Association's books.

During the year—Her Majesty's Jubilee—fifty-three peals have been rung at twenty-seven different churches. Amongst these may be mentioned a 5056 of Albion Major, rung at St. Chad's, Saddleworth, and a 5184 of Rose of England Treble Bob Major, rung at St. Wilfrid's, Calverley. These peals, rung by the local branches, take their place on the list as being the first in the methods rung by the Association.

First peals by members have been rung on the eight bells of the Cathedral, Ripon; St. James's, Grimsby; St. Mary's, Campsall; and St. Lawrence's, Rawmarsh; and on the six of All Saints', Wood-

lesford. The peals rung during the year are thus made up: Two peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal, one peal of Stedman Caters, two peals of Grandsire Caters, twenty-six peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, Five peals of Bob Major, one peal of Albion Major, one peal of Rose of England; two peals of Stedman Triples, one peal of Bob Triples, four peals of Grandsire Triples, four peals in seven methods on six bells, and one peal in fourteen methods on six bells. This year's end, the twelfth of the Society's existence, shows a total of 136 members who have paid ten yearly subscriptions, or an equivalent thereto, and have thus become life members.

MR. W. ABBISHAW (Birstall), proposed the adoption of the report, which motion was seconded by Mr. JAMES ANGUS (Bradford), and carried unanimously.

The annual balance-sheet was then read, which showed that on capital account the Association held £100 in Leeds Corporation Stock, and £64 11s. 2d. in the Leeds Provincial Building Society. The yearly account shewed that the receipts were (including cash advanced by the Hon. Secretary, £14 17s. 5d.), £45 7s. 4d., and the disbursements (including £6 16s. 8½d. repaid the Hon. Treasurer), £24 17s. 8d., leaving a balance of £20 9s. 8d., which had been paid into the Building Society.

MR. W. ELLIOTT (Birstall) and Mr. H. RAISTRICK (Bradford), the auditors, moved and seconded the adoption of the balance-sheet, which was unanimously agreed to.

THE PRESIDENT then announced that as no new nominations had been handed in up to the time specified by rule, all the retiring officers were re-elected, and in doing so, expressed the pleasure he felt on being re-elected, and at the mark of confidence which the members had thus evidenced. With regard to himself and the whole of the re-elected officers, he felt that the fact of their being re-elected shewed that the members were fully satisfied with the manner in which they had conducted the business of the Association. The same remarks would apply with regard to headquarters, which would thus remain at Bradford for the next three years.

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY (Sheffield) then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Bardsley, for the use of the schools during the afternoon.

MR. J. H. HARDCASTLE (Bradford) seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

MR. T. HATTERSLEY (Sheffield) proposed, and Mr. C. JACKSON (Hull) seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicars and Churchwardens of the parish church, St. James', and St. John's, for the use of the bells, which was also carried in like manner.

A vote of thanks to the Officers, Committee, and Auditors, was on the motion of Messrs. STICKNEY and SOUTHWICK (Hull), carried with applause, and

MR. W. ELLIOTT, after responding, proposed a most cordial vote of thanks to the President, for so ably conducting the proceedings. This motion was seconded by Mr. B. T. COPLEY, supported by Messrs. W. H. HOWARD and C. JACKSON, and carried amid loud cheers.

THE PRESIDENT having briefly replied, declared the meeting closed.

The members then adjourned to the towers, and the meeting-house, where touches on the tower bells and handbells were indulged in, which, in spite of the inclement weather, concluded a very pleasant gathering.

PRESENTATION TO MR. GEORGE NEWSON.

ON August 21st, a very large meeting of ringers was held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, to witness the presentation of a silver English lever watch with inscription to Mr. George Newson on his 43rd birthday, as a testimony of great esteem and high appreciation of his valuable services as a composer, ringer, and conductor. In presenting the watch, Mr. E. F. Cole in a neat speech dwelt on Mr. Newson's many excellent and sterling qualities, and spoke of the remarkable zeal and energy always displayed by him.

ALL SAINTS', LOUGHBOROUGH.

The peal of eight at this church has just been augmented to ten by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., bellfounders. The opening is fixed for Friday, the 28th instant. A report of the proceedings on such an interesting occasion will be furnished in a future number.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING held at Walthamstow on Saturday, October 8th, was well attended by members from various parts of the county. Ringing began at St. Mary's church in the morning, and during the day touches of Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Triples, were rung either there or at St. Saviour's church, where there is a very handy ring of eight, somewhat lighter than those at the parish church. The business meeting was held at 4.15 p.m. at the Infant School-room in St. Mary's churchyard, the chair being taken, in the absence of the Vicar, by the Rev. W. V. Palmer, curate of St. Mary's. After the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. T. L. Papillon) had read the minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, the following new members were elected: Mr. G. F. Attree, of Brighton, Hon. Secretary of the Sussex County Association; Rev. A. S. Dowling, of Holy Trinity, Barking Road; Messrs. J. Cavill, T. Cavill, G. Gray, T. Hammond, and T. Watts, of Stanstead; H. Boast, Walthamstow; H. Dawson, F. Newman; J. Newman, W. Newman, and A. Richel, Great Baddow; E. Bacon, Jas. Brown, G. Carter, W. Clark, F. Freeman, G. Perry, Jas. Rann, and F. Shuttle, St. John's, Loughton; G. B. Lucas, A. Hubbard, and T. E. Hughes, Tottenham; A. White, and A. Wright, Holy Trinity, Barking Road (probationers); Mr. A. James (probationer), of Saffron Walden, was elected a member. The following provisional elections were confirmed: Mr. J. Smith, at Galleywood, July 30th; Messrs. H. A. Barnett and W. Smith, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, September 13th; Mr. Joseph Field, of Oxford, at Writtle, September 17th; and Mr. T. Waller, at St. Albans, October 1st.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Samuel Hayes, it was resolved *nem. con.*, "That no peal of 5000 changes and upwards be attempted at any church placed at the disposal of the Association on the day of the Annual Meeting, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. or on the day of any District Meeting after 11 a.m. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, to the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Saviour's churches for the use of their bells, and to the Hon. Secretary for conducting the arrangements for the meeting.

At 5 p.m. forty-seven members sat down to a meat tea at the Coffee Tavern in St. Mary's road, close to Hoe Street railway station, after which those who were able to remain returned to the towers for another pull.

Among those present at the meeting were the Rev. A. S. Dowling, Messrs. A. Estall (Master of the Walthamstow St. Saviour's company), W. A. Alps, R. Sewell, S. Hayes, H. Randall, F. and Pittsow, W. Doran, F. G. Newman, H. F. and E. De Lisle (Galleywood), Dains (Widford), Hawkes (Springfield), Rowland and Parmenter (Chelmsford), H. A. Barnett, G. B. Lucas, (Tottenham), W. H. L. Buckingham, G. Cartmel, and W. Battle (St. Albans), with others from Walthamstow and its neighbourhood.

The Secretary will feel obliged if the gentlemen whose names are given above as newly-elected members will forward to him their subscription of 1s. for the current year, ending at Whittide 1888. Certificates of membership can be supplied at 6d. each, exclusive of the cost of postage.

The time and place of the next District Meeting, to be held at or about Christmas, is not yet fixed, and the secretary will be glad to receive communications from any part of the county outside the immediate neighbourhood of London, to which a visit from the Association would be welcome.

T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec. E.A.C.R.*

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association will be held at Mitcham on Monday, October 24th, when the towers of the parish church, and of Christ Church, Merton, will be open from 3 p.m. The tea and business meeting will be held at the Mission Room of Christ Church, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. S. Legg. It is particularly requested that all who intend to be present at the tea will send in their names to the Hon. Secretary by Thursday, October 20th. Further particulars as to time, etc., next week.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Dingwall Road, Croydon.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE

On Saturday last, October 8th, the St. Michael's Society, Melbourne, had their annual outing, the place selected being Ashby-de-la-Zouch. The route chosen was very picturesque and interesting to ringers generally. Staunton Hall, the seat of Earl Ferrers, together with the private church of his Lordship adjoining it, could be plainly seen from the road. The tower of this church contains what is considered to be one of the prettiest rings of eight in the Midland counties, though change-ringing is never practised on them, except when a visit is paid by the Ashby or some other band of ringers. Tenor about 21 cwt. The spire of Coleorton church could also be discerned situated in Coleorton park. This church has also a ring of eight, tenor 14 cwt. It was intended at first to visit this church as well as Ashby, but it was found on account of the lateness of the season that it would be impossible to visit two towers in one day without starting much earlier, which was not convenient for the majority of the band. Arriving at Ashby about 2.30 p.m., a move was made for the parish church, where permission had been previously obtained to use the fine ring of eight, lately rehung with new iron frames, etc., by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The bells having been raised, a short touch of Bob Triples to get the "feel" of the bells was rung before starting for a quarter-peal in the same method which was brought round in 42 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; F. W. Cook, 8. This was followed by a 336 of Bob Major. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 8. An adjournment was then made to the "Queen's Head Inn," where an excellent tea had been provided, to which ample justice was done, the ride and the ringing together having sharpened the appetites of all present. After tea the ringers returned to the church and rang during the evening short touches of Grandsire Minor and Bob Triples. Also a 536 of Grandsire Triples, the first touch in the method by all the Melbourne ringers who took part in it. H. Hollingworth, 1; H. Canner (Ashby), 2; G. A. Fish, 3; J. Warren, 4; H. C. Woodward (Derby), 5; J. Vickers, 6; W. Canner (Ashby), 7; F. W. Cook, 8. Towards 8 o'clock, the bells which are in fine condition, and go remarkably well, were lowered, and a move was again made to the "Queen's," where touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, and Triples, along with some of the Ashby ringers, were indulged in till about 9 o'clock, when the return journey was commenced, Melbourne being reached about 10.45, all having thoroughly enjoyed their first ringing visit to Ashby. The society wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar for the use of the bells, and also the Ashby ringers for the welcome accorded them.

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.—VISIT TO LONDON.

On Saturday, October 8th, six members of the above society availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the metropolis by the day trip, and after viewing several objects of interest, including among them the Queen's presents, proceeded to All Saints' Church, Fulham, where they were met by several members of the College Youths' Society, who had kindly offered to make the band complete for a College Youths peal of Stedman Caters. After the usual preliminaries, such as adjusting ropes, etc., a start was made, and all went well until the forty-third course, when a mishap occurred in the ringing which brought the peal to an abrupt termination, after ringing 2 hrs. 59 mins. G. Mash, 1; J. M. Hayes, 2; *T. Reynolds, 3; *A. J. Jones, 4; *H. Bastable (conductor), 5; *J. Buftery, 6; *W. W. Gifford, 7; *C. Stanbridge, 8; C. F. Winny, 9; *H. Johnson, jun., 10. The composition was a 5028 of Mr. Henry Johnson, sen., and had not been previously attempted. The Birmingham men take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. H. Fisher for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, also the steeple-keeper for the first-class order in which they found everything in connection with the same. They would like also to thank these gentlemen who went to the trouble to make their band complete, and should like to return the compliment to them individually or as a body, any time they feel disposed to visit Birmingham. [*From Birmingham. †From Salisbury.]

TWO PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5001.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6
2 6 5 4 1 3 2 12 16 19 21 23 24

5 6 3 1 2 4 4 16
5 6 4 3 2 1 16
5 6 1 4 2 3 16
1 6 3 2 5 4 4 16
1 6 4 3 5 2 16
1 6 2 4 5 3 16

5 6 2 3 1 4 4 5 16
5 6 4 2 1 3 16

4 6 3 1 5 2 4 16
4 6 2 3 5 1 16
4 6 1 2 5 3 16

5 6 1 3 4 2 4 5 16
5 6 2 1 4 3 16
5 6 3 2 4 1 16

3 6 1 4 5 2 4 16
3 6 2 1 5 4 16
3 6 4 2 5 1 16

5 6 4 1 3 2 4 5 16
5 6 2 4 3 1 16

2 6 1 3 5 4 4 16
2 6 4 1 5 3 16
2 6 3 4 5 1 16

The last twenty-two courses repeated, with single instead of bob at 4 in first course produces: 2 6 1 4 5 3 when the following calls, 4, 6s, 10, 12, 16 produces rounds in one six and one change. 5th twenty-four courses behind the 9th.

5002.

2 3 1 4 5 6
5 6 2 3 4 1 1 2 8 5 7 11 14 18 23

2 6 1 4 5 3 4 16
2 6 3 1 5 4 16
2 6 4 3 5 1 16

5 6 4 1 2 3 4 5 16
5 6 3 4 2 1 16
5 6 1 3 2 4 16

1 6 4 2 5 3 4 16
1 6 3 4 5 2 16
1 6 2 3 5 4 16

5 6 2 4 1 3 4 5 16
5 6 3 2 1 4 16
5 6 4 3 1 2 16

4 6 2 1 5 3 4 16
4 6 3 2 5 1 16
4 6 1 3 5 2 16

5 6 1 2 4 3 4 5 16
5 6 3 1 4 2 16

3 6 2 4 5 1 4 16
3 6 1 2 5 4 16
3 6 4 1 5 2 16

5 6 4 2 3 1 4 5 16
5 6 1 4 3 2 16

The last twenty-two courses repeated with single instead of bob at 4 in first course produces: 5 6 2 1 4 3 when the following bobs bring round 3, 7, 11, 13, 15, 18. 5th twenty-four courses behind the 9th.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H
3 2 6 5 4 2 2
5 6 2 3 4 2 2
5 2 3 6 4 1 2
5 3 6 2 4 1 2
3 4 6 2 5 1 2
3 6 2 4 5 1 2
4 2 6 3 5 1 2
2 4 5 3 6 1 2
2 5 3 4 6 1 2
4 3 5 2 6 1 2
2 4 3 6 5 1 2
4 2 5 6 3 2 2
6 5 2 4 3 2 2
6 2 4 5 3 1 2
2 3 4 5 6 1 2

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, and eighteen times in 5ths, without the 2nd ever being in 6ths place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5009.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6
4 1 5 2 3 6 1 5 8 10 11 13 15 17

4 1 6 5 3 2 19
6 1 4 2 3 5 6 19
6 1 5 4 3 2 19
5 1 6 2 3 4 6 19
5 1 4 6 3 2 19
5 1 2 4 3 6 19
2 1 5 6 3 4 6 19
2 1 4 5 3 6 19
2 1 6 4 3 5 19
6 1 2 5 3 4 6 19

The above eleven courses twice repeated excepting first, instead of which [call 5 19 produces:—

4 1 6 2 5 3

5 1 6 3 4 2 5 6 19
6 1 5 2 4 3 6 19
6 1 3 5 4 2 19
1 2 3 4 5 19

Round by bobs at 2, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Repeated.

5120.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN HARE, *Hitchin, Herts.*

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL.

6660.

By JAMES MOTTS, *Ipswich*.

2 3 4 5 6

3 4 6 2 5 1 4 9 0
4 6 3 2 5 1
6 3 4 2 5 1
4 2 6 3 5 1 8
2 6 4 3 5 1
4 3 2 6 5 1 8
3 2 4 6 5 1
2 4 3 6 5 1
3 6 2 4 5 1 8
6 2 3 4 5 1
2 3 6 4 5 1

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Norwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Four times repeated.

This peal contains sixty calls only.

A 720 OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

2 3 4 5 6 B I W H

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

Twice repeated.

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ADDRESS WANTED.—Mr. E. CRUMP, of Bromsgrove.

The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1887.

IN this issue we publish an account of the Annual Meeting of the Yorkshire Association. We have no hesitation in saying that this annual event is looked forward to with interest, not only by its own members, but also by the Exercise at large; and it is therefore very pleasing on perusal of the report to find the Association in the "county of broad acres" able to give so good an account of itself. It is also very creditable to the officers that this Association has so rapidly recovered itself after the great blow it sustained in the loss of its late President. With a membership roll of twenty-two honorary and five hundred and twenty-three ringing members—all of which latter class must have "rung at least 720 or covered 1260 changes"—with £164 11s. 2d. safely banked, and with a total of 53 peals for the year, it will at once be seen that the Association is in a prosperous condition both scientifically and financially. This continued success of the Yorkshire Association will, we confidently anticipate, have its effect in another way, namely, by encouraging other county Associations and Guilds in their work. What is done in one place it is reasonable to suppose may be accomplished in another; and when we see how the Yorkshire Association has so well recovered itself after its recent unspeakable loss, it should be an incentive to those of our brethren who are struggling amid great difficulties to carry on the work of organization in their various counties and districts, to greater efforts for the good and welfare of the Exercise.

There is, however, in connection with this subject, one point to which we would particularly refer, and we do this with all due deference to our Yorkshire brethren. In looking over the list of peals rung during the past year by them, we find that out of the fifty-three no less than twenty-eight—or over one half—have been in the Kent Treble Bob method. Without for one moment disparaging the beauties of this method, which it is well

known is the principal method rung in the great northern county, we venture to suggest to our friends in Yorkshire, would it not be creditable to them, and beneficial also from a scientific point of view, if they set to work and break this preponderance of Kent Treble Bob, by putting it aside to some extent, and mastering other methods? We all know what has been accomplished by the Midland Counties' Association in this respect, and what they have done we are confident can be at least equalled by the Exercise in the neighbouring county. Why should good musical methods be allowed to lie dormant and unrun merely for want of practice? Those men who have proved themselves such proficient in Kent Treble Bob will surely be quite as successful in other and more intricate methods if only they will set to work and master them. We trust our remarks on this point will be received in the same spirit in which they are made, knowing also that they are in strict conformity with the opinions of the late revered President of the Yorkshire Association, who desired almost above all other things to raise the Exercise both in its scientific and social aspects.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

ON Saturday, September 10th, through the kindness of many friends, the parish ringers had their annual outing. London was their destination—"Buffalo Bill" their chief attraction. Most of the members, accompanied by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, paid a visit in the morning to the bell foundry of Messrs. Warner and Sons. Here they were most courteously received, and every object of interest pointed out, a large mass of the original metal of Big Ben, and the design submitted by the then Sir Edmund Beckett; the process of casting bells was carefully explained, and ocular proof given by the workmen. Invitations to ascend the towers of St. Giles, Cripplegate, and St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill, had to be declined owing to pangs of hunger; these being duly allayed by a good dinner on Ludgate Hill, a trip was taken from the Temple to Chelsea by steamer, the various towers containing bells, together with other buildings of interest being duly pointed out. The rest of the day was occupied at the Exhibition, "the Wild West," the Switchback Railway, etc., coming in for their due share of patronage. It was agreed by all that never had they spent a more enjoyable day. In spite of many drawbacks, practice in the tower has been well kept up; the total number of changes rung during the past twelve months being 62,667, including one date touch of 1887 changes, five peals of Kent Treble Bob, and two half-peals, two of Oxford Treble Bob, seven of Yorkshire Court, and three half-peals, nine of Canterbury Pleasure, and three half-peals, ten of Oxford Bob, and four half-peals, five of College Single, and two half-peals, eighteen of Bob Minor, and eight half-peals, with a 720 each of Violet Treble Bob, and Double Bob Minor, as well as thirty-seven 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Two new methods have been mastered during the year, thus securing the coveted position of being the Premier six-bell company in the diocese. An excellent peal of 5040 changes was rung on the occasion of the laying of the Dedication stone of St. John the Baptist's Church; it consisted of seven different 720's, being one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Yorkshire Court, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. The following were the ringers:—H. Smith, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman, 6. The peal, which was ably conducted by Mr. T. Newman, was brought round true and complete, without a hitch of any sort, in the good time of 2 hrs. 54 mins.

The Marajah of Mysore has contributed 50,000 rupees to the funds of the Imperial Institute.

The Metropolis.**THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.**

On Friday, October 7, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES R. HAWORTH Treble.	ALBERT E. CHURCH .. 6.
JOHN C. MITCHELL 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
HENRY LANGDON 3.	JOHN M. HAYES .. 8.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4.	GEORGE R. BANKS .. 9.
WILLIAM JONES 5.	EDWARD ALBONE Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by
JOHN MURRAY HAYES.

This peal was rung in honour of the 35th birthday of the Rev. Dr. Lindsay, the late Rector. W. W. Gifford hails from Salisbury; and J. C. Mitchell from St. Albans.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**Handbell Peal.**

On Monday, October 10, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE ST. JAMES' MEETING HOUSE, WYCH STREET, STRAND, W.C.,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 size in C.

JOHN C. MITCHELL .. 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 3-4.	WALTER L. BUCKINGHAM 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

Umpire, Mr. G. Wild, of the Royal Cumberland Society.
W. W. Gifford hails from Salisbury, and this is his first peal on handbells. Messrs. Buckingham and Mitchell belong to St. Albans.

The Provinces.**STEYNING, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
STEYNING BRANCH.**

On Thursday, October 6, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
**5040 CHANGES; IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
ON SIX BELLS;**

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court, Kent Treble Bob,
College Single, Oxford Single Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. SEARLE Treble.	C. TYLER 4.
G. GATLAND 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
J. SEARLE 3.	G. SMART Tenor.

Conducted by G. SMART.

J. Searle hails from Brighton.

AYLESFORD, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 8, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY PEARCE* Treble.	*ABRAHAM HAIGH 5.
WILLIAM BAKER* 2.	*FREDERICK FRENCH .. 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF, R.E.† .. 3.	*EDWARD ANDREW 7.
ALLCHIN MOORCRAFT* .. 4.	†WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor.

Conducted by F. FRENCH.

This peal was rung in commemoration of Mr. E. Andrew completing twenty-one years' service in the band of the Royal Engineers, and is supposed to be the first peal in which a soldier has rung in commemoration of completing his twenty-one years' service. F. French was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal. *College Youths. †Norwich Diocesan Association. ‡First peal. H. Pearce and A. Moorcraft hail from Maidstone; F. French from Crayford; brothers Haigh from Gillingham; the rest from St. Margaret's, Rochester. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKS HIRE ASSOCIATION.**Jubilee and Birthday Peal.**

On Thursday, October 6, 1887, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5125 CHANGES;
Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES BOWER Treble.	GEORGE HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH MULLIGAN 2.	SAM SEED 8.
WILLIAM LOMAS 3.	EDWARD WOODWARD .. 9.
THOMAS DIXON 4.	CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY 10.
JAMES A. DIXON 5.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. 11.
JOHN MULLIGAN 6.	WILLIAM MIDGELEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, and his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

BEENHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, October 8, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob Minor.

G. WEBB Treble.	T. BIDMEAD 4.
H. HATTO 2.	J. RICHARDSON 5.
A. RICHARDSON 3.	J. HATTO Tenor.

Conducted by J. RICHARDSON.

Each of the above 720's were called differently; two with eighteen bobs and two singles; one with fourteen bobs and two singles; one with nine bobs and six singles; one with fourteen singles and four bobs; one with twenty-six singles; and one with twenty-two singles. This is the first peal by all the band, and the first peal on the bells.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)**

On Saturday, October 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 2.	ALFRED ROBINSON 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
EVAN MORETON 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

In this peal, which is the first exact 5000 ever rung on eight bells, 6-7-8 are together throughout (104 courses). It is both the first peal composed, and the first achieved in the method. The composition is given on another page.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. CLARKE Treble.	H. BIRTWHISTLE 5.
J. WANE 2.	W. WHITAKER 6.
J. H. BELL 3.	C. LANGSTROTH 7.
J. MCKELL 4.	J. MCGOUN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by J. MCKELL.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th each the extent right, and eleven out of the twelve 8-4's, 8-5's, and 8-6's.

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Further subscriptions will be thankfully received by Mr. W. Ireland, Victoria Road, Diss, and will be acknowledged in this paper.

In connection with this the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, Hon. Sec. of the Norwich Association, says: "I wish to thank you for taking up Rudd's case. Would you kindly announce that at the close of the Association's meeting on Monday next, a collection will be made on his behalf."

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS THORPE Treble.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. 6.
THOMAS HEALD 2.	EDWARD CASH 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 8.
JOHN E. POLLITT 4.	PETER BRICKELL 9.
A. EDWARD WREAKS 5.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and conducted by
HENRY J. TUCKER.

H. J. Tucker hails from Bishop Stortford; P. Brickell from Northenden; S. Wood and G. Longden from Ashton-under-Lyne; the rest belong to Manchester. Previous to starting for the peal Mr. Tucker was elected a member of the above Association. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Sunday morning, September 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs), in 27 mins. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. Pallister, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6; A. J. B. Waldron, 8. And in the evening, 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. Pallister, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. W. Cleminson, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; A. J. B. Waldron, 8.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE (Durham).—On Thursday, evening, October 6th, for practice, at St. Cuthbert's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 29 mins. J. W. Forster (conductor), 1; T. H. Surtees, 2; F. Barron, 3; Thos. Bell, 4; W. Oliver, 5; J. Spraggon, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Tuesday, October 4th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor in 30 mins. *W. Sheraton, 1; †W. Brown, 2; G. Curry, 3; T. Walker, 4; J. Huntley, 5; J. Swinburn (conductor), 6. *First 720; †first 720 on an inside bell. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday afternoon, September 25th, at the parish church, 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. W. Nash, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; J. Nunn, 3; B. Keeble, 4; A. Pye, 5; A. Porter, 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday evening, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Myhill, 1; B. Keeble (conductor), 2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6. This is M. Myhill's first 720, and he intends becoming a member of this Association as soon as he can handle a rope.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Saturday, September 1st, an attempt was made at the Cathedral to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. a change-course occurred, and the conductor called stand. C. J. Mitchell, 1; W. J. Piper, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; Thos. Waller, 7; W. Battle, 8. Afterwards several touches in various methods were rung on handbells, when Mr. Piper rang his first touch of Stedman Triples. On Sunday morning, for service touches of Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Triples were rung, Mr. Piper ringing his first Stedman on tower bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, in the evening, 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Harper, 1; G. Elcombe, 2; J. Broom, 3; W. Martin, 4; G. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, September 16th, at the parish church, at the parish church, 600 of Grandsire Triples. J. Curtis (conductor), 1; T. Kirkman, 2; J. Boardman, 3; J. Makin, 4; J. Morris, 5; J. Horrocks, 6; H. Bispham, 7; H. K. Demaine, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WORSLEY (Lancashire).—Sunday, October 9th, being the Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Mark's church, for evening service, 1760 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 47 mins. F. Derbyshire, 1; G. Lee, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; J. H. Ridyard, 4; J. Welsby, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. Baguley, 7; R. Ridyard (conductor), 8. Composed by Mr. J. Thorp.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRAMS DEN (Suffolk).—On Thursday evening, September 29th, at the parish church, eight members of the above Association attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2450 changes in 1 hr. 26 mins., the conductor called "stand," owing to a shift course. W. Dye (conductor), 1; F. Knights, 2; G. Perry, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; D. G. Wightman, 5; A. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; A. S. Wightman, 8.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE.—On Tuesday, October 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Brindley, 1; H. Bailey, 2; A. Pennington, 3; S. Churton, 4; H. Page (conductor), 4; J. Titterton, 6; J. Austin, 7; T. Rose, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday evening, October 4th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Richardson (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; J. Hands, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. T. Newman, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; F. Simmonds, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; E. Menday, 6. And a plain course of Plain Bob. T. Newman, 1; C. Parfitt, 2; F. Simmonds, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Simmonds, 6. Also on Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service, 120 of College Single. C. Parfitt, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the evening a 720 of College Single. C. Parfitt, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; T. Newman, 4; H. Smith, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method as conductor. After service 720 of Plain Bob. T. Newman, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Simmonds (conductor), 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 6. Tenor 17 cwt. J. Richardson hails from Beenham.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. Money, 3; A. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; F. May (conductor), 6. Tenor 25 cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, October 4th, at St. Martin's church, a 660 of Stedman Cinques. H. Johnson, jun., 1; J. Joynes, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; W. Kent, 4; H. Bastable, 5; W. R. Small, 6; T. Hibbert (Reading), 7; J. Buffery, 8; J. Saunders, 9; S. Reeves, 10; A. Thomas (conductor), 11; W. F. Hartshorne (Brierley Hill), 12.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, September 29th, at Christ Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. After service the bells were fired, and 120 of Grandsire Minor was rung. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; Rev. A. T. Scott, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton. The Rev. A. T. Scott was formerly vicar of the above church, but now of St. James', Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

CROSBY (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, October 6th, at St. Luke's church, a 120 of Plain Bob Minor, and 244 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton; the rest belong to Bootle.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, October 8th, five members of the Staveley company paid a visit to the above village, and with the help of the local company rang 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. Worthington, 1; S. Smedley, 2; E. James (Eckington), 3; W. Worthington, 4; W. Price (Eckington), 5; H. Madin, 6. Conducted by W. Worthington. Also 240 each of Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, and Duke of York, conducted by G. H. Madin, with H. Mottershall ringing the 2nd.

EXETER.—On Saturday, October 1st, at St. Church, the local society made an attempt to ring Hollis's five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; B. Mundy, 8. And on Sunday morning, October 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; F. Davey, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; W. Mundy, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, October 4th, the local company met for practice, and rang two six-scores of Grand-

sire Doubles (each called differently). A. Tayler, 1; J. King, 2; *G. Hum, 3; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 4; J. Balls, 5. *First time on a bob bell. J. Balls hails from Little Bentley.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, October 9th, the local company, with A. J. Perkins, of Romford, rang a 486 of Grandsire Caters; also on handbells, in the afternoon, at Mr. Chapman's residence, Mr. Penning's 720 Bob Minor (with forty-six calls). E. Chapman, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; G. Newson, 5-6. This is Mr. Chapman's first 720 on handbells, and also makes the fiftieth rung by A. J. Perkins, in five methods. Also in the evening, for Divine Service at St. Clement's, a 503 Grandsire Triples, and two courses of Caters. The Caters was conducted by G. Newson, and the Triples by A. J. Perkins, who begs to thank Mr. G. Newson and others for their usual hearty manner during the day.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service at St. Nicholas church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. *E. Coley, 1; G. Helsby, 2; T. Ashcroft, 3; W. Dowie, 4; W. Davies, 5; G. Fisher (conductor), 6. *First 720.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, October 9th, at the church of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Dupen, 1; M. A. Wood (composer and conductor), 2; H. Edwards, 3; A. Cutmore, 4; T. Dupen, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; J. West, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 9th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. F. Foster, 1; C. Parkes, 2; C. Green, 3; R. Keeble, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; T. Bigg, 6. Also a 360 in the same method. R. Keeble, 1; C. Parkes, 2; C. Green, 3; J. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob, and a 360 Double Court Bob. F. Foster, 1; C. Parkes, 2; R. Keeble, 3; J. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. All the above are local men.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—At Holy Trinity church, on Sunday, October 9th, 624 Grandsire Major, in 24 mins. J. Palmer, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; R. Bird, 4; W. Bird, 5; W. Green, 6; H. Mason, 7; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 8. And 574 Stedman Triples, in 23 mins. A. H. Bassano (conductor), 1; R. Bird, 2; H. Mason, 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; W. Green, 5; C. W. Bassano, 6; W. Bird, 7; J. Palmer, 8.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Friday evening, October 7th, a 448 of Grandsire Triples, was rung for practice. T. Wright, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; D. Marment, 4; J. Wager, 5; J. Everatt, 6; W. Hale (conductor), 7; J. Powell, 8. On Monday evening, October 11th, a 630 in the same method, containing the 6th and 3rd five times before, was rung, in 26 mins. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; D. Marment, 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also the fifth part of Holt's ten-part peal (518 changes), in 21 mins. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; D. Marment, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Everatt, 8. And 168, with T. Ireland, 3; and Walter Wright, 4. Also two courses with 9-8-10 covering, and one course of Triples on the handbells. A. Trigg, 1-2; J. Everatt, 3; W. Ryland, 4; W. Hale, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, October 8th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (with nine bobs), in 25 mins. H. Symonds, 1; Wm. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th men, and the first time as conductor by A. Symonds in the method. It is fifteen years since a 720 in this method has been rung on the bells of Preston. On March 31st, 1872, a mixed band met and rang the date of the year in the four following methods: 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Double Court Bob, 360 New London Pleasure, 72 Bob Minor. H. Symonds (Preston), 1; Wm. Whymark (Monks Eleigh), 2; Jno. Symonds (Preston), 3; Charles Parker (Monks Eleigh), 4; Wm. Green (Monks Eleigh), 5; Robert Keeble (Monks Eleigh, conductor), 6.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—At the parish church of St. Giles, on Saturday, October 8th, in 24½ mins., 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). C. W. Bassano (conductor), 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; A. H. Bassano, 3; H. Mason, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; R. Bird, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. H. Mason, 1; R. Bird, 2; C. W. Bassano, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. R. Bird, C. W. Bassano, H. Mason, A. E. Parsons, A. H. Bassano, H. Cartwright.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, September 24th, a start was made by the Cathedral society for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 1648 changes, a change-course occurred, J. C.

Mitchell, 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; G. W. Cartmel, 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 7-8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; *M. Pratt, 7-8. *First 504 on handbells. And at the Cathedral on Sunday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1008 of Bob Major in 36 mins. E. Mitchell, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8. And 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Battle, 1; T. Grant, 2; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 3; M. Pratt, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills, 7; W. H. L. Buckingham, 8.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday, October 9th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 27 mins. F. Saunders, 1; D. Claydon, 2; G. Gallie, 3; W. Rogers, 4; T. Arnold, 5; W. Ward (conductor), 6.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 8th, the following members of the local company met at St. Gregory's church, and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), taken from Thurstan's peal. W. Howell, 1; H. Harper, 2; W. B. Ransom, Esq., 3; M. Silvester, 4; H. Howell, 5; W. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; A. Scott, 8. This is the longest touch in this method rung on these bells, also the first quarter-peal by Messrs. Ransom and Griggs.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, October 5th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of the daughter of Mr. J. Howard, M.P. for the Tottenham division, with the eldest son of Samuel Loyd Stacey, Esq., also of Tottenham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," in 42 mins. W. Cecil, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Bonney, 4; A. Fox, 4; W. H. Freeman, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; C. Davidson, 8.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, September 11th, for Divine Service, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of London Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. J. Rodgers, 5; R. Stockley, 6. On Sunday afternoon, September 25th, for Children's Service, 360 College Single Minor, 360 Plain Bob Minor, and 120 Grandsire Minor. C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; R. H. Barton, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. On Sunday evening, October 2nd, for Divine Service, 120 Plain Bob Minor, 120 Oxford Single Bob Minor, 120 Grandsire Minor, and 120 College Single Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. J. Rodgers, 5; R. Stockley, 6. On Sunday evening, October 9th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. Messrs. Short, Barton, W. Rushton, and Bradshaw hail from Bootle; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 9 cwt.

WHITCHURCH (Salop).—On Thursday, October 6th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, the local ringers rang three courses of Stedman Triples. J. Griffiths, 1; W. Hutchinson, 2; J. Gibson, 3; T. Barron, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; R. T. Holding, 7; F. Ryder, 8. Also 504 of Grandsire Triples. Jno. Thomas, jun., 1; J. Griffiths, 2; G. Wright, 3; J. Gibson, 4; W. Hutchinson, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; T. Barron, 7; F. Ryder, 8. And some short touches with F. Ryder at the 4th. After service another 504 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. Jno. Thomas, jun., 1; G. Wright, 2; J. Gibson, 3; W. Hutchinson, 4; R. T. Holding, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; T. Barron, 7; F. Ryder, 8. Also on Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service, two touches of Stedman Triples. J. Griffiths, 1; W. Hutchinson, 2; J. Gibson, 3; R. T. Holding, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; T. Barron, 7; F. Ryder, 8. Mr. Thomas hails from Wrenbury, and this is his first attempt on eight bells.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, September 11th, at St. Mary's church, 720 of Bob Minor in 23 mins. R. Kilby, 1; D. W. Griggs, 2; J. Leech, 3; A. Pittam, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; A. Tennant, 6.

WOODFORD (Northants).—On Monday, September 26th, at the parish church, three 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, three 6-scores of Old Doubles, and three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. B. Green, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; J. Bunning, 3; T. Wilson, 4; W. Meadows (conductor), 5. Also a six-score each of the following; St. Clement's Doubles, London Doubles, and Dream, standing as before. And a six-score in the following methods; Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, and Grandsire Doubles. J. Bunning, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; W. Meadows, 3; T. Wilson, 4; T. Roberts (conductor), 5. T. Roberts hails from Ringstead.

THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, STOURBRIDGE:

On Saturday evening, October 8th, the members of the above Society held a supper at the "Crispin Inn," Church Street, Stourbridge, in honour of having completed a peal of 5040, which peal was duly published in this paper. Members were invited from Bromsgrove, Darlaston, Kingswinford, and the adjoining districts, but from some unaccountable cause they did not all put in an appearance. Before dinner the members ascended the tower of St. Thomas', and rang the following: A 480 of Bob Triples. H. Harris, 1; E. Crump, 2; T. Lees, 3; G. Hayward, 4; W. Lawrance, 5; *C. Barrett, 6; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 7; W. A. Pugh, 8. *Longest touch. Also 840 of Grandsire Triples. W. A. Pugh, 1; G. Hayward, 2; T. Lees, 3; W. Lawrance, 4; W. Johnson (conductor), 5; H. Harris, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; J. Crump, 8. And a 480 in the same method, standing as above, G. Hayward (conductor). After falling the bells the ringers adjourned to the "Crispin Inn," where a substantial repast was partaken of. After the inner man had been attended to, and grace said, the cloth was removed and Mr. E. Crump, of Bromsgrove, treasurer of the Worcester and adjoining Districts Association, was elected to the chair, and Mr. C. Barrett, vice-chairman. The loyal toasts of course were the first on the list, and these were highly honoured.

Mr. G. H. PAGETT (Stourbridge Society), in giving these toasts said he thought ringers could show their loyalty more so than the ordinary citizen, because they could show theirs in a practical manner; and in this year of jubilee he thought they should not let it pass without some evidence of their loyalty.

The "Church and Clergy of all denominations" followed, and was duly appreciated.

Mr. GUEST (Brierley Hill), responded, and said he was sure the clergy were always very gentlemanly and courteous, and spoke of the interest they were beginning to take in bellringing.

Mr. C. BARRATT gave "The Churchwardens."

Mr. G. H. PAGETT, in seconding, said the churchwardens were gentlemen who were highly respected, and they took great interest in bell-ringing. They had had the gas brought into the belfry, and other comforts had been attended to through their instrumentality; and he was sure they were willing to do anything for the ringers that lay in their power.

The toast of the "Host and Hostess" was next given, and mention was made of the satisfaction they had given in the manner they catered. The toast was drank with musical honours. During the evening several well-known ringers spoke on the art of ringing.

Mr. JOHNSON (Darlaston), said he thought some time ago that change-ringing was forgotten in Stourbridge, but it pleased him to see that a band had now got together for the purpose of practising the art. It was nearly thirty years ago since he used to walk to Stourbridge to be enlightened in the art of change-ringing; and it gave him great pleasure to see the progress that was again being made. He hoped they would go on, and anything he could do for them he was quite willing to do.

Mr. GUEST, in the course of a few remarks, said the town of Stourbridge, years ago, used to be A1 in the county for change-ringing, and he hoped this band would continue to progress and get back its former name. They had begun very well, and it was to their credit that they had accomplished the peal at Hagley in so short a time from their starting.

Mr. E. CRUMP (Bromsgrove), gave "The St. Thomas's Society." In doing so he said he was extremely proud of the manner they had progressed in twelve months. When he first came over to them they could only ring twenty-four changes, and now they had successfully completed a 5040. He hoped they would continue to go on and be a credit to the town, as years ago it was noted for its change-ringing.

Mr. G. HAYWARD (Bromsgrove), also spoke of the rapid strides the St. Thomas's Society had made in the art, and said the peal rung at Hagley reflected the greatest credit upon them. Any little help he could render them was at their disposal. "THE BELL NEWS" and local press were next proposed and heartily accepted. They were greatly indebted to the papers for publishing their doings, which was a great stimulus to them.

Mr. W. LAWRENCE said it was on January 12th, 1869, that a peal of 5040 was rung at St. Thomas's, and he hoped it would not be so long again before another was rung. This remark of

course brightened up old memories, and it was found that there were present at that meeting three who rung in the peal, viz.: Messrs. W. Lawrance, J. Guest, and T. Pugh. The order and standing in the peal was as follows: Charles Baggott, 1; John Guest, 2; William Cook, 3; William Whitehouse, 4; William Lawrance, 5; William Pugh, 6; Thomas Pugh, 7; William Eyre, 8. Some merriment was occasioned on the names being mentioned, from the fact that there were five Williams engaged in the peal. A considerable amount of fun was caused by an announcement from one that he had heard a 6-score whistled by one and called by another, at Dudley, some years ago. Both were well-known and scientific ringers, and it would be interesting if some person could say if it was a fact.

During the evening songs and recitations were given by Messrs. Pagett, Lawrance, E. Crump, Hayward, Barratt, and W. Pugh. The handbells were brought out, and some courses in various methods were skilfully executed. Tunes were also played by the members of St. Thomas's Society. A treat was given to the company by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Walter Pugh, who, by the way, is rather an experienced handbell player, by the playing of "The Blue Bells of Scotland," Mr. Johnson playing the variations. It is all the more creditable when it is made known that this is the first time the two above-mentioned gentlemen have played together; in fact Mr. Johnson thought it was a joke till the bells were being handled. The striking of 11 o'clock ("turning out") warned the company it was time to depart, so "God save the Queen" was sung, and thus ended a very pleasant evening. Mr. G. H. Pagett officiated as accompanist.

On Sunday morning, the visitors having been accommodated by their brother ringers, they journeyed to St. James's, Wollaston, where they rung a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. H. Harris, 1; E. Crump, 2; W. Johnson, 3; W. Lawrance, 4; G. Hayward (conductor), 5; H. Deakin, 6. Messrs. E. Crump and G. Hayward hail from Bromsgrove; W. Johnson from Darlaston; W. Lawrance from Wordsley; H. Harris from St. Thomas's, Stourbridge; and H. Deakin from Wollaston. Before closing this account a word of praise is due to Mr. W. Lawrance and J. Guest for the manner in which they have brought on this young band of ringers; and during the evening (Saturday) they expressed their willingness still further to help them.

VISITORS AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Sunday evening, September 25th, Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, accompanied by E. Bishop, of Bury (late of Reading), Wreaks, Turner, and Heald, of Manchester, assisted by the local company, rang at St. Peter's church, for service, 672 changes of Bob Major, conducted by John Hopwood, and 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Samuel Wood. The ringers stood as follows in both touches: T. Heald, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; G. E. Turner, 3; A. E. Wreaks, 4; E. Bishop, 5; J. Mellor, 6; W. Newell, 7; S. Wood, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Durham on Monday, October 31st. Service in St. Oswald's Church at 2 o'clock. Dinner at the "Three Tuns" at 3 o'clock, followed by the Annual Meeting. G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

RETURN OF THE VEN. ARCHDEACON CLARKE.—The Venerable Archdeacon Clarke, who was very ill for so long a period and who has for the past nineteen weeks been sojourning at Cheltenham, Buxton, and Harrogate, for recuperative purposes, returned to Southport from the last-named health resort the other day. The train he travelled by arrived at the Chapel-street station at eight minutes past six, and at that time a large number of the Christ Church congregation had assembled on the platform to welcome their popular vicar home again. On the arrival of the venerable gentleman, who by-the-by seemed to have been considerably benefited by the change, the bells of Christ Church rang a joyous peal.

Several of the leading men of the Gladstonian party met at Mr. Gladstone's home at Hawarden on Monday. Among those present were Lords Rosebery, Spencer, and Wolverton, Mr. John Morley, and Professor Stuart.

Church News.

The Rev. William Handcock, vicar of St. Matthew's, West Kensington-park, who has been suffering from ill-health, has resigned the living.

The rectory of Kelly, Devon, has lately become vacant by the resignation from ill-health of the Rev. I. P. Prescott, who was instituted in 1882.

Mr. Walter Besant, who is a native of Portsmouth, has undertaken to collect funds from literary men and others for a Charles Dickens memorial window in the parish church at Portsea.

Last week the council of the Church of England Burial Reform Association resolved at a meeting at Wolverhampton to present a petition to Convocation, requesting it to take into consideration the provision of a more suitable service for the burial of a child.

A stained glass east window has been placed in Mariansleigh church, Devonshire. It represents the baptism of our Lord, and His blessing little children, and is the work of Messrs. Moor and Co., of Southampton-row.

The Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Paul's was held on Monday night, and was attended by a very large congregation. The sermon was preached by Archdeacon Barber, of Chester. The music was eminently congregational, and was sung with great heartiness.

The Rev. Henry Codrington, late Fellow of Wadham, was last week inducted by the Bishop of Chichester to the college living of Wadhurst, Sussex. Dr. Codrington is well known for his work among the Melanesian Islands, being a great proficient in the native languages. It is forty years since his predecessor, the late Rev. J. Foley, was inducted into the living.

At St. Peter's, Swinton, a window has been placed in the north aisle in memory of Mr. Hesketh, of Trinity College, College, Cambridge, formerly curate of the parish. The inscription reads:—"Percy Lempriere Hesketh. Born All Saints' Day, 1855. At rest August 8th, 1886. To the Glory of God, and to the memory of those saints whose deeds of love and patience have been little known among men."

The body of the late Dr. Buck, a well-known physician of Leicester, was cremated at Woking cemetery last week, and on Saturday the ashes, which were encased in a white marble casket, were interred at Birstall Churchyard, near Leicester. The funeral service, which was choral, was conducted by Canon Clayton and the Rev. H. J. Fortescue. Two friends bore the casket, surrounded by flowers to the grave, which was inlaid with evergreens and adorned with floral tributes.

On Wednesday, the Bishop of St. Asaph consecrated a burial-ground at Llansantffridid-Glyn-Ceiriog. The site was acquired by the patron of the benefice, Lord Trevor, who voluntarily conveyed it to trustees for the purposes of a non-parochial burial-ground. Under the trust deed, burials must take place with the consent of the vicar, or in his absence, of one of the churchwardens. The service to be used must be that authorised by the Church of England, and performed by a clergyman of the Church of England.

The Rev. R. Raikes Bromage, who was appointed warden of the Gordon College, Cairo, in January last, having been obliged to return to his parish, the committee of the Association for the furtherance of Christianity in Egypt has appointed the Rev. Alfred W. B. Watson, assistant-curate of St. Michael's, Bedford Park, Chiswick, to the post thus rendered vacant. Mr. Watson will shortly proceed to Cairo and carry on the work there in conjunction with Mr. Sidley, which was fully described by the Rev. G. Greenwood in the paper he read at the Wolverhampton Church Congress.

Many will be grieved to learn that the Rev. Fred. Pigot, who has for nearly three years been curate of Knowsley, Prescott, Lancashire, died after an illness of three days, on Wednesday week. In him, the church and the parish have lost the services of an earnest, conscientious, willing worker, and the example of a sincere, humble-minded Christian, whose place will not be easily filled. His genuine kindly manners and ever-ready sympathy have gained the affection of all classes, and he will long be deeply regretted. He was the oldest son of the Rev. Octavius Frederick Pigot, chaplain of Kirkdale prison, and was only thirty years of age.

The living of Middle Claydon, Bucks, has been so unexpectedly vacated by the decease of the Rev. T. Huntley Greene, who died suddenly on Sunday evening last, having officiated at Claydon in the morning. Mr. Greene was also chaplain to the Bishop of Rochester, with whom he was connected through his Lordship's first marriage. This is the second benefice in Sir Harry Verney's patronage that has fallen vacant by sudden death within the last few weeks—Gram-

borough through that of the Rev. A. Newcombe, and now Middle Claydon. "The Claydons" are three parishes surrounding the estates of the right hon. baronet, and they are now plunged into deep affliction by the death of their beloved pastor.

In the parish church of St. Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg, Herefordshire, Mrs. Evans, of Moreton Court, has recently erected a memorial of her only son, who died on August 4th, 1885. It consists of a new east window, and the decoration of the chancel with mosaics, both being the work of Dr. Salviati and Co. The chancel roof has also been decorated in blue and gold by the same artists. On the chancel wall there is a brass plate with the following inscription:—"To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Thomas Percival Evans, of Moreton Court, the east window was presented, together with the mosaic decoration of the chancel, by Harriett Evans, his mother, A.D. 1887."

A largely attended meeting was held on Thursday evening at Truro, under the presidency of the Mayor, to take steps for the reception of the Prince of Wales, on November 3rd, for the consecration of the Cathedral. It was explained that the Prince would travel to Plymouth on the 31st inst., and stay with the Earl of Mount Edgcombe until the morning of November 2nd, when he will go by train to Falmouth to lay the foundation stone of a new church. Next morning he will go back to Truro, and after the consecration of the cathedral will be entertained at luncheon at the public rooms, and leave Truro at four o'clock for Port Eliot, the residence of the Earl of St. Germans. A committee of over fifty gentlemen was formed to carry out arrangements for decorating the town and affording his Royal Highness a hearty welcome.

At the last sitting of the Manchester Consistory Court a faculty was granted, on the application of the incumbent, the Rev. J. Johnson, and the churchwardens of the Longton parish church, to enable them to pull down the old church as soon as the new church is consecrated, and sell the materials; also to remove forthwith the Communion table, and various other portions of the old church, to the new church. A number of pew-holders in the old church appeared on Friday to support claims for similarly situated pews in the new church, and all were sanctioned by Chancellor Christie. It was also arranged that a royal coat-of-arms which had been in the old church should be preserved in the vestry of the new church, and that an old sun-dial which stood in the old churchyard should be fixed on the site of the old church when it was pulled down.

On Michaelmas-Day the parish church of Westbury, Somerset, was reopened, after thorough restoration. The church has been erected at three distinct periods, the oldest part probably dating from the beginning of the thirteenth century; and the architect, Mr. W. B. Gough, of Bristol, has taken care to preserve the historical interest of the church by retaining every old feature wherever possible. The works now completed include the rebuilding of the north wall and tower, a new vestry and organ-chamber, and a new roof. The interior has been entirely cleared of the old pews and gallery and vestry which blocked up the side chapel, and oak seats have been provided throughout. The reredos of Bath stone and marble is composed of five divisions, having in the centre a representation of the Agnus Dei. The total cost of the restoration, not including the reredos and other special gifts, has been about £2300, and there is a balance of £250 still to be raised. The opening services beginning with an early celebration were very bright and hearty and well attended. The Bishop preached in the morning and in the evening the Rev. A. F. Forbes, vicar of St. James's, Southampton.

On Monday week Mr. Isaac Bone entered his one hundred and first year, having been for sixty two years parish clerk in his native village of East Tisted. In the evening, after having walked up the steep village lane to tea with Mr. Allam, churchwarden, Mr. Bone attended a public meeting, convened in his honour, in the schoolroom, stepping on his way into the church belfry, where to the admiration, not unmixed with the astonishment of numerous friends, he chimed three bells all at one and the same time, without any assistance—one rope in each hand, and his foot in a loop of the third. Arriving in the schoolroom the chair was taken by Mr. A. J. Scott, who was accompanied by Lady Mary, and after a truly genial and humorous address from the Chairman, supplemented by another from the rector, Mr. Scott fastened on Mr. Bone's breast a jubilee crown-piece, on which was a suitable inscription. The proceedings concluded by singing fervently the well-known hymn, "O God, our help in ages past."

On Monday, Sir William Miller, of Manderston, Duns, Berwickshire, died of heart disease. He was born in 1809, and represented the Leith Burghs in the Liberal interest from 1859 until 1868, and Berwickshire from 1873 until 1874, when he was created a baronet. He is succeeded by his son James Percy, who was born in 1864.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE FIRST 5000 OF MAJOR, ETC.

SIR,—Thinking it may interest some of your readers to see the composition of the first exact peal of 5,000 rung on eight bells, I enclose it for publication. It will be noticed that the bells come round at the third change in the last course. In absolute strictness the note below the notice of the peal is not accurate, for the 6th is parted from the tenors at the one change which constitutes the last course-end. This I have however thought hardly sufficient to deprive the composition of a title to contain "the 6th at home throughout." I shall hope by the end of the year to be able to present the Exercise with a compact pamphlet on the method, which I have been encouraged to believe will not prove unacceptable. A word on another matter. In Mr. Thompson's remarkable and novel three-part touch of Grandsire Triples, the letter s attached to two of the lead-ends of the "missing link" may be liable to misinterpretation. I think my friend will not deem me meddlesome if I point out that the first of these has to be made as a "Holt's plain lead single," and the latter as a "Holt's bob lead single" (the one in use in the ten-part peal). It is possible that an un instructed conductor might start for the peal thinking that, as in the "Original," these were common Grandsire Singles. It is further to be noticed that the last lead-end of each part (until the first single) is a plain lead. May I in conclusion express a hope that the suggestion contained in your valuable article in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 1st instant will meet with a worthy response at no distant date from those talented gentlemen who have during the past year so finely distinguished themselves by their numerous peals on the handbells. No real lover of the art can be without the wish that, as in this generation we are surpassing in tower ringing and in composition the achievements that have gone before, so in the remaining branch which you accurately term "the most difficult in the science," that of double handed peal-ringing, this age may also be able to claim a proud superiority.

Duffield Bank, October 8th, 1887.

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A. P. H. September, 1886.

First rung at Duffield, October 8th, 1887.

"RINGERS' OUTINGS."

SIR,—The letter from Mr. C. Pearson under this heading, in your last issue, is very well so far as it goes. But even when the plan he suggests has been adopted, it does not always go on all right. It is well known that permission to visit a tower can sometimes only be had through the clerk or sexton, who in country places is very often an important personage, a small tradesman may be, the local ringers being afraid to contradict or oppose him, because by reason of his semi-public position he can often put a job in their way. When his sextonic majesty opposes any suggestion made by one of them, no matter how much they may be agreed upon it, he puts the stopper on, and they all sink into their boots directly, and are afraid to whisper the slightest hint of remonstrance. Where it is known that such a being reigns supreme, what is the use of applying to the ringers? They will have nothing to say in the matter, Mr. Bumble

settles it all in his own way, and they dare not murmur. The best plan is therefore to ignore such and apply at once to the incumbent, who, if he can't see his way to grant leave, will treat the application with that courtesy which the sexton has not been educated to practise. Where such petty tyrants are not allowed to rule, of course, the case is different, and I should follow out Mr. Pearson's ideas, which I believe is generally done. But there is the drawback I have mentioned to a general or total adoption of the rule. CALLEE.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5TH, 1887:—

By a mixed band at Arundel.—On Saturday, October 1st, 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. F. Luxford, 1; H. Chandler, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; A. Fuller, 4; H. Haggett, 5; J. Reilly, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; O. Evershed, 8. Also on Sunday, October 2nd, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Haggett, 1; J. Reilly, 2; A. Fuller, 3; G. Balchin, 4; H. Chandler (conductor), 5; F. Luxford, 6; C. Blackman, 7; J. Knight, 8.

By the Balcombe branch at Balcombe.—On Sunday, September 25th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob, in 25½ mins. T. Streeter, 1; R. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 13 mins. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. On Thursday, September 29th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; F. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. J. Gasson, 1; R. Streeter, 2; R. Bourn, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Warnham Court Bob, in 26 mins. J. Gasson, 1; R. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; F. Streeter, 4; T. Streeter, 5; J. Cheeseman (conductor), 6. *First touch in the method with a bob bell.

By the Brighton branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Wednesday, September 28th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. A. King, 2; W. Palmer, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; J. Reilly, 5; H. Weston (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, October 5th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; J. Reilly, 3; H. Weston, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Monday, September 26th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Smart (conductor), 5; J. Woolgar, 6. Also on Sunday, October 2nd, a 720 of College Single. J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; E. Brackley, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; F. Morris, 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

In the parish of Llanennidwyn, the farmers have not paid their tithes, and the rector (the Rev. David Jones) consequently refused to pay the poor-rates due upon them. Mr. Jeune, the well-known ecclesiastical lawyer, was consulted, and gave it as his opinion that a distress could not be levied on a clergyman for the poor-rate, but that the distraint must be made upon the lands out of which the tithe is collected. The overseers prosecuted to recover the arrears of poor-rates. Mr. Samuel Pope, Q.C., chairman of the Barmouth magistrates appears to have dissented from Mr. Jeune's view, but in the end the bench resolved not to issue a distress warrant against the rector on the understanding that he paid the poor-rate on the portion of the tithes collected, and the overseers were instructed to proceed against the farmers for the poor-rate on the balance of tithes uncollected.

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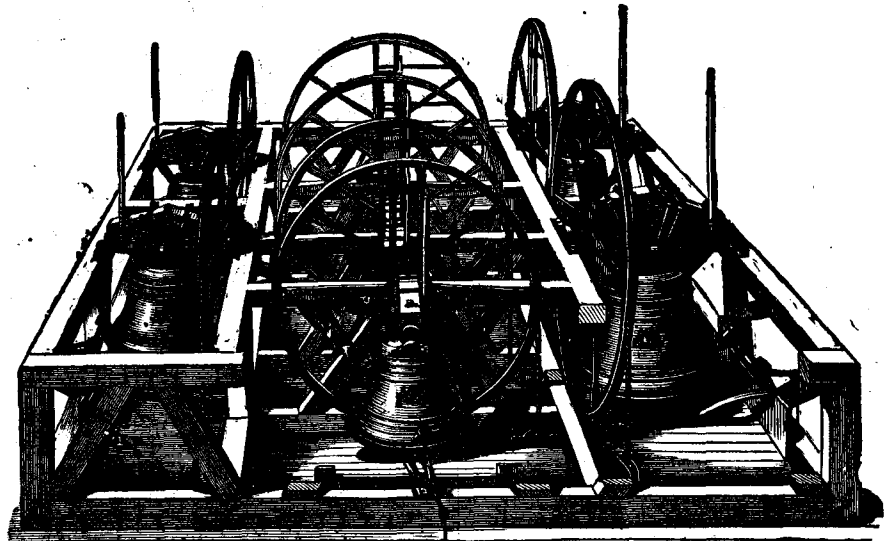


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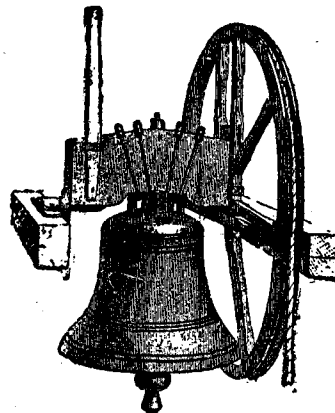
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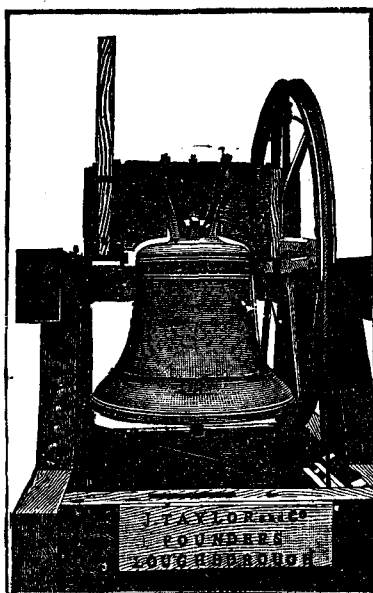
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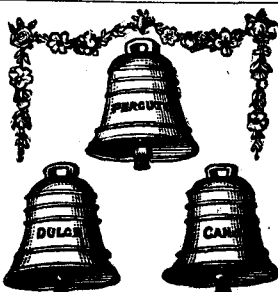
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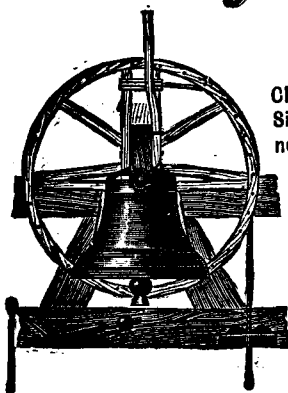
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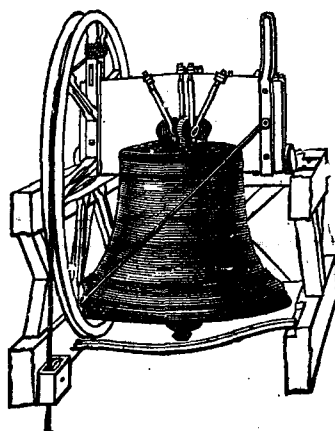
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DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT DEAL, KENT.

ON Thursday, October 13th, a special dedication service took place at St. Leonard's, Upper Deal. The old peal of five bells had been for a long time in bad order, and at the beginning of the year they became unringable. Just as the rector and churchwardens were seriously considering the matter, Captain G. Coleman, of Rosway, Deal, very kindly came forward and offered to be at the sole expense of recasting the bells into six, and rehanging them. This has now been done, and a pretty little peal of six, tenor 9½ cwt. in G, is the result. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have given the greatest satisfaction, the "go" of the bells being perfect.

The bells were opened by the Quex Park ringers, who rang some well-struck six-scores of Grandsire Doubles before the service, which took place at 3 o'clock. To the great regret of all present, the Rev. R. B. Hugessen, who was to have given the address, was unfortunately prevented from coming, through a severe accident. His place was filled by the rector, the Rev. T. L. Griffith, who delivered an excellent address. After the service, a dinner was provided by the rector in the schoolroom. The rector presided, being supported by Captain G. Coleman, the Rural Dean, the Mayor and Corporation of Deal, the churchwardens, the Quex Park ringers, the Upper Deal ringers, and other gentlemen. The health of Captain Coleman was drunk with musical honours, and after a few jother toasts the company separated.

The tenor bell bears the following inscription: "This peal of six bells was recast and rehung at the sole expense of George Coleman, of Rosway, Deal, in commemoration of the Jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria's reign, 1887. Thomas Llewellyn Griffith, rector, Daniel Clarabut, Thomas Frederick Woodruff, churchwardens, the original peal of five bells being cast by Christopher Hodgson, 1685. Edward Smith, George Knowler, churchwardens."

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF SIX BELLS AT FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

The Vicar and parishioners of Fenny Stratford have commemorated the Royal Jubilee year by adding five new bells to the one they previously had. The work was entrusted to a firm of bellfounders who proposed to melt down the old bell and make a new ring of six. A conservative Archdeacon, however, intervening to prevent the breaking up of the old bell, it has been retained as the tenor of the new ring. The five new bells are very sweet in tone, and harmonize well with the old one. Wednesday, October 12th, was the opening day, when a Service of Dedication was held at 4 p.m., the two last hymns being sung at the foot of the tower. Immediately afterwards some members of the Bedfordshire Association raised the bells in peal, and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; W. G. Biggs, 6. This was followed by an excellent 720 of Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles). M. Lane, 1; M. Warwick, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Chapman, 4; T. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. The ringers then partook of a substantial tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, after which they ushered in the congregation to the Harvest Festival service, with a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; H. Chapman, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 6. The go of the bells was excellent, and the ringing appeared to give general satisfaction. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Mitcham, on Monday, October 24th, when the towers of the Parish Church and of Christ Church, Merton, will be open from 3 p.m. The tea and business meeting will be held at the Mission Room of Christ Church, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. S. Legg, at 6 p.m. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

DR. A. B. CARPENTER begs on behalf of the Surrey Association of change-ringers, to thank Mr. W. H. Thompson for kindly sending a supply of his leaflets on Grandsire Triples to the Association.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

"ON Sunday, on the occasion of the annual visit of the St. Stephen's ringers to St. Stephen's church, there was a very large congregation, advantage being taken of the occasion to celebrate the completion of the most recent improvement—the reseating of the sacred edifice, which has been undertaken and carried out by the society. As the clergy and choir entered the church from the vestry, the members of the Ancient Society of Ringers also entered in procession from the south porch and walked to their seats, preceded by the churchwardens. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Mather, rural dean. The offertory amounted to £17 10s. In the evening, when the rector preached, there was again a crowded congregation. Peals were rung on the bells of the church during the day."

This is a paragraph from "*The Bristol Times and Mirror*," printed during the latter part of 1886. We hear very little of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's, Bristol, in the columns of this journal, although recently some interesting episodes connected with this important body of ringers have transpired, which reflect to their honour, and detract from our London societies part of that high-minded complacency which each seem to sustain so enviously. Do we read of the Ancient Society of College Youths or the Royal Cumberland Youths Society, or in fact any of the London companies, walking in procession to their seats in church? We should be glad to hear more of the badge presented to this Bristol society by a well-known local merchant—the cost exceeded £50—it was made up in silver and gold by Messrs. Elliott, of London, on it was represented the city arms and three bells, with date 1620. Again at a meeting held early in 1886, of the St. Stephen's Ringers' Church Restoration Committee, tenders for the reseating of St. Stephen's Church were opened, the highest amounting to £1350. That the work was carried out before the close of the year will be seen by the above cutting. Cannot some of our Bristol friends give us the history of this society? W. H. F.

BAGSHOT RINGERS AT WOKINGHAM.

ON Saturday, October 15th, eight of the above ringers journeyed to Wokingham by brake, to have a pull at the new church on the fine ring of eight. On arriving at the church they found everything ready for them, and after a few rounds had been rung, a start was made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor on the front six, 7, 8 covering, which was brought round in 27 mins. H. Stapleton, 1; R. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; E. Spooner, 4; T. Gould, 5; W. Houlton (conductor), 6; T. Harvey, 7; *W. Harding, 8. *First 720 of Minor. Also 720 of Bob Minor on the back six. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Houlton, 4; T. Gould, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Messrs. W. and R. Houlton, and T. Harvey belong to Wokingham.

After lowering the bells the visitors adjourned to an inn, where a pleasanthour and half was spent in singing a few songs, and a little chat. It being time to leave, they mounted their brake, and riding through Bracknell and part of Windsor Forest, they reached Bagshot safe, all well pleased with the little outing. They wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the ringers for having everything in readiness, and hope to see them in Bagshot belfry, where they will be made welcome.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

Eight members of the Eastbourne branch of the Sussex County Association visited the above village on Saturday, October 8th, for the purpose of trying the go of the musical peal of eight bells, recently rehung by Messrs. Warner, of London. A start was made for Shipway's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 4956 changes in 2 hrs. 41 mins., through the conductor thinking he had made a mistake in calling a bob, immediately saying it was wrong. Some of the band attempted the bob, and others the dodge, consequently a collapse of the peal. A. Piper, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; W. Siggs, 3; L. Huggett, 4; E. Willoughby, 5; T. Lewis, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; S. Lewis, 8. The band desire to thank the Vicar and churchwardens, also the local ringers, for the courtesy shewn on the occasion, wishing the ringers success in their endeavours to become efficient change-ringers.

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE CHURCH BELLS.—The bells of the parish church have lately been rehung, with new wheels, stocks, gudgeons, etc., and the frame has been strengthened. It is mainly through the exertions of Colonel Herbert, of Stoke College, that this much-needed restoration has been brought about, and the thanks of the inhabitants are due to him for being able once more to hear the pretty peal of six bells rung. The first trial of the bells took place on Friday, October 7th, when a party of ringers from Sudbury were invited to come and ring them. They arrived during the afternoon, and at once proceeded to the tower, and a well struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung at the first pull down. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; W. Cross, 3; A. Scott, 4; H. Howell (Ipswich), 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the longest touch that has been rung on these bells for upwards of sixty years. After this a course of Kent Treble Bob was rung, and the ringers and bellhangers were invited by the Colonel to supper at his residence, Stoke College. After supper, the ringers, who had brought their handbells, entertained the Colonel and household with some selections on the bells. An adjournment was then made to the church, where they found Mr. Ransom and Mr. Silvester had arrived from Sudbury, and a 360 of Bob Minor was rung by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howlett, 2; W. B. Ransom, 3; M. Silvester, 4; A. Scott, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. As a finish up to the day's proceedings, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3; W. Howell, 4; H. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6. The bells were then "fired," and thus terminated the ringing proceedings. We may mention that Mr. Howell was the bellhanger, who had been engaged from Ipswich to superintend the work, and the ringers are well satisfied with the go of the bells, and hope to hear of a company of ringers being formed who will be able to do justice to them. The weight of the tenor bell is about 15 cwt., in F sharp.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The ninety-fifth birthday of Mr. Giles Mansfield, of Stroud, the oldest ringer living at the present time, was celebrated on Saturday, October 15th. Eight members of the Stroud and Painswick societies rang at the Stroud parish church a touch of Grandsire Triples, 1330 in changes, 50 mins. A Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale (composer and conductor), 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith, 8. Afterwards all the above ringers visited the residence of Mr. Mansfield, to cheer the old veteran on his birthday. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, under his bedroom, and although insensible at times, the old ringer was so confident that he could ring two bells to a course himself in bed, that the company consented to try him, and with breathless silence, except the sound of the bells, he rang 3-4 to a course of seventy changes, perfectly true, although with feeble strokes. When finished tears ran down the old man's face. He said my will is with you, my intellect is good, but my body is feeble. The ringers in the course were W. Hale, 1-2; Giles Mansfield, 3-4; G. Latham, 5-6; F. Stephens, 7-8. Mr. William Sloman and other ringers witnessed the performance, and declared it well and truly rung. He is the only surviving ringer that rang the long peal of Grandsire Caters, on May 5th, 1817, consisting of 12,312 changes, in 7 hrs. and 44 mins. He has been bed-ridden now about three years, but is cared for and comforted by his daughter and friends, who attend to his wants, which are many.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETING of the members of the above Association will be held at Market Rasen and Claxby, on Saturday, October 29th. The bells at Market Rasen (8), and Claxby (5), will be at the disposal of members for that day. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen. All members are invited. Those intending to visit Claxby will please arrange to arrive early in the day. Societies or members intending to be present, will please communicate not later than Wednesday next, October 26th, with the Hon. Secretary, Market Rasen.

W. LUNN.

ST. SAVIOUR'S BELLS, BACUP.

ON Monday evening, a meeting of the bell committee was held in St. Saviour's schoolroom under the presidency of the Rev. William Johnson, M.A., chairman of the committee, when a statement of the accounts was submitted by the auditors, Messrs. W. Mitchell and J. R. Howorth. The total receipts from all sources amount to £634 15s. 9d., and the expenditure to £587 19s. 8d., leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of £46 16s. 1d., the appropriation of which will be considered at the next meeting. The committee are much pleased at such a result, and hereby beg to tender their sincere thanks to all parties who have responded to their appeal, particularly so to the gentlemen who have (through Mr. Johnson), defrayed the cost of four of the largest bells, viz. J. M. Holt, Esq., J.P., Edward Hoyle, Esq., J.P., Henry Maden, Esq., J.P., and Miles Ashworth, Esq. Special mention must also be made of the excellent services rendered to the movement by Mrs. Johnson and Miss Entwistle, whose labours in the collecting department have been productive of no less a sum than £163 16s. 3d. The secretary, committee, and other collectors are also entitled to the highest praise for the admirable manner in which they one and all have worked, and as a reward for their services have the pleasure of listening to a peal of bells that give entire satisfaction throughout the neighbourhood, and reflect the highest possible credit on the contractors, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER of the above society will take place at the "Bridge House Hotel," London Bridge, S.E., on Saturday, November 5th, at 7 o'clock precisely. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Magnus, Thames Street, E.C., ten bells, 1.15 p.m. and 5.0 p.m.; St. Saviour's, Southwark, S.E., twelve bells, 2.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, E.C., twelve bells, 4.0 p.m. It is to be hoped that members residing in the country ringing centres will endeavour to be present on such an auspicious occasion. Members and friends wishing to be present, will please communicate as soon as possible with the Dinner Committee or their Secretary, enclosing postal order for 3s. 6d., the price of the dinner ticket, when same will be forwarded to them. Application is requested by Saturday, October 29th. Final particulars of arrangements in next week's issue. Tickets can be obtained of the following: Mr. George T. McLaughlin (master); Messrs. Pettit (treasurer), Joyce and Clarke (stewards); Winny, Woodley, and Tyack (committee).

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Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ON Monday, the 17th inst., this Association held a District Meeting at Folkestone; the churches of St. James's, Dover, Cheriton, and Lyminge being included in the programme. There was a good attendance of members from Staplehurst, Boughton, Ashford, Mersham, Aldington, Lyminge, Canterbury, &c. The committee admitted several fresh bands, and appointed the two next district meetings to be held, one about the middle of February at Faversham, the other at Crayford about the middle of April.

Obituary.

ALFRED BROCKWELL.

ON Wednesday, October 12th, the above named ringer departed this life after a very brief illness, at the age of 45 years. Deceased had been a ringer nearly twenty years, and belonged to the Surrey Association, SS. Peter and Paul, and the Christ Church Society, Mitcham. He had rung in several peals, and had also conducted some. The last one he rung and conducted, was a muffled peal for the late F. Baker, of Mitcham, also a ringer. He was buried on Monday, October 17th, in the parish churchyard. The coffin was borne to the grave by his brother ringers, assisted by ringers from Streatham, and Singlegate, Merton, who afterwards rang a muffled peal, an account of which will be found in the touch column.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE PARISH CHURCH.—The old parish church of St. Mary, Eastbourne, possesses a musical peal of eight bells cast by Mears, of London, in the year 1818, the tenor weighing 16 cwt. Everything here seems to be in capital order; a practical proof of the revived interest in matters appertaining to the "art and mystery of change-ringing." The ringing-room is a model of neatness and comfort, in fact the very idea of what such a place should be. On the walls hang several peal-boards and old date tablets, also a fine engraving of the venerable Vicar, the Rev. Canon Pitman.

ST. SAVIOUR'S.—After some years waiting, the octave of bells in the beautiful spire of this church has been completed, and St. Saviour's now owns the heaviest ring in the town. As might be expected with a church so well appointed in all ways, the belfry is no exception to the rule. All appears to be in good order. The ringing-room, like that at "old town," is most comfortable. The ceiling was low at first, but that, after some little difficulty, has been lifted with screw jacks. Ellacombe's chiming apparatus is fitted to the bells for service chiming, and also Seage's Dumb Practice arrangement for the benefit of young ringers. The following extract from *St. Saviour's Parish Magazine* for May, 1886, gives many interesting particulars concerning this grand ring of bells:—

"The peal of bells is now completed by the gift of Nos. 2, 3, and 4; notes C sharp, B, and A, of the octave of D. This last gift is by Miss Bayly, the well-known writer of 'Donovan,' 'We Two,' 'In the Golden Days,' and other works, under the signature of 'Edna Lyal.' The first estimate for the peal was obtained from Messrs. Warner and Co., Bell Founders, Cripplegate, London, in the year 1874. They advised a peal of eight, being as many as could be placed upon one level in the tower, and having the tenor or largest bell of the size and weight fairly manageable by one ringer. The octave is that of D; the weights of the several bells range, from the lower D, about 25 cwt., to the upper D, about 7 cwt., the collective weight of the entire peal being about 5 tons 3 cwt. The frame on which they are hung is of English oak, together with iron in parts. The first estimate of cost, inclusive of frame and bells, was £975, but as the bells have been cast at different intervals, when the price of bell metal has varied between £7 10s. and £5 per cwt., the actual cost has been somewhat less. The donors of them are, severally: 1, The late Mrs. Dickenson; 2, 3, and 4, Miss Bayly; 5, Mrs. Grantham; 6, Subscriptions by the congregation; 7, The late W. Thompson Whelpton; 8, The Duke of Devonshire."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a district meeting of this Association will be held at Warnham, on Saturday, October 29th, for business and ringing purposes. The peal of eight at Warnham and several peals in neighbouring parishes will be available during the day. A detailed notice will in due course be sent to each member.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH.

The Dedication of the two new bells (augmenting the peal to ten, presented by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co.,) by the Right Reverend Bishop Mitchinson, D.D., D.C.L., Archdeacon of Leicester, will take place on the festival of SS. Simon and Jude, Friday, October 28th. The service will commence at 3.30 p.m. The offertory will be given to defray the heavy expenses incidental to the re-hanging of the old peal, and the repairing of the Clock.

THE "JAMES RUDD" FUND.

Mr. Ireland acknowledges the receipt of the undermentioned sums for this fund:—

	s.	d.
The Cheadle Company per S. J. Coxen	5	6
Mr. S. Maidstone, Aylsham	1	0
The Bedford company (per Mr. Clarke)	4	9
Mr. G. Ford, Parish Clerk, Diss	1	0

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received by Mr. W. Ireland, Victoria Road, Diss, and will be acknowledged in this paper.

THE SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL.

A memorial to Shakespeare has been presented to the town of Stratford-on-Avon by an American, in the form of a drinking fountain and clock-tower. It has been erected in Rother-street, a broad open space near the centre of the town, where several thoroughfares meet. The tower is described as having a square base, with projecting buttresses placed diagonally at the four corners, terminating in acutely pointed gables, surmounted by a lion bearing the arms of Great Britain alternately with the American eagle and the stars and stripes. The following inscriptions are engraved on the four sides of the memorial:—

(1) The gift of an American citizen, George W. Childs, of Philadelphia, to the town of Shakespeare, in the Jubilee year of Queen Victoria.

(2) In her days every man shall eat in safety
Under his own vine, what he plants; and sing
The merry songs of peace to all his neighbours:
God shall be truly known; and those about her
From her shall read the perfect ways of honour,
And by those claim their greatness, not by blood.

—Henry VIII., Act V., sc. 4.

(3) "Ten thousand honours and blessings on the bard who has gilded the dull realities of life with innocent illusions." (Washington Irving's *Stratford-on-Avon*.)

(4) "Honest water, which ne'er left man i' the mire." (*Timon of Athens*, Act I., sc. 2).

The tower terminates in a spire, beneath and surrounding which are smaller spires and turrets. From the road to the top of the vane the height of the structure is 50ft. The architect is Mr. Jethro A. Corsing, of Birmingham. The ceremony of "inauguration" the fountain was performed on Monday by Mr. Henry Irving, who said that on that spot, of all others, Americans ceased to be aliens. In the course of a speech at the luncheon, Mr. Phelps, the American Minister, urged that there was no stronger bond of union between Englishmen and Americans than that of a common literature. Among other speakers was Sir Theodore Martin, who said that even were we to throw out of account Shakespeare's poems and sonnets, priceless as these are, three or four of his plays alone would suffice to make a transcendent reputation. Subsequently, Mr. Walter explained that Mr. Childs, who has given the memorial, was a Philadelphian who had begun life in a very humble capacity, but had amassed large sums of money as the proprietor of the journal the *Public Ledger*.

CONSECRATION OF A BISHOP.—On Tuesday, October 18th, being the festival of St. Luke, the Rev. Charles Edward Camidge, Prebendary of York, and vicar of Thirsk, was consecrated at Westminster Abbey, Bishop of Bathurst, New South Wales, in the room of Dr. Marsden, who had been consecrated in the same place eighteen years before, but who had resigned his see in 1885. The Archbishop of Canterbury was assisted by the Bishops of Rochester, Sodor and Man, Bishop Perry, late of Melbourne, and Bishop Marsden himself. The sermon was preached by another member of York Chapter, the Rev. T. P. Hudson, rector of East Gilling, who took for his text, Acts xx. 28. In the course of his remarks, Prebendary Hudson said that his rev. brother, who was soon to receive consecration in a church replete with historical associations, would on the following day take leave of his Yorkshire friends at another church not less splendid, and hardly less interesting, York Minster, with which four generations of his family in succession had been intimately connected. Mr. Camidge himself had spent his earlier days at the cathedral school, and his later as a member of the Chapter. It would be difficult to imagine a greater contrast than his new home would present to his old; but the country he was going to might well be called the Land of Hope. He would, probably, reach it in time to join in celebrating the centenary of the first Australian Colony; for it was not yet a hundred years since the first party of Englishmen, and they convicts, were landed in Botany Bay. It was but fifty years since the first Bishop was consecrated for all Australia, and now there were twenty sees. Who should say that in the future of the great country which was growing up on the other side of the globe there might not be poured forth a flood of the knowledge of the Lord, which should cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. After the sermon, the Bishop-elect was conducted to the Islip chapel to put on his rochet, the anthem, "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Macfarren), being in the meantime sung by the choir. He was presented to the Archbishop by the Bishop of Rochester and Bishop Marsden. The Litany, with the proper suffrage, was sung by the Precentor, the Rev. F. S. Jones, but the Archbishop said the Lord's Prayer and the two collects, with the preceding versicle of each.

THE TEWKESBURY ABBEY SOCIETY AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, October 3rd, a party, ten in number, visited Birmingham, leaving Tewkesbury by the 8.5 a.m. train, and arriving at Moseley about 10.20, where they were met by Mr. A. Thomas, a member of the St. Martin's society, who had kindly arranged with those in authority at several churches for some ringing upon their bells. Moseley being the first place for a pull, where a 518 of Grandsire Triples was rung upon a peal of eight steel bells. C. W. Dyson, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; S. Cleal, 5; J. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; Jno. Wathen, 8. A move was then made by way of steam tram into the town, and after a brief inspection of various things of interest, made their way to St. Martin's, and with the assistance of their Birmingham friends, a short touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round, this being the first attempt at Caters by most of the visitors. C. W. Dyson, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; F. Moore, 3; A. Thomas (conductor), 4; —. Brooks, 5; S. Cleal, 6; H. Johnson, jun., 7; J. Devereux, 8; Jos. Wathen, 9; Jno. Wathen, 10. Also at St. Philip's, a touch of Caters in the same method was rung. C. W. Dyson, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; —. Brooks, 5; A. Thomas (conductor), 6; S. Cleal, 7; Jno. Wathen, 8; Jos. Wathen, 9; H. George, 10. Bishop Ryder's and St. Chad's were also visited, and a 168 of Stedman Triples was rung at the former, and 504 of Grandsire Triples at the latter place. The party returned home by the 8.40 train, arriving at Tewkesbury about 10.40, and this ended one of the most enjoyable day's outing they ever had. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to tender their best thanks to Mr. A. Thomas and other ringing friends who met them, also to thank those in authority at the various churches for allowing them to ring upon their bells.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, October 2nd, fourteen members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association paid a visit to the ancient market town of Dursley, with the object of attempting a Jubilee peal on the parish church bells. The rector, the Rev. N. Gresley, was communicated with as to permission to make the attempt, and he most kindly replied that the members of the Association would be welcome to attempt the peal, as he thought it would be an excellent thing to ring a Jubilee peal on the bells, as there had never been a peal in any method rang there, the local company only ringing round and call changes. Six members of the Painswick society arrived there at quarter past ten, viz., A. Trigg, T. Wright, W. Ryland, J. Everatt, G. Smith, W. Hale, and with the help of two of the oldest members of the local company, the bells were raised in peal, and six plain courses of Grandsire Triples were rung. The rector very kindly welcomed them, and while ringing he went and made arrangements at the Victoria Coffee Tavern for their dinner and tea, which was kindly given by him. The ringers attended Divine Service, and special mention was made of the visit of the ringers, and the proposed attempt. The Union Jack also was flying from the church tower, and there was also a crowded congregation. The Painswick men were joined outside the church by Messrs. Hinton, Daltry, and C. Gordon, from Bristol, and directly after by the Gloucester ringers, S. Romans, R. J. Wilkins, W. J. Sevier, T. Brown, and H. G. Gardner, and before adjoining to the Coffee Tavern to dinner, a course of Grandsire Major was rung on the handbells. C. Gordon, 1-2; J. Hinton, 3-4; W. Hale, 5-6; G. Daltry, 7-8; and one of Triples, standing as before. After having done justice to the good things provided, a move was made to the tower, and the following ringers attempted Mr. John Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples. H. G. Gardner (conductor), 1; T. Brown, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; S. Romans, 4; G. Daltry, 5; J. Hinton, 6; W. Hale, 7; G. Smith, 8. "Go" was called at 2.30, and the ringing progressed beautifully for 1 hr. and 35 mins. About 3004 changes having been rung, a slight mistake occurred, and rather than stand in changes, the bells were called round, much to the dislike of the ringers, as the peal would have been a quick one. The bells all go pretty well, but to ring them is rather difficult, as only about three of them can be heard distinctly in the ringing-chamber, which is on the ground floor. The parishioners

then came into the church and congratulated the ringers on their good striking, and the following ringers then rang a 504 of Bob Triples. T. Brown, 1; H. G. Gardner, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; S. Romans, 4; G. Daltry, 5; J. Hinton (conductor), 6; W. Hale, 7; G. Smith, 8. A start was made for 504 of Stedman Triples, but was lost after ringing 300 changes. T. Brown, 1; S. Romans, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; W. Hale, 4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5; H. Gardner, 6; G. Daltry, 7; G. Smith, 8. And a course with the local ringers, and the bells were lowered. The company met the rest of the ringers outside, six of them had been to Stinchcombe to Divine Service, which is about two miles distant, and with the kind permission of Sir George Prevost, the bells were raised in peal, and 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rang. A. Trigg, 1; T. Wright, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Sevier (conductor), 4; C. Gordon, 5; J. Everatt, 6. The rector of Dursley having wished the ringers to call at the rectory, a move was made there, and he thanked the ringers for coming, and hoped they would come again and make another attempt, which was promised in about three Sundays from then. The ringers thanked him for his great kindness, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung in the hall on the handbells. H. G. Gardner, 1-2; R. J. Wilkins, 3-4; T. Brown, 5-6; J. Hinton, 7-8; S. Romans, 9-10, which was greatly appreciated, and was rung on Mr. J. Hinton's peal of fairy bells. The company then adjourned to tea at the Victoria Coffee Tavern, there being an excellent spread, after which a course of Grandsire Major was rung on the handbells. W. Hale, 1-2; J. Hinton, 3-4; T. Brown, 5-6; G. Daltry, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Caters. W. Hale, 1-2; R. J. Wilkins, 3-4; T. Brown, 5-6; J. Hinton, 7-8; S. Romans, 9-10. And a course with W. J. Sevier, 9-10. The company then parted, it being 7 o'clock, having spent a very pleasant day. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for his great kindness.

W. H.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, October 15th, the place of meeting, as announced in "THE BELL NEWS," being Birmingham. The towns represented were Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Darlaston, Harborne, Moseley, and Selly Oak. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the bells of St. Philip's, after which an adjournment was made to the club house, "The White Swan Hotel," Edmund Street, were, under the presidency of Mr. Charles Carmell, the business of the Association was got on with. This being quickly dispatched, recourse was had to the handbells, when touches of Triples, Caters and Major were rung, after which several tunes were rung, these being interspersed by songs by several of the members, altogether this being the most satisfactory meeting of the year. It is hoped that the impetuous given by Saturday's meeting will prove beneficial not only to the association, but also to the members generally, who appear now to be raising themselves to that energy which a short time since was so characteristic of the association. Arrangements having been made for the next meeting, the business terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Durham on Monday, October 31st. The Cathedral and St. Oswald's bells will be at the disposal of the ringers during the day. Divine Service will be held in St. Oswald's Church at 2 o'clock, which all members present at the meeting are respectfully requested to attend; preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Durham. At 3 o'clock dinner will be provided at the "Three Tuns." After dinner the Annual Meeting will be held for the election of officers and other business. Mr. W. Story has given notice that he will move that the day for holding the Annual Meeting be changed to a Saturday, and that Rule VI. be expunged. Mr. E. W. Pyle has given notice that he will move that none of the rules shall be altered except at the Annual Meeting, when they may be altered without notice. Dinner tickets should be applied for to the Secretary not later than Monday, October 24th.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

TWO PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5061.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6

5 4 3 6 2 1 Bobs at 2 4 6 9 10 16
4 1 3 6 2 5 6

3 1 5 2 4 6 4 16
3 1 6 5 4 2 16
6 1 3 2 4 5 5 16
6 1 5 3 4 2 16
5 1 6 2 4 3 5 16
5 1 3 6 4 2 16
5 1 2 3 4 6 16
2 1 5 6 4 3 5 16
2 1 3 5 4 6 16
2 1 6 3 4 5 16
6 1 2 5 4 3 5 16

These eleven courses three times repeated bring up—

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

Brought round by bobs at 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 14, 17, and one change.

5037.

2 3 1 4 5 6

5 2 3 4 6 1 Bobs at 2 4 6 8 10 12 16
2 1 5 3 6 4 6 16
2 1 4 5 6 3 16
2 1 3 4 6 5 16
3 1 2 5 6 4 5 16
3 1 4 2 6 5 16
4 1 3 6 5 2 5 16
4 1 2 3 5 6 16
4 1 5 2 6 3 16
5 1 4 3 6 2 5 16
5 1 2 4 6 3 16

6 1 2 3 5 4 4 5 16
6 1 4 2 5 3 16
6 1 3 4 5 2 16
3 1 6 2 5 4 5 16
3 1 4 6 5 2 16
3 1 2 4 5 6 16
2 1 3 6 5 4 5 16
2 1 4 3 5 6 16
4 1 2 6 5 3 5 16
4 1 3 2 5 6 16
4 1 6 3 5 2 16

These eleven courses twice repeated brings up 3 1 5 2 4 6 and 2 1 4 6 3 5. Then call

3 1 4 5 2 6 4 5 16
4 1 3 6 2 5 5 16

Then call bobs at 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 12, 13, and one change.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1260.

By EDWARD PITT, *Exeter*.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Five times repeated.

Bob instead of single the third lead of the third and sixth part. It contains the twenty-four 6-7's.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham*.

2 3 4 5 6

3 2 4 5 6 7 in 3
4 2 6 5 3 M
2 4 6 5 3 7 in 3
6 4 3 5 2 M
3 4 2 5 6 M
4 3 2 5 6 7 in 3
2 3 6 5 4 M
6 3 4 5 2 M
3 6 4 5 2 7 in 3
4 6 2 5 3 M
2 6 3 5 4 M
6 2 3 5 4 7 in 3

3 5 2 6 4 8 in 2
5 3 2 6 4 7 in 3
2 3 4 6 5 M
4 3 5 6 2 M
3 4 5 6 2 7 in 3
5 4 3 6 2 7 in 3
3 4 2 6 5 M
4 3 2 6 5 7 in 3
2 3 5 6 4 M
5 3 4 6 2 M
3 5 4 6 2 7 in 3
4 5 2 6 3 M
2 5 3 6 4 M
5 2 3 6 4 7 in 3
3 2 4 6 5 M
4 2 5 6 3 M
2 4 5 6 3 7 in 3

6 4 5 2 3 8 in 3
5 4 3 2 6 M
4 3 5 2 6 H
3 5 4 2 6 H
5 3 4 2 6 7 in 3
3 4 5 2 6 H
4 5 3 2 6 H

2 5 3 4 6 8 in 3
5 2 3 4 6 7 in 3
2 3 5 4 6 H
3 5 2 4 6 H
5 3 2 4 6 7 in 3
3 2 5 4 6 H

4 2 5 3 6 8 in 3
2 4 5 3 6 7 in 3
4 5 2 3 6 H
5 2 4 3 6 H
2 5 4 3 6 7 in 3
5 4 2 3 6 H

6 5 4 3 2 7 in 2
5 6 4 3 2 7 in 3
4 3 6 5 2 8 in 2
3 4 6 5 2 7 in 3
6 4 2 5 3 M
2 4 3 5 6 M
4 2 3 5 6 7 in 3
3 2 6 5 4 M
6 2 4 5 3 M
2 6 4 5 3 7 in 3
4 6 3 5 2 M
3 6 2 5 4 M
6 3 2 5 4 7 in 3
2 3 4 5 6 M

Contains the 5th twenty-four times wrong and right, also the 5th twenty-four times right, with all the 8-5-7's, 8-6-7's, and 6-7-8's.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By HENRY J. TUCKER, *Bishop Stortford*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Twice repeated.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6ths place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5312.

By HENRY J. TUCKER, *Bishop Stortford*.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

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

Repeated.

In this peal the 6th is twelve times wrong and twenty-four times right. By calling the single at the twenty-second and forty-fourth courses it is reduced to 5088, with the 6th twenty-two times each way in 5-6. A variation of J. Barker's 5024.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6

6 5 1 4 3 2 2 II
6 3 1 5 4 2 15
6 4 1 3 5 2 15
6 3 5 4 1 2 4 15
6 1 5 3 4 2 15
6 3 4 1 5 2 4 15
6 5 4 3 1 2 15
6 1 4 5 3 2 15
6 5 3 1 4 2 4 15
3 5 2 1 4 6 3 5 8 12

Four times repeated.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1887.

EVERY ringer, it may reasonably be supposed, is possessed of a laudable ambition to hand down the records of his fame to posterity. It is not enough that he should proclaim or have proclaimed for him the results of his prowess to his contemporaries, he is anxious that the record should be read by future ages of men, and his accomplishments admired, talked over, and dwelt upon by those who in ages to come will visit the scene where his abilities were displayed. Hence we see tablets erected in almost every steeple which at one time was the rendezvous or trysting-place of bands of ringers; and it is a fact that such records are in these days read and regarded by well-balanced minds with that respect which those who erected them in all probability hoped for.

Another, and we may say more indelible method of perpetuating the ringing of peals, is the records in the peal-books of the various companies. From several well-known causes it would be impossible to erect peal-tablets for every performance achieved, and therefore in most cases a volume, dignified for its important use by binding and other et ceteras of a very elaborate character, is provided. The admission of records into these books are regarded as valuable and as important as those of a tablet, in fact, from the care which is taken of such volumes, they may be considered as imperishable, while, on the other hand, belfry records may decay and suffer from the effects of time and violence.

The peal-book then may be considered as the recognised record; the official stamp of approval, as it were, by a society of the ringing achievements of its members, an approval, by the way, scarcely withheld unless for very satisfactory and legitimate reasons. Yet a few members of the London St. James's Society, in their wisdom have, so we learn by a letter from a correspondent in another column, thought fit to carry a resolution that a peal of Bob Triples rung with seven bells only should not be booked on this account. We are not amazed that our correspondent should stigmatize such a puerile objection as "absurd." Triples are rung upon seven bells only, and whether with a bell to "cover" or not it is "Triples" all

the same. We should be inclined to give more praise to a performance like the one objected to than if it had been accompanied by a bell covering, because we consider that without it the ringing was rendered more difficult of execution. If our knowledge of the matter be correct, that the St. James's Society protest against the peal being entered because seven bells only were rung, then we say the position they have taken up is unwarrantable, and betrays no small degree of shallowness. Our correspondent appeals to our country readers; we hope his appeal may not be made in vain. We appeal to the members of the St. James's Society who years ago were among its principal supporters to save its credit by attending at the next meeting and insisting upon the rescission of so odious a resolution.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, October 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN NELMS Treble.	JOSEPH BARRY 6.
JAMES R. HAWORTH 2.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 7.
FREDERICK BATE 3.	DAVID STACKWOOD 8.
JAMES RUMSEY 4.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 9.
RICHARD FRENCH 5.	DANIEL LOVETT Tenor.
	WM. WEATHERSTONE

Composed and Conducted by JOHN NELMS.

The above peal was rung in honour of the election of Mr. Alderman De Keyser as Lord Mayor of London.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD LOGIC* Treble.	JAMES HICKLIN 5.
WILLIAM JAMES SMITH 2.	GEORGE ROBINSON 6.
JOHN JAGGAR 3.	JOHN WALKER 7.
LEONARD BULLOCK 4.	*JOHN CARVELL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

*First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 13, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 26 cwt.

HENRY PARKES* Treble.	THOMAS HOLMES 5.
JOHN JAGGAR 2.	EDWARD ISAAC STONE 6.
GEORGE ROBINSON 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
WILLIAM WAKLEY 4.	HARRY WAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

*First peal.

This is the conductor's 100th peal, the number being made up as follows: Grand-sire Triples, 13; Stedman Triples, 21; ditto Caters, 3; Double Norwich Court, 20; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; Double Oxford, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 14; ditto Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise, 20; Cambridge Surprise, 5; London Surprise, 1. Conducted in all, 12.

BRISTOL.
Jubilee Peal.

On Thursday, October 13, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

A. ANDERSON, ESQ.* Treble.	E. BEAKE 5.
H. TUCKER 2.	†G. DALTRY 6.
F. PRICE 3.	J. HINTON 7.
W. PARSONS.. .. . 4.	*G. STALLARD Tenor.

Conducted by G. DALTRY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

It was also the 34th birthday of Mr. F. Price, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. The above was by members of the St. Stephen's Society, with the exception of H. Tucker (of the St. James'), and J. Hinton (unattached).

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday Evening, October 13, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

JAMES HENRY RIDYARD ..Treble.	JOHN WELESBY.. .. . 5.
FRED DERBYSHIRE 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. . 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 3.	JOHN BAGULEY 7.
JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and conducted by R. RIDYARD.

This is the first peal by a local company in the method, also the first on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

H. MILLS* Treble.	S. JESSON 5.
W. R. SMALL 2.	*A. HILL 6.
E. GOODREDS* 3.	G. HUGHES 7.
S. REEVES 4.	*B. STARKEY Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. Mr. S. Reeves hails from West Bromwich; the rest are members of the Tipton band.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	ALFRED E. ACFIELD .. . 5.
ARTHUR JACOB 2.	CHARLES WARD 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS.. .. . 3.	WILLIAM WARD 7.
R. S. STORY 4.	PETO MEADOWS.. .. . Tenor.

Composed and conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

R. S. Story hails from Newcastle; Motts from Ipswich; Newson and Jacob from London: the rest are local men. This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung.

ST. MARK'S, WORSLEY.—Among the records this week will be found a report of a peal rung at this church. We are requested to say in connection therewith that "a few years ago change-ringing was unknown at St. Mark's, but the Lancashire Association holding a meeting there put the ringers on t study, and by the generosity of the Eccles ringers, who offered to help them all they could, they soon overcame the difficulty of Grandsire Triples, of which they rang a few peals. Not being content with that method alone, Plain Bob and Grandsire Major were surmounted, their latest achievement being the peal of Kent Treble Bob recorded this week. Any brother-string who may be in the vicinity of Worsley on a Sunday or practice night (Thursday), he can have a pull in any of the above methods."

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 5.
JOHN REILLY 2.	*GEORGE C. HAMMOND .. . 6.
CHARLES TYLER* 3.	*GEORGE A. KING 7.
JAMES SEARLE* 4.	*HARRY WESTON Tenor.

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and conducted by HARRY WESTON.

This is the first peal in the method by all except G. C. Hammond, of Ringmer also the first peal of Treble Bob Major rung in Brighton. *Royal Cumberland Youths.

BRISTOL.

ST. JAMES' AND ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETIES.

On Saturday, October 15, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED MORGAN* Treble.	*GILBERT PEARSE 5.
GEORGE PYMM 2.	ARTHUR HOWELL 6.
WALTER W. PORCH 3.	HENRY PORCH 7.
HERBERT TUCKER 4.	FREDERICK J. PORCH .. . Tenor.

Conducted by H. PORCH.

This peal was rung at the first attempt, and is the second upon the bells, the first having been rung in 1868, the year the bells were placed in the tower. *First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, October 17, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. . 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN .. . 6.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. . 4.	WILLIAM GRIMES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Geo. Perry hails from Framsdon; the Messrs. Wightman from Cretingham; Newson and Jacob from London; Grimes is one of the local ringers.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Muffled Peal.

On Monday, October 17, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE FOSTER, JUN.* ..Treble.	GEORGE PELL 5.
EPHRAIM BURTENSHAW† .. 2.	GEORGE WELLING 6.
HERRMANN J. SCHNEIDER† 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS.. .. . 7.
SAMUEL GREENWOOD 4.	HENRY PATES Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL GREENWOOD.

The above peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Alfred Brockwell, who was buried that day in the churchyard, and who had been a ringer at this church nearly 20 years. *First peal. †First peal in the method. Messrs. S. Greenwood, G. Pell, and H. Pates hail from Streatham, the rest are local ringers.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 33 cwt.

G. NAISH Treble.	G. GRAY 5.
J. STRUTT 2.	J. FAYERS 6.
G. WELLING.. .. . 3.	J. SMITH 7.
J. WRIGHT 4.	C. SLADE Tenor

Conducted by JAS. STRUTT.

Messrs. Welling and Fayers hail from Mitcham.

Date Touch.

CROSBY (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, October 11th, at St. Luke's church, a date touch (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following methods; 447 of Grandsire Minor (twenty-six bobs and one single, composed by Mr. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Bucks), 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (three bobs), 360 College Single Minor (nine bobs), 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (three bobs), and 360 Plain Bob Minor (four bobs and two singles). E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton, the rest belong to Bootle. The tenor was the observation throughout.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAPHAM (Beds).—On Wednesday, October 5th, at the parish church, a 120 each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. J. Spencer; M. Warwick, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5. Also another 120 of Grandsire. M. Warwick (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; J. Spencer, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; H. Chapman, 5. This is believed to be the first half-pull ringing on these bells. Tenor about 7 cwt.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, October 15th, for practice, at St. Owen's Church, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor (with nine bobs). W. Allan, 1; I. Hills, 2; M. Warwick, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; *W. G. Biggs (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6. *First 720 in the method. It is also the first 720 in the method on the bells. Also a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Allan, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6. Also a 120 each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, with Frank Hull, 6. Tenor about 18 cwt. in D.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, October 6th, for practice, at St. Mary's, 720 of Grandsire Minor, (thirty-four bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; M. Warwick, 5; *C. Pass, 6. *First 720 in this method with a bob bell. Also a 120 of Violet Treble Bob. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Biggs, 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also on Thursday, October 13th, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). M. Warwick (conductor), 1; H. Chapman, 2; I. Hills, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; J. Spencer, 6. Also a course of Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6. Also 120 of Violet Treble Bob, 120 of Stedman Doubles, and 120 of Grandsire Doubles. On Sunday, October 16th, at St. Paul's Church, for morning service, 120 each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. F. Keech, 1; W. Allan, 2; I. Hills, 3; M. Warwick, 4; H. Chapman (conductor), 5; A. Andrews, 6. Also for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; C. Pass, 8. Also 464 of Bob Major. C. Pass, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Chapman, 5. C. W. Clarke, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS AUCKLAND.—At the parish church, on Sunday October 16th, for Divine Service in the morning, 240 of Kent Treble Bob. H. C. Mayne, 1; E. Titt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. G. Pratt (conductor), 6. In the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; J. W. Cleminson, 8. The bells all day were half-muffled, out of respect for George Maw, Esq., solicitor, of Bishop Auckland, who was buried on the day previous.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—Recently at St. Peter's church, by the local company, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. R. Grimes, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also a 720 in the same method (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). J. Hendry, 1; H. Hill, 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. And a 720 in the same method (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 26½ mins. H. Allen, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; Dr. Seccombe, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Grimes, 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. R. Grimes, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; Dr. Seccombe, 5; W. Wright, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WEST KEAL.—On Monday evening, October 17th, a 720 of Bob

Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Cheetham, 1; J. A. Hand, 2; W. Vickers, 3; J. Green, 4; H. Daulton (conductor), 5; J. Seymour, 6. Time 25 mins. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 16th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. S. Sargent, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Bearman, 3; H. E. Hammond, 4; E. Radley, 5; F. Saunders (conductor), 6. And after service, 120 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Saunders, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; H. E. Howard, 5; E. Radley, 6. Messrs. Radley and Saunders hail from Stisted, Hammond and Howard from Braintree, the rest are of the local company.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Friday, October 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 3; A. Edwards, 4; W. Hawkes, 5; W. Rowland, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; J. Parmenter, 8. This quarter-peal, composed by E. Pitt, of Exeter (see "THE BELL NEWS" for October 1st, 1887), contains nine 4-6's, and the twelve 6-7's. Also 112 in the same method, with R. C. Burrell at the treble. And a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains, 2; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 3; W. Harvey, 4; W. Hawkes, 5; W. Rowland, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; W. Lincoln, 8. The above are all from Chelmsford, Galleywood, Widford, and Writtle, but some of the Great Baddow ringers have recently joined the Essex Association, and it may be hoped that they will soon make further progress.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Sunday, September 9th, for afternoon service, two 6-scores each of Plain Doubles, St. Simon's, and Grandsire. W. Emery, 1; J. T. Barker, 2; E. Claydon (conductor), 3; F. Rudkin (Braintree), 4; E. Hynds, 5. On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, a 6-score each of Dream, Grandsire, and Sunshine. A. Barker, 1; W. Emery, 2; E. Claydon, 3; J. T. Barker, 4; E. Hynds, 5. For afternoon service, six 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, Hudibrass, Antelope, Hampstead Delight, Canterbury, and Bob Doubles. W. Emery, 1; A. Barker, 2; E. Claydon (conductor), 3; E. Hynds, 4; J. T. Barker, 5.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday October 8th, at the church schools, 1330 Grandsire Triples, on handbells, retained in hand. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; E. P. Debenhan, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Sunday, October 16th, being the Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins., and a course of Double Oxford Bob Minor. Rev. A. S. Dowling, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; Y. Green, 3; S. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. H. Doran, 5; H. Randall, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Monday, October 17th, for practice at the parish church, 336 of Bob Major. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; R. Wood, 3; A. Edwards, 4; W. Harvey, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. J. Piper, 7; W. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Also 672 of Grandsire Triples. E. Dains, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; J. Dains, 4; W. Harvey, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; W. J. Piper, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLUN (Salop).—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday evening, October 4th, at the house of J. G. Buchanan, Esq., three 120's of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently). C. Edwards, 1; W. Roberts, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3-4; W. Mead, 5-6. Also a touch of Grandsire Minor (144 changes). T. Richards, 1; J. Davies, 2; W. Mead, 3; J. Lunn, 4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). *T. Richards, 1; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 2; W. Mead, 3; W. Roberts, 4; *J. Lunn, 5; J. Roberts, 6. *First 720.

CLUNBURY (Salop).—Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday evening, October 6th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 20 mins. J. Lunn, 1; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 2; J. Roberts, 3; W. Roberts, 4; J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 5; W. Mead, 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46½ mins. J. Smith, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Barnards, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Grahame, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Arnold, 7; H. Hogben, 8.

FRINDSBURY, NEAR ROCHESTER.—On Sunday, October 16th, at All Saints' church, for Divine Service in the morning, four six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 18 mins. D. Winsor, 1; E. Collard, 2; G. Hutchings, 3; A. Ring, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 16th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; W. Harper, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Hayes, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RADCLIFFE.—On Tuesday evening, October 18th, for practice at the parish church, 1008 of Bob Major in 38 mins. F. Rudman, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. Barrett, 3; J. Morris, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; E. Bishop (conductor), 7; W. Fielding, 8. Also 336 in the same method. —, 1; J. Hardman, 2; F. Emerson, 3; J. Morris, 4; A. Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 6; A. Barrett (conductor), 7; E. Bishop, 8. E. Bishop hails from Bury, the rest belong to Radcliffe.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday evening, October 16th, being the Harvest Festival at St. Andrew's church, eight members of the above Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; A. E. Thompson, 5; G. Mottershaw, 6; C. E. Hart (conductor), 7; T. Abbott, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

HORTON.—On Tuesday evening, October 4th, at the parish church, for practice, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. F. Bullock, 1; W. Wooliscroft, 2; F. Corbishley, 3; T. Hine, 4; T. Simister, 5; D. Bradbury (conductor), 6. Tenor 11 cwt. This is the first 720 that has ever been accomplished by local ringers on these bells.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday October 16th, for evening service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Wood (conductor), 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Baddeley, 6.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. F. Grocott, 1; T. Miller, 3; W. Fitchford, 4; A. Grocott, 5; W. Miller, 6; W. Carter (conductor), 7; W. Slater, 8. Mr. Carter hails from Biddulph.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—For the Harvest Thanksgiving, on Sunday, October 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; F. Arnold, 2; E. Mores, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 11th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Sanders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also 120 Violet Treble Bob. F. Sanders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 16th, at St. Anne's church, for morning service, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; E. Spooner, 4; T. Gould, 5; W. Harding, 6. Also 120 of Bob Doubles. F. Francis, 1; T. Gould, 2; H. Houlton, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; E. Spooner (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. And in the evening, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Spooner, 5; W. Harding, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Tuesday, October 11th, at New College, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. W. Jeffery, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; J. Howells (conductor), 3; J. W. Washbrook, 4; A. H. Browning, 5; W. C. Baston, 6; S. Hounslow, 7; T. Payne, 8; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 9; A. Strange, 10. *Handbell Ringing*.—Also the same day, at the house of Mr. C. Hounslow, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and a course of Stedman Triples. C. Hounslow, 1-2; W. C. Baston, 3-4; J. W. Washbrook, 5-6; A. H. Browning, 7-8. Conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Thursday, October 13th, at the usual practice at Christ Church, 1321 of Grandsire Caters. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; J. Frisby, 4; T. Jesson, 5; J. Hall, 6; W. R. Small, 7; C. Price, 8; S. Reeves, 9; R. Hall, 10. Tenor 23 cwt.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (near Dudley).—On Thursday, October 13th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Whatmore, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; A.

Beddall, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Messrs. Whatmore and Beddall hail from Brierley Hill, and it is J. Whatmore's first 720 with a bob bell.

*BENGEO (Herts).—On Saturday, October 1st, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Wood, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; A. S. Barrell, 3; W. Manning, 4; J. Priest, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, October 13th, at Christ Church, a touch of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, and 120 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton. Tenor 12 cwt.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Friday evening, October 7th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. *W. Cundall, 1; S. Clark, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; J. Angus, 4; J. Broadley, 5; J. H. Hardcastle (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method in 27 mins. *J. Hardcastle, jun., 1; the rest as before. *First 720.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, October 4th, at St. Stephen's church, 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Hinton, 1; E. Duckham, 2; *A. Trevette, 3; *F. Perrin, 4; E. Beake, 5; G. Daltry (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also on Monday, October 17th, at the church of All Saints, an attempt was made to ring Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 50 mins., a change-course occurred, when in the first course of the six part, which brought the ringing to a sudden termination. A. Howell, 1; H. Tucker, 2; G. Pearse, 3; J. York, 4; W. W. Porch, 5; A. York, 6; H. Porch, (conductor), 7; W. Hill, 8.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Wednesday evening, October 12th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. J. Mawson, 1; B. T. Copley (conductor), 2; B. Emmott, 3; A. Riley, 4; G. Titterton, 5; S. Palfaman, 6; F. London, 7. Tenor 15 cwt.

DARLEY DALE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, October 16th, at St. Helen's church, for the Harvest Festival, the local company rang for service a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins. S. Groom, 1; W. Taylor, 2; C. Whymark, 3; J. Siddall, 4; C. Gwatkin (conductor), 5; E. R. Hallows, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 9th, at the parish church, for evening service, a touch of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters, and after service 556 of Grandsire Caters. *C. Barrett, 1; W. Johnson, 2; J. Mills, 3; *T. Lees, 4; A. Fellows, 5; W. Micklewright, 6; S. Spittle (conductor), 7; E. Crump, 8; G. Hayward, 9; J. Crump, 10. *First touch of Caters. Messrs. Barrett, Lees, and J. Crump hail from St. Thomas's, Stourbridge; Hayward and E. Crump from Bromsgrove; W. Johnson from Darlaston; the rest are local men.

EXETER (Devon).—On Sunday, September 25th, at St. Sidwell's church, for Divine Service in the morning, 560 Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Munday, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Munday, 8. Also 504 in the same method. W. Munday, 1; W. Stocker, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; B. Munday, 8. Also in the evening, before service, 1050 Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. Munday, 3; F. Davey, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Munday, 8. After service two plain courses of Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Munday, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. The Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote is the Secretary of the Devonshire Guild, and this is his first touch on eight bells.

GREAT HALLINGBURY (Essex).—On Saturday, October 15th, at St. Giles' church 480 of Grandsire Doubles, with the 3rd the observation. H. Bryan, 1; R. A. Sworder, 2; F. J. Bryan, 3; R. S. Sworder, 4; F. Sworder (conductor), 5. Also on Sunday, October 16th, for the morning and afternoon services, touches of Grandsire were rung with the third and fifth the observation. And at the conclusion of the afternoon service, touches were rung as a farewell to the brothers Sworder, who sail on Thursday next in the ss "Kaikoura," for Gisborne, New Zealand.

HUNDON (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 17th, the Poslingford Society rang two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Atkinson, 1; D. Gridley, 2; F. W. Hicks, 3; H. Burling, 4; C. Howe (conductor), 5. In the other 6-score G. Basham took the place of D. Gridley, the others standing as before.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 16th, at the parish church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Bennett (first quarter-peal), 1; H. Williams, 2; T. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, 4; T. Bennett (first quarter-peal), 5; H. Adams, 6; J. Crane (conductor), 7; J. Leach, 8. This was rung on the occasion of the Induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. Sydney Phillips, and the Harvest

Thanksgiving. On Thursday, October 14th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Bennett, 1; R. Grove, 2; G. Salters, 3; J. Bennett, 4; T. Bennett (first 720), 5; T. Salters (conductor), 6.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 5th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Manning (conductor), 1; T. Wood, 2; E. Barnett, 3; G. Cornell, 4; J. Priest, 5; A. H. Gardom, 6.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday evening, October 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins. W. Ellis (conductor), 1; R. Ellis, 2; R. Prosser, 3; A. Longney, 4; R. Gardner, 5; E. Taylor, 6. Also 240 in the same method. W. Prosser, 1; R. Ellis (conductor), 2; R. Prosser, 3; A. Longney, 4; R. Gardner, 5; E. Taylor, 6.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 15th, at Christ Church, a 720 of Duke of York, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Alfred Brockwell, who died after a brief illness on Wednesday, October 12th. H. J. Schneider, 1; C. Burtenshaw, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Messrs. C. Hyde, J. Parker, A. Garrott, and S. Frost, hail from Wimbledon; the rest are local men.

OXFORD.—On Thursday, October 6th, at St. Peter's-in-the-East, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; C. Tolley, 2; P. A. Hind, 3; A. Browning, 4; A. E. Hind, 5; W. Baston, 6. And on Thursday, October 13th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. E. Hind, 1; C. Tolley, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Baston, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Monday, October 10th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47½ mins., as a congratulatory touch on the appointment of Mr. George Sellers, jun. (son of one of the St. Mary's ringers) as organist to the church of St. John-the-Baptist, Penzance. J. Boase, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Hodder (conductor), 4; J. W. Hitchens, 5; T. Hicks, 6; C. Boase, 7; M. Hicks, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Saturday, October 15th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). A. Coles, 1; R. Pendered, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; J. Willmott, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also 360 College Single (nine bobs). A. Coles, 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. A. Hall, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob (fifteen bobs and two singles). H. Stubbs, 1; J. Willmott, 2; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 3; W. A. Hall, 4; G. Kirk, 5; T. Stubbs, 6. On Monday, October 17th, a 360 Plain Bob. A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; J. Willmott, 5; R. Dunkley (conductor), 6. Also 240 Oxford Bob. A. Coles, 1; R. Pendered, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; R. Dunkley, 4; N. Martin, 5; F. Slade (conductor), 6.

TITCHMARSH (Northants).—On Saturday, October 8th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, an attempt was made for Mr. H. Johnson's peal of Bob Major, 5376 changes, but came to grief by making a mis-call after ringing over 2000 changes. N. Martin, 1; A. Groome, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; H. Stubbs, 5; J. Stubbs, 6; G. Jeffs, 7; R. Dunkley, 8. The brothers Gilbert and the brothers Stubbs and N. Martin hail from Raunds, R. Dunkley from Bythorn (Hunts), A. Groome, from Denford, and G. Jeffs belong to the local company. The ringers wish to thank the rector, the Rev. F. M. Stopford, for the use of the bells on this occasion.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Thursday, October 6th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, also 360 of Double Court, and various touches in the same method. Rev. A. S. Dowling, H. Randall, J. Gobbett, Y. Green, W. W. Gifford, S. Hayes, and W. Doran. The above was arranged to oblige Mr. Gifford, who hails from Salisbury, and was on a visit to the Rev. A. S. Dowling.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR FORTNIGHT ENDING OCTOBER 17TH, 1887:—

By the Balcombe branch at Balcombe.—On Thursday, October 13th, a 360 of Yorkshire Court. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Gasson, 3; T. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, October 6th, a 360 of Yorkshire Court. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. First attempt in the method. Also a 720 of York-Court. T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And on Thursday, October 13th, a 360 of Double Court Bob. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; J. Gasson, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Sunday

October 9th, a 1440 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 57 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; H. Weston, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; J. Jay, 5; J. Searle, 6; G. A. King, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. Also on Monday, October 10th, a 480 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. Thwaites, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. Searle, 5; J. Reilly, 6; G. A. King, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. Also three courses of Plain Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; J. Searle, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; W. Palmer, 5; G. Thwaites, 6; G. A. King, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. On Wednesday, October 12th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. H. Weston, 1; G. A. King, 2; W. Palmer, 3; J. Searle (conductor), 4; G. Thwaites, 5; G. F. Attree, 6. Also on Sunday, October 16th, a 560 of Bob Major, in 22 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; G. A. King, 4; J. Searle, 5; H. Weston, 6; C. E. Golds, 7; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 8. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Reilly, 2; H. Weston, 3; J. Searle, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; C. E. Golds (cover), 8. Also on Saturday, October 15th, a 5280 of Kent Treble Bob Major, at St. Nicholas' church, in 3 hrs. 20 mins., (for particulars see peal column). And on Sunday, October 16th, a 518 of Grandsire Triples, in 20 mins. Jesse Neves, 1; C. Tyler, 2; G. A. King, 3; W. Palmer, 4; H. Boniface, 5; S. Merritt (Bournemouth), 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; W. Davey, 8. And at St. Peter's church, on Monday, October 17th, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; H. Weston, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. A. King, 6; J. Jay, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. Also touches of Grandsire and Union Triples.

By the Crawley branch at Crawley.—On Tuesday, August 23rd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Collison, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; E. Pierce, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; W. Ward, 8. (6 and 8 covers). Also on Sunday, September 25th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, each in 26 mins. W. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; E. Pierce, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; W. Ward, 8. (6 and 8 covers). Also a 420 of Court Bob Triples, in 17 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; F. Rice, 4; B. King, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; A. F. Hillier, 7; E. Pierce, 8. Also on Tuesday, September 27th, a 720 of College Single Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Dean, 1; J. Newnham, 2; G. Wickens, 3; B. King, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. J. Dean, 1; J. Newnham, 2; G. Wickens, 3; B. King, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Tuesday, October 4th, a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Smart, 1; J. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 3; G. Smart, 4; F. Morris, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 6; a peal consisting of 5040 changes on six bells in seven Minor methods, in three hours and ten minutes. G. Smart, conductor, for particulars see peal column of last week. And on Sunday, October 9th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Morris, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Matthews, 1; G. Smart, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Hills (Angmering), 4; F. Finch (Angmering), 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday, October 13th, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 16th, a 360 of College Single. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; G. Gatland, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Worth branch at Worth.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 23 mins. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; T. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice, 6. G. Illman and F. Rice conductors. Also a 288 of Plain Bob. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; T. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 2nd, for afternoon service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. B. Payne, 1; F. Rice, 2; F. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also after afternoon service a 720 Warnham Court Bob, in 23½ mins. R. Streeter, 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Streeter, 3; G. Illman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Also a 480 of Canterbury Pleasure. R. Streeter, 1; F. Streeter, 2; T. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 2nd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. E. Streeter, 1; F. Streeter, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, October 8th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob. B. Payne, 1; H. Meads, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also several courses Double Court, standing as before. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.O

Church News.

A window, by Messrs. Warrington, has been placed in the east end of Charlton Abbots Church, Andoversford.

The Rev. William G. Royle, M.A., on leaving the cure of Bolingbroke-with-Hareby, has been presented by the parishioners with a gold signet ring and gold embroidered stole.

Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley-street, having undergone somewhat extensive alterations under the direction of Mr. Blomfield, was reopened for Divine Service on last Sunday.

The wills have been proved of the Hon. and Rev. Edward Hanbury-Tracy, of Folkestone, and Stratton-street, personalty sworn at £77,348 2s. 10d.; and of the Rev. John Henry Hughes-Hallett, of Westbere (£17,311 9s. 10).

The announcement of the death of the Rev. Edward Garbett, long editor of the *Christian Advocate*, reminds us (says the *Guardian*) of the connection therewith of another, who, suffering from the same illness for nearly the same length of time, by a few days preceded Canon Garbett to a better land.

St. Olave's Church, Old Jewry, is about to be demolished, and the churchwardens have given notice of their intention of removing the bodies interred in the churchyard to Ilford Cemetery. The tablets and plates in the church will be removed and set up in St. Margaret's, Lothbury, with which parish St. Olave's is now united.

Mrs. Humphry has erected a drinking fountain at the corner of Duncannon-street and Adelaide-street, in memory of her husband, who was vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields from 1855 to 1886. It is of grey granite, and has been designed by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain Association, who will maintain it in decency and purity.

New Sunday Schools, to take the place of an old iron church adjoining the church of Holy Trinity, Armley, Leeds, were opened on Saturday week by Mr. Samson Fox. The Bishop of Ripon afterwards preached in the parish church from St. Luke xi, 2. Despite the heavy rain which fell all day, the attendance was good. The schools have cost £1000.

The Rev. Cyril C. Child, of Christ Church, Oxford, and Cuddesdon College, has been appointed travelling organising secretary to the Universities Mission for the north of England. Letters addressed to Mr. Child, at York, will find him. Mr. Child is a distinguished member of the Oxford University Guild of Change-Ringers, being one who took part in the clerical peal. We wish him God-speed in his new sphere.

On Monday week, the Bishop of Llandaff consecrated the new church of Christ Church, Ynysybwl, in the parish of Llanwono, Glamorgan, the fourteenth new church consecrated and licensed for Divine worship during the last two years, the erection of which has been mainly due to the assistance given in grants from the Bishop of Llandaff's Fund. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Bishop, who during the service baptised three adults, one male and two females, converts from the Baptist denomination, together with the infant child of one of the female adults.

The Lincoln Diocesan Conference at their recent session, on the motion of the Dean of Lincoln, seconded by Sir C. H. J. Anderson, resolved not to elect representatives to the Central Council, the conference believing that now the House of Laymen had been created by the action of the Primate, such a body as the Central Committee was no longer necessary. But much gratitude was expressed for the work done by the Central Council in the past, and their belief that its existence had prepared the way for the more speedy creation of the House of Laymen.

A remarkable piece of restoration has been effected at Woolfardisworthy, near Bideford. The tower is a square one, standing 80 feet high, and it was found that the west of it was in a dangerous condition. Mr. Arnold Thorne has therefore cut the tower in two, taking down the west side from top to bottom, and part of the north and south sides, and rebuilt that portion. The bells have also been rehung. The total cost of the work has been about £300, most of which was provided by the vicar, the Rev. C. W. Finzel, and the parishioners. The tower was re-opened at the harvest thanksgiving service.

On Saturday last, the Bishop of London consecrated the new chancel of Christ Church, Gunnersbury, which has been erected under the direction of Mr. James Brooks, at a cost of £1250, of which about £750 has been raised. The church was built about 1843, and though designed by Sir G. Scott, who was then in partnership with Mr. Moffatt, it presents the characteristic irregularities of that period. Mr. Brooks has, however, designed the new chancel to correspond in

some degree with the nave as he found it. The Bishop preached the consecration sermon, which was of an instructive character, on the Eucharist.

On Saturday, the Rev. Thomas Twysden died at the age of eighty-six. He graduated from Merton in 1824, and in 1828 was ordained. In 1842 he was presented to the rectory of Charlton, near Kingsbridge, Devon, by his wife, who survives him. For upwards of forty years he carried on the duties of the parish without help, but three or four years since he obtained the services of a curate, though he still took his share of parish work. He was greatly respected by all who knew him, and beloved by his parishioners. He was kind to the poor, and always willing to help in any good work, and his death will be felt by many to whom he has held out a helping hand.

Thursday being the anniversary of the translation of Edward the Confessor, a pilgrimage was made to his shrine in Westminster Abbey. At noon about fifty persons, headed by a Roman Catholic priest, were admitted by special order to the chapel which contains the ashes of the king. They clustered round the shrine, and engaged in silent devotions. Mr. Thomas McClure, the hon. secretary of the Working Men's Protestant League, who followed the pilgrims, offered audible prayer by way of protest, but his devotions were speedily stopped by the authorities, and he left the chapel protesting against what he described as "the idolatrous practices proceeding with the sanction of the Abbey authorities."

An altar-piece, consisting of a fine copy of a picture by Cavazzuela, now in the museum at Verona, has been presented to St. Thomas's, Regent Street, by Major Bridson, in memory of his wife, who for more than thirty years was a communicant at the church whenever she was in town. The parish rooms and parsonage building is now in course of erection, opposite the east front of the church in King-street. This important undertaking will meet a want which has long been felt. It includes the purchase of a freehold site, and the erection of a substantial building at a total cost of more than £7000. The money for the site (£3384), was raised some time back, but towards the cost of the building, which will amount to nearly £4000, only £2000 has yet been subscribed.

The Young Men's Friendly Society, which was established in 1879, has now more than 270 branches in England, Scotland, and the colonies, upwards of 20,000 members, and associates, and above fifty affiliated institutions. It is rapidly increasing. Its objects are to promote purity, temperance, and general morality; to befriend young men leaving home or moving from one place to another, and protecting them from evil influences; to promote thrift and independence, especially by encouraging young men to make provision against sickness, accident, and want, on sound principles; to promote a healthy tone of literature and amusement among young men, and to promote co-operation amongst institutions existing for kindred objects. The general secretary is Mr. W. R. Arbuthnot, Northumberland chambers, Charing Cross, W.C.

The death, in his fifty-sixth year, is announced of the Rev. Robert Gray, D.D. Dr. Gray was educated at Durham University, and was Lindsay Scholar of Hatfield Hall. He graduated in 1856. After holding the curacy of Lever Bridge, Lancashire, for two years, in 1858 he was appointed Head Master of the Grammar Schools of Simons-town and Georgetown, and went out to South Africa. In 1864 he became Head Master of the High School, and Inspector-General of the Government schools of St. Helena. In 1868 he was named Archdeacon of Pietermaritzburg, and was afterwards Dean, under Dr. Colenso. From 1878 to 1884 he was chaplain of the Martley Union, and in the latter year he was appointed vicar of Great Toller, Dorchester, which he held at the time of his death. He was no relation to the Bishop of Capetown.

Mr. Frank Spence, the hon. secretary of the Anti-Narcotic League has made some inquiries as to the smokers and non-smokers on the bench of Bishops. Among the latter are the Bishops of Lichfield, Llandaff, Lincoln, Chester, St. Asaph, Salisbury, Hereford, Chichester, Exeter, Bangor, Truro, Southwell, St. David's, and Winchester. The Bishop of Bath and Wells has not used tobacco in any form for between fifty and sixty years. The Bishop of Worcester never smokes pipe or cigar, and never did. The Bishop of St. Albans has never smoked in his life, but does not think that the case of the opponents of tobacco would be much strengthened by the fact of the abstinence of fifty or sixty Bishops. The Bishop of Durham is a non-smoker, but does not wish the statement to convey any sympathy with or feeling of necessity for a league against tobacco. The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol was a moderate smoker until 1860. "When I found benefit from it cease I gave it up," he says. The Bishop of Oxford is not, and never has been a smoker. He believes that in time, in purse, in health, and in cleanliness, he has been the gainer. If he has lost, as some as his friends tell him, a measure of personal enjoyment, he can only say that the loss has not been felt. The Bishop of Liverpool is a non-smoker, and entirely approves of the objects of the Anti-Narcotic League.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to Aug.	Sep.	Total.
Yorkshire Association	47	0	47
Ancient Society of College Youths	39	8	47
Oxford Diocesan Guild	34	4	38
Sussex County Association	32	1	33
Midland Counties' Association	24	5	29
St. James' Society, London	22	1	23
Lancashire Association	19	3	22
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	20	1	21
Norwich Diocesan Association	14	3	17
United Counties' Association	13	3	16
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	13	0	13
Essex Association	12	1	13
Kent County Association	12	0	12
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	10	0	10
Surrey Association	7	1	8
Winchester Diocesan Guild	7	1	8
Hertford Association	6	0	6
St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	6	0	6
Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association	5	1	6
The Holt Society	5	0	5
Bedfordshire Association	4	1	5
Waterloo Society, London	4	1	5
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	2	1	3
Devonshire Guild	2	0	2
Liverpool Youths' Society	1	1	2
Birmingham Amalgamated Society	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Guild	1	0	1
North Lincolnshire Association	1	0	1
West Riding of Yorkshire	1	0	1
Durham and Newcastle Association	1	0	1
The Salop Association	0	1	1
Independent Societies	54	5	59
	419	43	462
Less peals entered under two Associations	37	3	40
	382	40	422

The above peals were rung in the following methods: Albion Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; London Surprise Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 8; Stedman Cinques, 3; Stedman Caters, 13; Stedman Triples, 36; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 8; Treble Bob Major, 70; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Grandsire Caters, 19; Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 165; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 2; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 35; Bob Triples, 10; Violet Treble Bob Major, 1; Rose of England Major, 1; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; in 21 Minor methods on six bells, 1; in 14 ditto, 1; in 7 ditto, 23; in 21 methods on 5 bells, 1; in 16 ditto, 1; total 422. Greatest number of changes in one peal 10,176; quickest peal on church bells 2 hrs. and 31 mins. The following Associations have not scored a peal this year: Cambridge, Ely, Rochdale and District, South Lincoln, and Stoke-upon-Trent.

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Correspondence.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

YORKSHIREMEN AND KENT TREBLE BOB.

SIR,—Your issue of this week is peculiarly an interesting one, and I cannot resist the temptation to take up my pen and give you the benefit (or otherwise) of my opinions on some of its contents. First of all, your "leader" dealing with our Yorkshire Association. The opening paragraph will no doubt be read with pleasure by all brother-strings, but the other is the one which to my mind deserves the most attention. Our strong predilections for Kent Treble Bob in this "county of broad acres" must be well known to the Exercise. No doubt one great cause of this is that it has been a "standard method" for so many years here, consequently it has received the greatest attention, and as a natural result been mostly rung, and what is to a Yorkshireman's mind of the most importance, well rung. If there is

one thing above all others that a "tyke" likes to hear in connection with the art, it is good striking; consequently, when he could have that to his heart's content with Treble Bob, the temptation has been too strong for him to put it on one side to practice other methods to any great extent. There is, it must be confessed, a good deal of the "rest and be thankful" policy about this, and I hope your pertinent remarks on this score will lead to a new departure during the coming winter. The next thing which I observed was the report of a peal of Duffield Major having been accomplished by Mr. Heywood and his worthy band. That announcement came to me as a most striking commentary on your remarks. Mr. Heywood has with great ability placed this new system before the Exercise; he has also had the pleasure of conducting the first peal in it with his own band, and in his own tower at home, which circumstances will, I am sure be exceedingly gratifying not only to himself but to every change-ringer in the land. Now comes the point. I have no doubt in my mind that it has been the desire of us all that Mr. Heywood should conduct the first peal in his own method. That being now a *fait accompli*, we may fairly consider the system an open one to the Exercise, and I do most sincerely hope that my Yorkshire brethren will not "let the grass grow under their feet" in this matter, but will adopt the spirit of your editorial remarks, and endeavour to accomplish the next peal. The winter practice season has now commenced, and I would venture to urge upon my brethren in making their arrangements for the season, to take your words well to heart, break down this "preponderance of Kent Treble Bob," and by tackling other methods make this year's ringing more varied, and at the same time more interesting, than that of any previous period. Change-ringing, like other things, must not be allowed to stand still, and Yorkshire ringers may depend upon it that if they do not "mettle," they will some day find themselves left behind in the march of improvement in connection with our art. While on this point I may be met with the remark that if there is a preponderance of Kent Treble Bob ringing in Yorkshire, the same charge may be made with reference to other methods in different counties. Well, even allowing that to be so, it does not affect the tenour of your observations; to quote an old saying, "two blacks don't make one white," and if such be the case, then I say, let Yorkshire take the lead in this matter, as it has done in the work of county organisation; practice and accomplish peals in other good musical methods, which have hitherto laid "dormant and unring" amongst us. There are two or three other matters which I should like to have mentioned, but as I fear my letter has already assumed an inordinate length, I will leave them for the present, and subscribe myself

YORKSHIREMAN.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

SIR,—In looking over the peals rung by this Association for the past year, I find one I took part in is duly recorded, but not in the manner I forwarded it to the Secretary of the above. It reads, "The calling of this peal will be found under No. 247 of the Association's performances." This last statement I deny, and say it cannot. It was conducted by me as published in Sottanstill's Work of 1867, and should read under No. 384 performance, and was rung for the first time by the Association. I conducted it as the composer forwarded it before the Exercise. I doubt if the calling of No. 247 performance can be found with Mr. Tebbs' name attached, and therefore claim it as stated by me.

Holbeck, Leeds.

R. BINNS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION.

SIR,—I shall feel obliged if you will allow me to call attention to what me and my fellow-members of the Tottenham (Middlesex) Society consider a most extraordinary resolution passed by the members of the London St. James's Society at a recent meeting held at their meeting-house. Last January our Society arranged to attempt a peal of Bob Triples. We met one short of eight, but not to be disappointed, we determined to ring seven bells only, leaving the 2nd bell out, and having no cover. This we accomplished, and rang a true peal, and competent judges say it was rang well. Being all members of the St. James's Society, we sent up the usual fee to the head-quarters of that Society for booking, and thought no more about it till the other day when we happened to hear that a resolution had been passed that such a performance could not be regarded as a peal because we only rang seven bells. I venture to say this objection is absurd. The 5040 changes were rung, and we think that it was much more difficult than if we had had a cover. I should like to hear what some of your country readers think of such a resolution. I consider it anything but correct, and we shall not let the matter rest in its present position.

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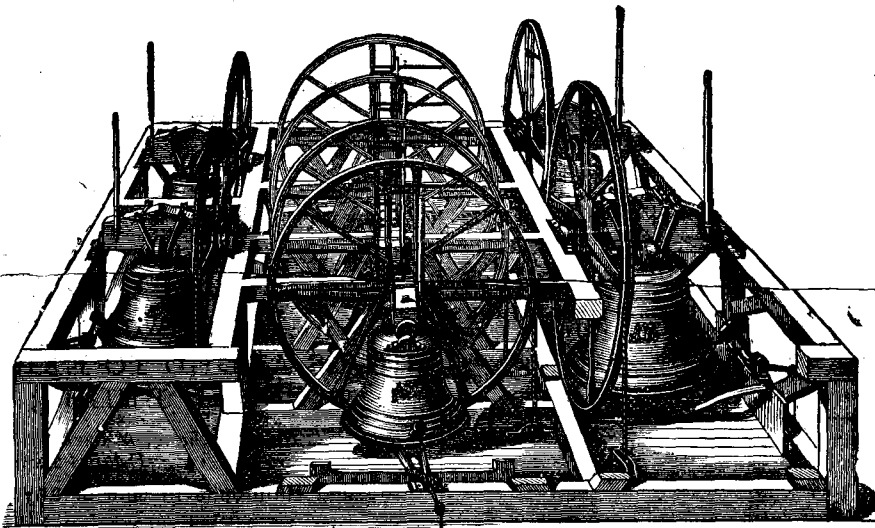


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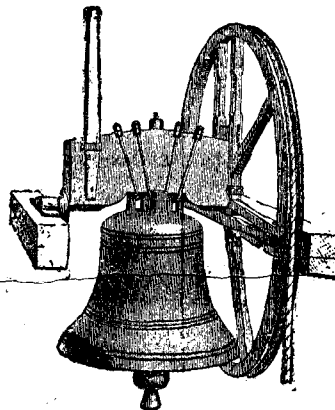
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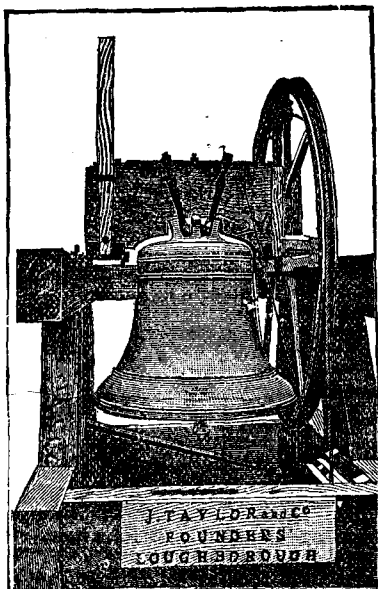
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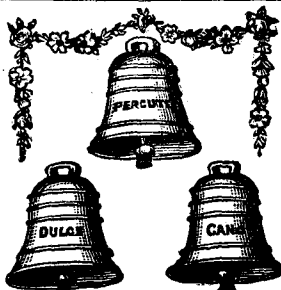
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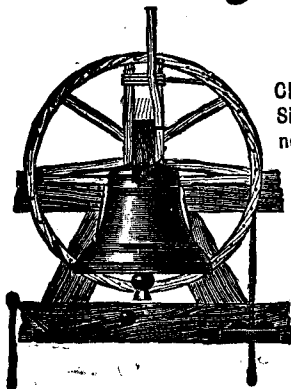
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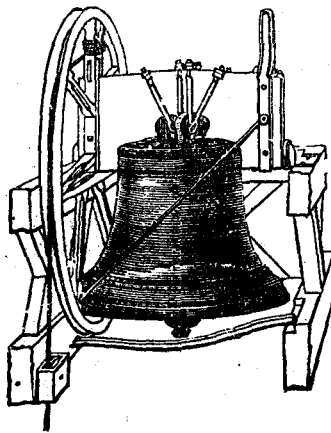
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The annual meeting of the above Association was held at Norwich, on Monday, October 17th, when ringers from the following places were present: Norwich (St. Peter Mancroft), Ipswich, Aylsham, Hingham, Diss, Halesworth, Oakley, Haske-ton, Leiston, Tunstead, Somerleyton, Kenninghall, Wenhaston, Pulham St. Mary, North Elmham, Great Bentley, Kelsale, Dickleburgh, Aldeburgh, Fundenhall, Banham, Redenhall, Star-ston, etc. In accordance with the arrangements made by the energetic secretary (the Rev. N. Bolingbroke), the members of the various companies assembled in Blackfriars hall shortly after their arrival in the city, and the programme for the day was announced. Visits were subsequently paid to the following churches, where several excellent touches were rung: St. Peter Mancroft, St. Andrew, St. Giles, St. John Maddermarket, St. Gregory, St. Lawrence, and St. Peter-per-Mountergate. It is worthy of note that general complaints were made of the unsatis-factory state of the bells, and there was a consensus of opinion that the only tower in Norwich where ringing could be done with any degree of comfort and pleasure was that of St. Peter Mancroft. Ringing ceased at 12.30, and at a quarter to one the company assembled in the church of St. Peter Mancroft to take part in Divine Service. This consisted of a shortened form of prayer, which was read by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Baggallay. The hymns were "O God, our help in ages past," and "We love the place, O God." The lesson, the second chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Thessalonians, was read by the Rev. N. Bolingbroke.

The Rev. Dr. RAVEN, Vicar of Fressingfield, Suffolk, preached the sermon, which was deeply interesting and admirably suited to the occasion. His text was taken from the 14th chapter of St. Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians, seventh verse, "And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?" He said:—

At this, our annual gathering as a Diocesan Society of change-ringers, it is not easy to find a passage of Scripture bearing at all directly on the object which calls us together, for in the apostle's days such large bells as we use were unknown, save perhaps in the far east, and the art which we practise is only emerging out of its second century. Yet it is no straining of words to add to the "things without life giving sound," such as pipe or harp, the tuneful inhabitants of our church towers. Certainly through human skill they give a distinction in their sounds or notes, so that to the trained ear the method used is as clear as a common tune to the common hearer, or the composition of a chord to the educated musician. The inspired apostle, in the words of the text, is using the significance of instrumental music to re-buke the Corinthians for the scandal which they brought on the Church by their abuse of the gift of tongues which God had granted to them. The unseemly and irregular noise caused by several of them rising at once and speaking in different languages, was bringing the message of salvation through Jesus Christ into contempt. St. Paul shows them "a more excellent way," enjoins them to speak one by one, and to bring into action the gift of interpretation. Otherwise, as he points out, the great and glorious gift of language actually falls below the rational manner of handling lifeless instruments. For it is known by them, when they are rightly handled, what is intended to be conveyed to the mind. Let us see whether to-day these words of St. Paul to the Corinthians can be applied to the object for which we are assembled. The early Church, of course, knew nothing of the use of bells. Their assemblies, generally held in the first hours of the morning, were no matters for public proclamation, but rather the contrary. And when first the times of worship came to be announced, the *Theodromoi*, or runners, carried notice, which was afterwards conveyed by wooden clappers, called *Semantra*, or by the sacred bars, or plates, called *Hagiosidera*. Nor is it possible now to assign to any man, or to any date, the introduction of the bell rung from God's House to summon worshippers to prayer and praise, and more especially to the great distinctive act of Christian worship, the Eucharist. The oft-repeated reference to Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, as the first to inaugurate the use of Church bells, has no foundation in fact, and has been refuted time after time by learned writers on bells. But error is persistent, and truth, though a vigorous plant, is apt to be overgrown by weeds. This, however, is not the occasion to enlarge on the subject. A more probable theory is that bells came into partial use for Christian purposes when under the rule of Constantine the Great many basilicas, or court-houses, and other public buildings, were handed over to Christians to be used as churches. We find at Treves, in Germany, one of these basilicas, with a turret which looks as though adapted for a bell. It is certain that the Romans announced by a bell the hour for the opening of the public bath, and at this day

the great chamber of the Baths of Diocletian at Rome is a church. But whatever conjectures we may adopt, and however they may be supported, there is no doubt that in England during the Saxon period there were bells, often several in number, in the church towers. And as time advanced, the art of casting bells in sequence of musical sounds became more and more developed, till rings of three sounded in almost all the villages of Norfolk, and in larger places we find many instances of four or five bells of majestic size and deep sonorous tone. It naturally followed that the order in which they sounded should have some variety. Then by degrees sundry methods for regulating this variety arose, till Fabian Stedman employed his scanty leisure in recording the peals in use before his time, and setting out others of improved character. From his days to our own there has been constant progress. The towers have received increased numbers of bells. The methods have multiplied, and have undergone more scientific arrange-ment. And in many a city and town in our beloved country the hearts of men are gladdened, as on this occasion, by that majestic group of musical intervals which results from the changes on the full number of twelve tuneful and full-voiced bells. But, after all, what is it that the bells proclaim? Surely their most important use is the original summoning to Divine Service, and especially on the Lord's Day. And as no use can possibly compare with this in antiquity and in dignity it does not seem unreasonable to ask why those who are skillful in ringing do not more often delight their fellows by the practice of their melodious art before service on a Sunday. Often in places where there are six or eight good bells, a feeble and irregular jangling of three or four is all that greets the ear. But I suspect that in many cases it comes to this—that ringers would ring except for staying to service afterwards, and that they very rightly judge that it is a mockery for a man to summon others to those acts of worship in which person-ally he is not disposed to participate. And this there is no gainsaying. But I would ask, earnestly, is this a right position for a man to place himself in? Nothing, all will admit, is more graceless than to see a man who has been ringing or chiming, swing carelessly out of church so as to meet those who are entering the porch. But, after all, is it not unseemly that a man to whom God has given the clear under-standing and the bodily vigour, without which no one can be a ringer, should withhold on the Lord's Day, through sloth or indifference, that tribute to his Maker which he could so easily render? Ringers are often in natural gifts something more than ringers. Besides mind and muscle, they are generally lovers of music, and would be able to assist in rendering the voice of praise in Divine Service more heartily by their presence in the congregation, if not in the choir. And this, brethren of the Guild, is a matter which I venture to recommend to the atten-tion of all, whether clergy or laity; as I would fain impress it on my-self. The voice of the bells on the Lord's day reaches farther than we are apt to think. Many a sufferer on the bed of sickness when the chimes go out for church bethinks him of the assembling of the congre-gation in the old church, where perchance prayers may specially be put up for his recovery. These dear patient brethren of ours, some languishing in weakness of body for months, or even years, though the desire and longing which they have of worshipping in the Courts of the Lord may linger in the letter unfulfilled, yet is a God of mercy to them (in the words of the prophet Ezekiel), "a little Sanctuary," and Sunday still seems Sunday, and the word of comfort read in the inval-id's chamber sounds the sweeter when with it come the remem-brances of bygone days, when they went with their fellows in joy and thanksgiving to keep holy day. Hope, too, will lend its light to features worn with pain, as the veil lifts, and the towers of "Jerusalem which is above" are descried through this world's mist, as the broken uncer-tain voice of worship here below swells into the song of triumph sung before the Throne of God by the spirits of just men made perfect, by an innumerable company of angels and archangels, through Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant. In a very different way, also, the voice of bells may go forth for warning. Let me give you an instance from the experience of my venerable friend, the Rev. Henry Thomas Ellacombe, equally noted as a skilful ringer and a learned historian of bells, not long since called to his rest, after a life prolonged far beyond the usual days of man on earth. "When I was a young man," so said to him an old collier, an original member of Mr. John Wesley's con-gregation at Kingswood, "I paid no respect to the Lord's Day, nor to public worship; and one Sunday morning as I was wandering through some fields, lo! on a gate, I heard the bell ring out for morning ser-vice, and I thought within myself, 'How many will listen to that call and go to church, and pray and hear God's Word, while I am doing worse than nothing?' And so from that day ever after I never forgot the bell, which was the blessed instrument, I always consider, which God in His mercy made use of, to recall me from the error of my ways, and to incline my will to seek the salvation of my soul." Thus also in old days the passing bell, while it called on neighbours to pray for the departing soul, also reminded them of their own speedy departure from this life, and the necessity of preparation for the great change which must pass on all at death. The function of the change-ringer is often exercised on the joyful occasion of a wedding, or the solemn pub-

lie thanksgiving for some great national mercy. May the marriage tie ever be honoured amongst us in thought, and word, and deed, for in the domestic virtues lies a mighty element of a nation's strength. So long as we, Englishmen, live in the remembrance of the God of our fathers, so long shall we abide under His Almighty protection, and then never shall there be wanting days when our grand bells peal forth to the praise of Him by whom alone the battlements of our land stand unshaken. Known of all men then shall be the utterances of our bells, without life in themselves, but caused to give a distinction in their sounds—known for joy, for sorrow, for national thanksgiving, it may be for national humiliation. And ourselves, may all our words and works be guided by those few words of an old inscription on a bell—*Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei*; "Let all things be done to the glory of God."

The annual dinner of the members of the Association took place in Blackfriars Hall, at two p.m., when the Mayor, Sir Harry Bullard, presided. He was supported by the Revs. Dr. Raven, F. Baggallay, N. Bolingbroke, T. H. Marsh, H. J. Coleman, A. G. Blyth, R. H. Gwyn, W. Barlee, H. Earle Bulwer, Captain Moore, Mr. J. W. Spratt, Mr. C. H. Scriven, etc. Mr. L. A. Browne, of the Shirehall Tavern, catered in excellent style. After dinner,

The MAYOR said that during his term of office he had attended many entertainments, but he had never before been at a gathering of this kind. It gave him much pleasure to meet those who were well versed in the art of bell-ringing. The great majority of people knew nothing of the mysteries of the science of campanology, or of the vast amount of time, practice, and care that were needed to send forth from the church steeples the melodious sounds they so frequently heard. The history of bells was very interesting, and equally interesting was it to think of the various occasions on which they were rung. The joyous and festive peals, and the solemn notes of the funeral bell alike awakened a responsive echo in their hearts. This Society, which had accomplished so much on behalf of those who rung the bells, deserved support from the general public, and especially from persons occupying official positions. Having referred to the prominent part played by the ringers throughout the land on the Jubilee day, his Worship concluded by cordially proposing "The Queen, and the rest of the Royal Family." This toast was drunk upstanding, and the National Anthem was played on the handbells by Mr. Knights' company of Norwich ringers.

The Rev. H. EARLE BULWER gave the "Preacher of the day," and expressed regret that Dr. Raven, who had delivered so excellent and interesting a discourse, had been compelled to leave the gathering before his health was proposed. The toast having been heartily honoured,

The MAYOR proposed "Success to the Association, and the Health of its Secretary, the Rev. N. Bolingbroke." He congratulated the members of the Society on the fact that so many had banded themselves together to cultivate an art which, a short time ago, was in danger of almost dropping out of existence. In the church steeples of Norwich and Norfolk there were tablets on the walls recorded that many great feats of bell-ringing performed by various companies, and he hoped that the art which was so ably fostered by this society might go on and flourish in the future as heretofore. The success of the Association was in no small degree owing to the valuable services rendered by their excellent secretary. Mr. Bolingbroke was an old schoolfellow of his, and he knew from the energy he had always thrown into whatever work he undertook that the members had adequate reason for being satisfied with his labours.

The Rev. N. BOLINGBROKE having acknowledged the personal compliment which had been paid to him, proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and said that not only the people of Norwich and Norfolk, but those who lived at the extremity of the diocese were proud of the dignity which had been conferred upon the Mayor. It was therefore with exceeding pleasure that he asked them to drink the health of Sir Harry Bullard. The toast was drunk amid much cheering, and "He's a jolly good fellow" was rung upon the handbells.

The MAYOR then replied, and said that Mr. Bolingbroke had very kindly accepted him as a life member of the Society. He expressed a hope that after the necessary improvements had been done to the bells in the church of St. Michael-at-Coslany—the parish of his birth—that the members of the Association would accept an invitation to ring upon the peal. His Worship

at this part of the proceedings left the meeting in order to attend to his official duties, and for the remainder of the time the chair was occupied by the Rev. F. Baggallay.

The Rev. N. BOLINGBROKE, in presenting the annual report of the Society, expressed regret that the state of the peals in several of the city churches were in anything but a satisfactory condition, and hoped that the publicity given to the fact would lead to an improvement in the bells. The report was as follows:—

Our association has lived to see the completion of the first decade of its existence. At this general gathering of our members and friends we beg to submit our tenth annual report. Our objects, as stated in our rules, are the "Promotion of Change-ringing and Belfry Reform." We trust that during the past twelve months we may note that both these objects have been forwarded and encouraged in the diocese of Norwich.

There has been no falling-off in the number of peals rung, nor in the excellency of the performances, but we must again express our great regret that so few of these peals were accomplished in the county of Norfolk.

The total number of peals rung since our last annual meeting is 29; of these six were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, three at Coddensham and Debenham, two each at Cretingham and Helmingham, one each at Alburgh, Kenninghall, Redenhall, Stowmarket and Woodbridge, one peal out of the diocese at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, and two peals on the hand-bells by the Ipswich members.

Perhaps the most noteworthy of these peals are the two of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, at Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. We believe that there has not been a peal in this method rung since 1801, nor at any time of the same number of changes. In addition to these are one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, one of Stedman Caters, and two of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Although we single these out for especial mention, we must always bear in mind that many of the performances which seem more humble are really equally creditable to the performers. A 5000 in different methods, on five or six bells, one of Bob Triples or of Bob Major, very often indicate the greatest perseverance and industry in our younger members. We, therefore, desire to congratulate and encourage one and all, our younger members as well as our older ones, on what they have accomplished.

We held our last annual meeting at Ipswich, on October 4th, 1886. Certainly we were favoured with fine weather, and we hope those who attended were pleased with the arrangements made. The annual service was held at Mary-le-Tower Church, and an excellent address, full of practical advice to ringers, was given by the Rev. B. W. Raven, vicar of Leiston.

We tender him our hearty thanks, as also for his kindness in presiding (in the absence of the Rev. Canon Turnock) over the dinner and business meeting. At the close of the meeting a collection was made in aid of the Snowdon Memorial Fund. The amount was not great, but we have the satisfaction of feeling that such a worthy object was recognised by the association. We think our choice of a public building, the old Museum, for our meeting was again justified, though, perhaps, at a slightly increased cost.

During the past year two district meetings have been held, at Halesworth and Woodbridge. A meeting at Halesworth is always satisfactory, as the ringers are so well supported by the churchwardens and other residents in the town. One of the objects of our association is to foster this good feeling, and we should be wrong in not placing on record our obligation to Mr. J. Parry, senior churchwarden, for the part he took at the meeting.

The meeting at Woodbridge, on May 2nd, was of a different nature. It was essentially a parochial festival on the occasion of re-opening the grand ring of eight bells. It was considered a very suitable occasion for a gathering of the members of the association to express their appreciation of the good work carried out by the Vicar and churchwardens. We heartily congratulate them, and also our Woodbridge honorary performing members.

The hearty services in the church, and the excellent sermon by Archdeacon Perowne, will be long remembered by those members who had the privilege of being present. (We may here mention that the work was carried out by Messrs. G. and F. Day, of Eye.)

It was hoped that many parishes in the diocese would have considered an addition to, or restoration of, their church bells a suitable memorial of our honoured and respected Queen Victoria's Jubilee. In this we have been disappointed. We only know of two instances in which this form of memorial was adopted. At Lynn, where two trebles were added to the bells at St. Margaret's, making them a very fine ring of ten, and at Cawston, where a new third has replaced the former cracked one, thus enabling this ring of six to be heard once more after their long silence.

But there are other improvements we gladly record. Woodbridge we have already mentioned.

The five bells at Broome have been rehung. The rings of eight at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, and at Kelsale are at the present time in course of restoration, and we hear orders have been given for good work at Monk Soham, Stratton Strawless, and East Bergholt, and one of our own members, the Rev. C. H. Iacon, vicar of Wangford, has started a fund for restoring the bells of that parish. We may here mention that the bells of Thorpe St. Andrew, near Norwich, were rung on December 21st, 1886, on the occasion of Mr. Hansell's marriage. We do not think that even yet ringing will be carried on there to any great extent.

We greatly regret having to record the death of the Rev. Maynard W. Currie, rector of Hingham. He was not one of our performing members, but as an honorary member he most thoroughly upheld the objects of the association. His zeal in encouraging the ringers of his parish, and his recognition of them as Church-workers, requires this simple acknowledgement. We hope our members will not grudge the space given in our report to the record of departed ringers. We think it important that from time to time records should be given of some of the old ringers of the diocese who lived and died long before the existence of our association. If this matter is not taken in hand at once we shall be unable to acquire the accurate information we desire to give.

Our secretary desires to retire from his office, as for a long time he has felt unable to do justice to such a responsible position. He has continued his duties because no one could be found who would take his place.

There can be no doubt that our association must be somewhat re-arranged, and the resignation of the secretary at the end of the financial year will be the most suitable time to hold a committee meeting and thoroughly discuss this important matter, and then submit their recommendations to a general meeting.

We cannot complain on the whole of the way in which our members have responded to the calls made upon them for subscriptions. But it would be much more advantageous to the association if all, whether hon or performing members, would try to send their subscriptions at the commencement of the year, or inform the secretary that they desire to withdraw their names. We greatly regret that some valuable members have resigned, and that probably others will do the same. Still we must not despair; we must exercise yet more patience, and hope that before long the cloud of depression will be dissolved by the mighty power of God's good providence. We hope that a newly-arranged committee and a system of local secretaries

may strengthen our association; and that it may be found in years to come a powerful agent in promoting every kind of belfry reform and in encouraging the grand art of change-ringing.

On the motion of Captain MOORE, seconded by Mr. J. FOSDIKE, the report was adopted.

The Rev. T. H. MARSH said he hoped the secretary would reconsider his decision to retire from office, and continue in the post he had so ably filled.

The Rev. N. BOLINGBROKE said that his duties as a city clergyman were so pressing that he felt unable to undertake the business of the Society to his satisfaction, and he must therefore retire at the end of the financial year.

The meeting having appointed Mr. I. S. Alexander, of Ipswich, as auditor, and elected Sir Harry Bullard and the Rev. W. H. Cleaver, rector of Pulham St. Mary, as honorary members of the Association, the proceedings terminated.

The company then adjourned to the towers, and ringing was indulged in for the rest of the afternoon.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a District Meeting of this Association will be held at Warnham, on Saturday, October 29th, when it is particularly hoped that all Members will endeavour to attend. The arrangements will be as follows:—10 a.m.: Warnham parish church tower (eight bells, in good order) opened for ringing, and remaining open throughout the day, except during the times of Luncheon, Business Meeting, and Tea. 1 p.m.—Luncheon at the Schoolroom. Tickets to members half-price; viz. one shilling (to be ordered through Local Secretary prior to Thursday, the 27th inst.) 2.15 p.m.: Meeting for the election of members and general business. 6 p.m.: Tea at the School room. Tickets sixpence each. All notices of motion to be sent to the undersigned by Thursday, October 27th. Several towers of churches in the neighbourhood will be opened during the afternoon and evening, and bands will be formed during luncheon-time to visit them.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon Sec.*

N.B.—As it is absolutely necessary that the caterer should know the exact number of members intending to be present at the luncheon, it is particularly requested that all will comply with request contained in the foregoing notice, and inform their local Secretary of their intentions without delay.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The District Meeting was held at Dorking on Monday, October 17th, where there is a grand ring of 8, tenor 25 cwt. Ringers began to arrive soon after 3 p.m., when they found every thing in readiness for them, owing to the kindness of Mr. C. Boxall (the leader of the local band), and Mr. Dodd the steeple-keeper. Six-bell ringing was indulged in till 5 o'clock, when an excellent tea was served in the Parish Room adjoining the church. Some important business was got through at the Committee Meeting, including the election of new members. Soon after 6 o'clock the bells were again set going, and some well struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round, including a 307 of Grandsire Triples. A. Mills, 1; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 2; H. Wood, 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Marks, 5; D. Jordan, 6; S. Brooker, (conductor), 7; J. Lisney, 8. And a 447 in the same method. C. Boxall, 1; H. Woolger, 2; H. Wood, 3; W. Fright, 4; S. Williams, 5; D. Jordan, 6; H. Boxall, 7; J. Lisney, 8. Ringers were present from Leatherhead, Fareham, Midhurst, Capel, Aldershot, Guildford, Weybridge, and Dorking. Among the Hon. members elected was the Rev. J. Waller, Curate of Dorking, who has lately learnt to handle his rope. The next District Meeting will be held in Hampshire about the second week in December.

THE HERTS. COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Members are requested to take notice that the annual general meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Monday, November the 7th. Motions will be submitted for the organisation of the Association. The general Secretary will tender his resignation.

W. WIGRAM, *General Secretary.*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, October 15th. Divine Service was held in St. Peter's church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. R. W. P. Circuit, M.A., Vicar of St. Luke's, Heywood. Tea was afterwards served in the schools, when a goodly number sat down to an excellent repast. The meeting was commenced shortly after tea, and was presided over by the Rev. Dr. Kirk, vicar of the parish, who gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Association. Mr. Circuit also addressed the meeting, then followed the election of officers. Mr. Holme being desirous of retiring from the secretaryship, Mr. Redford was appointed corresponding secretary, and Mr. A. E. Wrecks was elected to the office of ringing secretary. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Holme for his past services. The retiring Committee men were re-elected, viz., Mr. Barratt (Eccles), Mr. Hill (Southport), Mr. Harrison (Heywood). Mr. W. Wilde (Haughton), was elected on the committee for the next twelve months. Mr. A. E. Holme, M.A. (Manchester), was unanimously elected to the office of vice-president of the Association.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Durham on Monday, October 31st. The Cathedral and St. Oswald's bells will be at the disposal of the ringers during the day. Divine Service will be held in St. Oswald's Church at 2 o'clock, which all members present at the meeting are respectfully requested to attend; preacher, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Durham. At 3 o'clock dinner will be provided at the "Three Tuns." After dinner the Annual Meeting will be held for the election of officers and other business. Mr. W. Story has given notice that he will move that the day for holding the Annual Meeting be changed to a Saturday, and that Rule VI. be expunged. Mr. E. W. Pyle has given notice that he will move that none of the rules shall be altered except at the Annual Meeting, when they may be altered without notice. Dinner tickets should be applied for to the Secretary not later than Monday, October 24th.

G. J. CLARKSON, *Hon. Sec.*

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, November 5th, and the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m.:—St. Paul's, eight bells; parish church, eight bells. Visitors on arrival are requested to proceed to the parish room, St. Paul's Institute, where the local committee will be in attendance to assist in forming bands. Committee Meeting in the parish room at 5 p.m. Tea in the St. Paul's Institute at 5.30 p.m.; tickets one shilling each. General Meeting immediately after tea. It is earnestly requested that members who intend being present at tea, should forward their names to the local Hon. Secretary, Mr. John Jaggard, 145, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, on or before Friday, November 4th.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

5, St. Paul's Street, E., Burton-on-Trent.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE NEXT GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETING of the members of the above Association will be held at Market Rasen and Claxby to-day (Saturday), October 29th. The bells at Market Rasen (8), and Claxby (5), will be at the disposal of members for that day. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen. All members are invited. Those intending to visit Claxby will please arrange to arrive early in the day. Societies or members intending to be present, will please communicate not later than Wednesday next, October 26th, with the Hon. Secretary,

Market Rasen.

W. LUNN.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

Members are requested to attend the meeting on Monday next. Practice at St. Clement's, 8.15 p.m., meeting at Shakspeare Head, 10.0 p.m.

J. BARRY, *Hon. Sec.*

27, Arlington Street, N.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—DEDICATION OF THE BELLS BY THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

[BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.]

It is a common custom among many of the uninitiated to describe Essex as a very flat surface; this is an error, for though the county forms part of that tract of country on the eastern side of England which comprises the largest connected space of level ground in the whole island, it has many gentle hills and dales, and in some places rises to a considerable height above the level of the sea. A tourist from London proceeding by Chigwell Row, Hainault Forest, Havering, South Weald, Brentwood, and Laindon Hills, would traverse some of the finest country in the kingdom. The village of Havering presents great variety of scenery, commanding in some places extensive prospects over great part of Essex, Herts, Kent, Middlesex, and Surrey. Among other positions may be mentioned Hainault, where can be seen the Metropolis with its numerous spires, the towers of the Crystal Palace, with its central arch flashing back a flood of light, from where also the eye embraces a vast and distant range. A long line of Kentish hills like a chain of clouds in the distance—many miles of the Thames with its masts of vessels in the pool, while nearer are its numerous park lands and rich woody scenes. To the antiquarian the hamlet of Hainault is of great interest. It was a favourite retreat of Edward the Confessor, who spent a great part of his time here, where it is said that he either built a new palace or renovated the old one of his predecessors. At the present time there is a small village green, which in the days of yore formed part of the royal palace gardens. Other occupants of the throne have also resided in the village. Passing on through magnificent scenery at South Weald, the traveller arrives at Brentwood, and still further he reaches Laindon Hills. A local historian says, that "perhaps the finest view in England is that beheld from the brow of Laindon Hills. As you emerge from a deeply shadowed lane, a magnificent prospect bursts upon the eye, extending in some directions nearly forty miles: an almost boundless valley beneath, painted with the finest verdure, enriched with farms, and studded with mansions, hamlets, villages, and woods; the Thames winding through it, full of ships, and bounded by the hills of Kent. I never," says Arthur Young, "beheld anything equal to it in the west of England, that region of landscape. Nothing can exceed it, unless that which Hannibal exhibited to his disconsolate troops when he bade them behold the glories of the Italian plains."

Brentwood stands nearly 500 feet above the level of the Thames, and was considered by Dr. Mead, a physician, the Montpellier of Essex. There is a tradition that the doorstep at the White Hart Hotel in the High Street, is level with the cross upon the top of St. Paul's Cathedral. It is a picturesque and unpretentious little town, situated in one of the most healthy rustic districts of the county, and has of late years made rapid and extensive improvements. Being within a reasonable (eighteen miles) distance of London, surrounded by sylvan scenery of almost unsurpassed loveliness, and having an excellent train service, it has become the residence of a large number of city gentlemen. The town abounds with useful institutions, some bearing the stamp of antiquity, others of more modern architectural design. Sir Anthony Browne's Grammar School was built and endowed here in 1557. Till a few years ago, Brentwood was a hamlet of South Weald, and was formerly a market town, such having been granted in the time of Stephen. It was once the Assize town for the county, and until recently, the old assize house built in the time of Philip and Mary stood in the High Street. Standing upon the old Roman road from London to Colchester, there is a halo of romance that lingers around some of the old noted houses. Notwithstanding the rapid improvements in the town, nothing has exceeded the progress made by the Church, which has kept pace with the times. There has during the last few years been an entire transformation of the church, and a grand revival of its services. In 1221 a chapel was built at the request of David, Abbot of S. Osyth, and dedicated to St. Thomas the Martyr, in honour of Thomas a Becket. The living was a curacy in the Archdeaconry of Essex and diocese of London, of the certified value of £2 10s., annual value P.R., £125. At the present time the living is of the estimated value of £280, and is held by the Rev. C. Grinstead, M.A., of St.

Catherine's College, Cambridge, who was appointed in 1876. The rev. gentleman soon found that the church erected in 1835, which was a plain brick building in the Early English style, with a square tower, was inadequate for the Church accommodation of the neighbourhood, and so in February, 1877, steps were taken in the matter. After a failure to obtain a fresh site, Mr. F. C. Lee was instructed to prepare plans for a new church, in which was to be incorporated the chancel of the old church, at an estimated cost of £8000. Having secured the promise of £4000, a contract was signed in 1880. By March, 1882, upwards of £5400 had been subscribed to the fund, but as the Committee had expended beyond this sum owing to it having been found impossible to work in the old chancel of the old church, the works were stopped for the want of funds. In the following May however, the Vicar was in a position to announce the receipt of an anonymous gift of £6000, and so with the exception of seating the church with oak benches and erecting a tower, which had already been carried up about twenty feet, the church was completed, the consecration taking place on April 26th, 1883. The general plan of the church consists of a long nave and wide and lofty side aisles, and separated from nave by an arcading of seven arches. The chancel carries through the nave lines, and is flanked on the north side by the morning chapel, with the organ chamber and vestries on the south. The total accommodation is for 1,050, chairs being used instead of pews throughout. On entering the church one is struck by the apparent lightness of the nave. The actual dimensions are—Total length internally, 138 feet; total width, 60 feet; width of nave, 19 feet; height to plate of nave roof, 33 feet; height to boarding, 45 feet. The choir and clergy stalls are in oak, of careful design, and with some delicate carving, that on the front of the clergy stalls embodying the symbols of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Thomas the Martyr. The morning chapel is well shut off from the chancel by high oak panneling at back of stalls, and a wrought iron grille similar in character to that between chancel and nave. The whole is in the Early English style, and there are several beautiful stained glass windows. Upon the death of the Rev. C. A. Belli, formerly vicar of South Weald, it was found that he had made a bequest for the construction of the tower and spire. At the same time it was further announced that the rev. gentleman was the anonymous donor of the £6000. As the tower and spire had now been erected at a cost of about £4000, the rev. gentleman thus contributed £10,000, one half of the total expenditure. It may be mentioned that the services at Brentwood church have for some years been recognised as those advocated by the High Church party, while the views of the late Mr. Belli are understood to have been in the opposite direction. A magnificent ring of eight has been placed in the tower, and the result is that Brentwood possesses one of the finest churches in the county, and one of which the townspeople may be justly proud.

The tower is a fine piece of masonry. Over the groined porch is a store-room; the ringing-chamber comprises the next storey, the west window bearing a shield with the arms of Mr. Belli carved upon it. Above the ringing-chamber is the clock-chamber, the clock faces being on the north and west fronts. Access to the floors is given by a turret staircase carried up to the cornice of the tower, and a wooden staircase leads from the top of the turret to a platform over the bells. From this platform is a staircase leading to a gallery running round the outside of the tower at a height of seventy-two feet. Up to the level of the belfry the tower is square in form, but above this the angles are splayed off, and at the gallery level form octagonal turrets, attached to the base of the spire by stone archways, and connected along the front by an embattled parapet. The octagonal base of the spire is carried up nine feet above the level of the gallery, making the height to the top of the stonework eighty-one. The spire is of wood throughout, and is covered with oak shingles, the dormers on four sides being covered with lead. This material is also used for the apices of the spire, and the four small spirelets at its base. The spire is surmounted by a copper weathercock about four feet in height. The total height to the point above the weathercock is 170 feet. The work has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Brown, Son, and Blomfield, of Mautree. The tower entrance has been finished by the addition of a pair of wrought iron gates, with a grille above containing the monogram of Mr. Belli and the date.

The carving in the arch and the panel above has been completed, the "Good Shepherd" having been sculptured in the panel. The west doorway has been enriched by sculpture and carving. On either side of the door are sculptured figures of the four Evangelists, standing on corbels representing their respective symbols. Below these figures are carved panels, that on the left representing the martyrdom of St. Thomas-a-Becket, and that on the right the penance of Henry II. at Canterbury Cathedral. Upon the panel over the door is represented the parable of the ten virgins, and above this in the tympanum of the arch is our Lord in majesty. The carvings and sculpture were executed by Messrs. Earp, Son, and Hobbs, of Lambeth, and the entire works were carried out from the designs, and under the superintendence of Mr. Ernest C. Ayton-Lee, of London.

The dedication of the tower and spire took place on Wednesday, October 19th, and was performed by the Bishop of St. Albans. In addition to the dedication service, there was early celebration at 6 a.m., second celebration at 7 a.m., matins at 10.45, Holy Eucharist and Address, 11.30, Evensong and Sermon at 7 p.m. The latter was fully choral, and an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. L. Acland, Head Master of Colchester Grammar School. At the close of the service, the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung, the choir and clergy, headed by cross-bearer, marching in procession down the south aisle and up the central aisle. The dedication service took place at 3 p.m., a procession being formed from the chancel, headed by the cross-bearer, and followed by the choir and the following clergy: The Bishop of Colchester, Rev. C. Grinstead (vicar), Rev. F. Stewart (Doddington), Rev. C. R. N. Burrows (curate of St. Thomas', Brentwood), Rev. H. D. Heatley (Ingrave), Rev. R. T. Pollexfen (curate of South Weald), Rev. P. T. Claughton (Hutton), Rev. G. H. Raynor, Rev. M. R. Barnard (Margaretting), Rev. L. N. Prance (Stapleford Tawney), Rev. C. Earle (Ingatstone), Rev. Henry Elwell (Harlow), Rev. H. Patch (Coggeshall), Rev. H. J. Henry (Little Warley), Rev. R. T. Crawley (North Ockendon), Rev. E. S. Tiddeman (West Hanningfield), and Rev. R. W. Chilton (Mountnessing). The dedication form of service was the one commonly used for the purpose. At its conclusion, Mr. W. Oliver, from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, chimed a few rounds upon the bells, after which the hymn, "Lift them gently to the steeple," to a tune specially composed for the occasion by Mr. F. Austin, organist of the church, was sung, the procession returning to the chancel.

The BISHOP of ST. ALBANS preached, taking for his text, Numbers x, 10. The sermon, like all the Bishop's sermons, was marked throughout by intense earnestness. The preacher referred in kindly terms to the donors of the bells—Mr. E. Howell Palmer, a nephew of the late Mr. Belli, and Mrs. Boreham, and said he hoped the congregation felt moved in their hearts at the sound of the bells, to devote some portion of the substance God had given them unto His praise and glory. He could wish that the parish, for which so much had been done by others, and for which the Vicar had laboured so earnestly, would strive to complete the work which had made Brentwood church the church they had long wished to see it. The sound of the bells was the link between the world in which they lived, and that world invisible, in which they hoped to appear hereafter. He reminded them of the recollections the sound of the church bells brought to the colonists far away. More than once, to his knowledge, subscriptions had been raised to send out bells to them. He need scarcely remind those, he thought, who used their sturdy strength and skill to send the sounds of the bells forth, that theirs was an honourable office, and it behoved them to be circumspect in their walk before God and men. He would put a question to every person present. Was it not a shame to be seen on the Lord's Day, when the church bells sounded, going, as thousands did, away from the Lord's House, taking their pleasure on the holy day, teaching their children and those to come after them to do the like, when their neighbours were assembling for prayers?

The service concluded by the singing of hymn 303 A & M, and the Blessing. There was a large and fashionable congregation, the offertory amounting to £37.

The old established firm of Mears and Stainbank were entrusted with the order for the new ring of eight, which has

been hung in an iron frame. The bells, the gift of Mr. C. Howell Palmer and Mrs. Boreham, in memory of the Rev. C. Belli, are in the key of B flat, and are as follows:—

INSCRIPTIONS.

- Tenor*.—19 cwt. 3 qrs., in Bb.: "Ad majorem De Gloriam et in Memoriam Caroli Almeric Belli, nos octo dono dederunt Edwardus Howley Palmer et Ellen Louisa Boreham. A.D. 1887."
- 7th*.—13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs.: "Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus: laudate eum in firmamento virtutis ejus."
- 6th*.—10 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.: "Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus: laudate eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis ejus."
- 5th*.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.: "Laudate eum in sono tubae: laudate eum in psalterio et cithara."
- 4th*.—7 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.: "Laudate eum in tympano et choro: laudate eum in chordis et organo."
- 3rd*.—6 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.: "Laudate eum in cymbalis bene sonantibus: laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis."
- 2nd*.—5 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.: "Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum: Halleluia."
- Treble*.—5 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 cwt.: "J. C. Quennell, M.D., et C. J. Wallis, custodes sacrorum; Carolus Grinstead, Vicarius. A.D. 1887."

The bells are hung in two tiers, the fourth and fifth being above the others, and the whole is so arranged as not to have any bearing upon the outer walls. The whole ring is provided with the firm's improved chiming apparatus, which includes hammers connected with the keys of an oak table, by means of spindles, brackets, copper wire, &c. Previous to the dedication service the bells had not been struck round, but when such was done, not only was the ring in perfect tune, but the whole of the appliances were found in perfect order.

The ringing chamber is 12 ft. 8 in. square, and notwithstanding the difficulty in obtaining a good circle when it becomes necessary to mount any or ring above the others when the ropes are fixed, there cannot be any doubt but what a good circle will be the result. At a future date we understand it is intended to add a couple of trebles, for which space has been left. As previously stated in this journal the bells are not to be raised for two years by the express order of the architect; this is owing to the fact that the tower has only just been erected and it is considered desirable to let the masonry become well set before there is any vibration in order that no damage is done to the tower. With the exception of the ropes everything has been left ready for ringing. The ringing-chamber and the clock room are about 25 feet in height combined, and troughs run through the latter. As far as can be judged from an inspection, the whole has been carried out by the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, that there is not the slightest room left for criticism. Mr. Oliver made good use of the chiming apparatus on Wednesday evening, and the musical qualities of the whole ring leave nothing to be desired. The tenor has a rich mellow tone, and proves an excellent cover. Mr. Baker, who has charge of the tower, and Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, tested the apparatus, the latter striking off some Grandsire Doubles. On Sunday evening the tower was visited by Messrs. A. J. Perkins and B. Keeble, of Romford, the former striking a course of Grandsire Triples. Those who have had the pleasure of listening to the bells, or paying a visit to the belfry, have expressed entire satisfaction with the whole of the arrangements, and consider the tower and bells bid fair to stand at the top of the list of those in the county of Essex.

There remains but one point to allude to, for which we may be pardoned. A unanimous desire has, at a large meeting of the Essex Association, been already expressed that openings in the county should be left in the hands of *bona fide* members of the Association, and it is to be hoped that when the proper time arrives for raising the bells, care will be taken to comply with this fair and reasonable desire of the Association.

THE ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above Association will hold the Quarterly Meeting at Todmorden, Saturday, November 5th; the bells will be at the disposal of ringers from two till seven, when the meeting will be held in the Schoolroom. Teas and refreshments can be obtained at the Fielding Coffee House close by.

J. HOGGARD, Sec.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1887.

THE interesting papers now appearing in this journal, the compilation of our friend MR. JERRAM, will no doubt be read by many who will be amused at the somewhat quaint explanations given by an Oxford ringer of the last century—a MR. HEARNE. We can well picture the smile which will overspread the reader's features as he reads the accounts of the various attempts which were made by these Oxford worthies to secure a peal. We wonder when they were taxed with the apparent fruitlessness of several of their trials they consoled themselves with the modern joke that it was "all practice," and it would be interesting to learn whether the culprits who caused so many disasters received at the hands of their companions a sample of those merciless verbal castigations the like of which we sometimes hear in the present day, and which no doubt they fully merited. Little did the Taylor, and the Pot-ash Maker, and the Barber, and the Cook, and the rest of them imagine that their shortcomings would ever be brought to the ken of ringers a century after they had departed the way of all flesh, in a journal devoted to an art the practice of which they seemed at times to hold too cheap.

Yet it would be well when the account of these various unsuccessful attempts are read to pause and consider whether there are not plenty of ringers to be found at the present day whose gross carelessness is not often the cause of a breakdown in a peal. The allusion is too often deserved. Among bands attempting peals there are frequently to be found those whose want of care is proverbial; who have to be continually watched—a most unpleasant duty—and who give the retort un-courteous when their errors are made too plain for them. Others are to be found guilty of attempting to guide and direct when it is well-known that they require all their attention to themselves to keep straight. And there are others whose general want of care makes them the principal culprits when a change-course or other unfortunate event occurs.

If the publication of the shortcomings of latter-day ringers could be depended upon, these papers now appearing would certainly point a moral. The habitually careless ringer would certainly have the fear of exposure constantly before him, which would possibly teach him to take more pains when occupied in the belfry. Perhaps

however, the hints which our remarks convey to such people may lead them in the future to greater efforts towards something near perfection. We hope so.

We have received several communications approving of our comment last week upon the action taken by a few members of the St. James' Society in prohibiting the booking of a peal of Triples because seven bells only were rung. We are unable to find room for these letters, nor do we think it necessary to publish them. A special meeting of the society is announced for Monday next, when unless some other reason than the one alleged can be shown, it is hoped the previous decision may be reversed.

The Metropolis.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 22, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BONNEY Treble.	JAMES PETTIT 5.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF .. 2.	MATTHEW A. WOOD .. 6.
WILLIAM CECIL 3.	JOSEPH WEST 7.
CHARLES BEECH 4.	JAMES H. MONDAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by M. A. WOOD.

The above was rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs Cecil and Beech, and their brother ringers wish them many happy returns of the day.

The Provinces.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. FRUIN Treble.	T. SHORT 5.
A. KIMBREY 2.	J. VINER 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK .. 3.	J. BROWN 7.
H. HUMPREY 4.	A. BURGESS Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. HUMPREY* Treble.	T. SHORT 5.
A. KIMBREY 2.	J. W. WASHBROOK .. 6.
H. HUMPREY 3.	H. FRUIN 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 4.	*A. W. CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

*First peal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD YUNITT* Treble.	†JOHN GOUGH 5.
HENRY MALBORN 2.	JOSEPH FULLWOOD .. 6.
WILLIAM SMITH 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
GEORGE HUGHES 4.	THOMAS SMALL Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FULLWOOD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Yunnitt, Smith, Gough, and Small hail from Darlaston; Hughes from Tipton; Hall from West Bromwich; the rest belong to the local company.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(BRIGHTON BRANCH).

On Thursday, October 20, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER Treble.	*JOHN JAY 5.
JOHN REILLY 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
HARRY WESTON 3.	CHARLES TYLER 7.
GEORGE THWAITES* 4.	*GEORGE F. ATTREE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. F. ATTREE.

*First peal of Major, also first peal of Major on the bells.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

F. JELF* Treble.	H. WILKS 5.
W. JENKINS 2.	G. CLEAL 6.
S. COTTON* 3.	T. GWYNN 7.
W. BLANDFORD 4.	T. MALIN Tenor.

Conducted by G. CLEAL.

*First peal.

This is the first peal that has been rung upon the bells since their augmentation from six to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, to whom great credit is due, the harmony and tone being pronounced excellent.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

J. PALMER† Treble.	*H. CARTWRIGHT 5.
A. E. PARSONS 2.	*R. BIRD 6.
W. BIRD* 3.	A. H. BASSANO 7.
C. W. BASSANO 4.	W. GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. PARSONS.

†First 5040. *First 5040 of Grandsire. This is also the first 5040 on the bells. The band have started for this peal many times, and have rung over 4500 on several occasions, but always without success hitherto, owing in many cases to bad fortune.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR BARRETT Treble.	JOHN HARRISON 5.
JOHN HARDMAN 2.	JOHN HARDMAN 6.
FRANK EMERSON 3.	*ERNEST BISHOP 7.
JOHN MORRIS 4.	WILLIAM FIELDING Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

*First peal as conductor. J. Harrison hails from Heywood; E. Bishop from Bury the rest belong to Radcliffe.

DEWSBURY.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1887, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6816 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

G. TAYLOR Treble.	J. A. IDLE 5.
W. IDLE 2.	G. H. HARDY 6.
W. AINLEY 3.	W. BYRAM 7.
G. MARSDEN 4.	D. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. HARDY.

This is the longest peal ever rung in this tower, either on the old bells or the present peal.

NEWHEY, NEAR ROCHDALE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE HOYLE Treble.	WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE 5.
JOHN MILLETT 2.	ALFRED CLEGG 6.
FRANK BIRTWISTLE 3.	*JOHN JAMES BUCKLEY 7.
JOHN GREENWOOD 4.	SAMUEL HARTLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MILLETT.

Messrs. Hoyle and Birtwistle hail from Rochdale; Millett from Heywood; Greenwood from Glodwick; Sutcliffe from Moorside; the rest from Milnrow. *First peal

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Sunday, October 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

5040 CHANGES; IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS,
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Duke of York; Arnold's Victory; College Pleasure; New London Pleasure;
Kent Treble Bob; Violet; and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. Treble.	WALTER WORTHINGTON .. 4.
WILLIAM PRICE 2.	JOHN HARRIS 5.
EDWIN JAMES* 3.	HERBERT MADIN Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

*First peal. Messrs Price and James hail from Eckington.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Monday, October 24, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WAKLEY Treble.	THOMAS HOLMES 5.
THOMAS MEREDITH 2.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES MEE Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
FREDERICK MEE 2.	JAMES MOTTS 8.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 10.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 5.	FREDERICK TILLET 11.
THOMAS STEWART 6.	SAMUEL TILLET Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Date Touches.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday evening, October 24th, at St. John's, Deritend, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (containing 1887 changes),

in 1 hr. and 3 mins., with the Queens, Tittums, Whittington and the twenty-four 67's. R. C. Bowbrett, 1; C. Barnacle, 2; W. Brook, 3; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Carmell, 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. Hollier, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. This was rung to commemorate R. C. Bowbrett's outcome, and we all wish him many happy returns.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Friday evening, October 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples. W. T. Pates, 1; H. Karn, 2; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 3; T. Davis, 4; F. Musty, 5; Rev. C. F. Collom, 6; F. E. Ward, Esq., 7; T. Compton, 8. Tenor 13½ cwt. Composed and conducted by F. E. Ward, Esq.

Miscellaneous.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday evening October 22nd, eight members of the Stroud and Painswick societies rang at the Parish Church, the last half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, and two bob leads and the first Holt's single, comprising 2562 changes, in 1 hr. and 32 mins. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith, 8. First half-peal as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Sunday, October 23rd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for morning service, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Gregory, 1; O. Gregory, 2; F. May, 3; G. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; T. Gregory, 6. And for evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble-Bob. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; A. Bunce, 3; C. Page, 4; H. Smith, 5; F. May (conductor), 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (nr. Dudley).—On Saturday, October 22nd, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins., and 360 of Kent Treble Bob, in 12½ mins. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; S. Spittle, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. This is S. Spittle's first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25 mins. E. Hampton, 1; B. Townsend, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And for evening service 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. B. Townsend, 1; E. Hampton, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. This is E. Hampton's first 720 with a bob bell.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Peter's (parish church), 720 of Duffield Major. T. West, 1; H. Hubbard, 2; J. Hutchinson, 3; W. Pawson, 4; R. Binns, 5; T. Lockwood (conductor), 6; H. W. Needham, 7; G. Fothergill, 8. The above was rung on the front eight. Tenor about 12 cwt. The large bells of this peal are now unringable and awaiting repairs. The ringers take this opportunity of informing the Exercise that this fine peal of twelve bells are to be thoroughly repaired and rehung if required. The authorities are pushing the matter forward with all speed so that they may be opened again before the close of Her Majesty's Jubilee Year. The heavy expenses incidental to the above have been kindly promised by two gentlemen of the congregation (see future report).

ACTON (Middlesex).—On Thursday evening, October 20th, at St. Mary's church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. and 32 mins. W. Baron (conductor), 1; G. Ilsley, 2; A. Fenwick, 3; W. Fenwick, 4; G. Trinder, 5; J. Basden, 6; C. Porter, 7; J. Faithfull, 8.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday, October 20th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 50 mins. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; R. Jackson, 6; J. Hare (composer and conductor), 7; G. Gentle, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. Messrs. J. Hare and A. Squires hail from Hitchin.

BATLEY CARR (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for evening service, nine 240's in the following methods, in 1 hr. and 14 mins. Duke of York, College Pleasure, Darton New Pleasure, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Violet, Oxford, and New London Pleasure. Jno. Scott, 1; Jno. W. Simon, 2; Squire Mitchell, 3; Walter Idle, 4; John Blackburn, 5; Geo. H. Simon (conductor), 6.

BENGE (Herts).—Recently, at Holy Trinity Church, the local company attempted a peal of 5040 changes in seven different methods, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 3860 changes, through the fourth rope breaking. W. Childs, 1; W. Bennett, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; H. Phillips, 5; H. Baker (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 20th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. E. Cains, 1; W. Phillips, 2; J. Channer, 3; W. Bennett, 4; W. Odell, 5; J. Pomfret (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Oxford Bob Minor. T. Barker, 1; W. Childs, 2; J. Channer, 3; W. Odell, 4; H. Brown, 5; W. Bennett (conductor), 6. The latter was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. Smith, of the "Laurels" in this parish.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, October 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 546 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; F. Furr, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Hare, 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen (conductor), 7; A. Squires, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. Messrs. Webb, Spicer and Smith hail from Baldock.

LOWICK (Northants).—On Saturday, October 15th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 2520 changes it being of four different methods on five bells, in 1 hr. 40 mins. Four 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, four 6-scores of Canterbury Doubles; six 6-scores of Bob Doubles; seven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. March, 1; C. Swan (conductor), 2; W. Fox, 3; E. Curtis, 4; R. Dunkley, 5. This is the longest length by all except the 5th man. Also on Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, two 6-scores of St. Simon's Doubles. R. Dunkley, 1; J. Guess (conductor), 2; G. March, 3; E. Curtis, 4; W. Fox, 5. Tenor about 18 cwt.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins. J. Prescott, 1; W. B. Lloyd, 2; C. Sharples, 3; W. Ellis, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 6; J. Aspinwall, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8.

POSLENGFORD (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 10th, the local company rang for practice six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, in 30 mins. W. Atkinson, 1; G. Basham, 2; F. W. Hicks, 3; D. Gridley, 4; C. Howe (conductor), 5.

RHYL (North Wales).—On Tuesday evening, October 9th, at St. Thomas's church, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 28 mins., with the tenor covering. F. Holman, 1; J. Wallis, 2; F. Hordley, 3; J. Powell, 4; F. Wallis, 5; F. Gamlin (conductor), 6; P. Owen, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

SOUTHPORT (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, October 20th, at Christ Church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 18 mins. H. Baldwin, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; R. Hill, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; A. L. Porter, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; W. Baldwin, 8. Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lbs.

SEELY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 8th, five members of the Birmingham Amalgamated society, visited the above place and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," containing the twenty-four 6-7's, in 43 mins. Charles Sparks, 1; Edward Boilen, 2; Charles Barnacle, 3; Charles Carmell, 4; Richard Hackley, 5; John T. Perry (conductor), 6; Edward Bryant, 7; Thomas Lewis, 8. Messrs. Boilen, Bryant and Lewis are of the local company. And on Sunday, October 18th, after Divine Service in the afternoon at the parish church, 672 of Grandsire Triples in 23 mins. C. Sparks, 1; F. Boilen, 2; J. Nix, 3; J. T. Perry (conductor), 4; T. Lewes, 5; A. Hackley, 6; E. Bryant, 7; T. Chatton, 8. Composed by John Carter.

SHIPLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday last, an appointment was made to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Paul's church, but owing to the illness of one of the company, the arrangement fell through. Six of the members then rang on the back six a 360 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob. G. A. O. Nettleton, 1; S. H. London, 2; B. Emmott, 3; B. T. Copley (conductor), 4; A. Riley, 5; F. London, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, October 9th, at St. Helen's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. N. Wale, 1; H. Pheasant, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. Blandford, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; H. Wilkes (conductor), 6; G. Cleal, 7; T. Malim, 8. Composed by Mr. H. Reeves. On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice, at St. John's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. T. Penny, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; S. Cotton, 3; W. Page, 4; B. Hill, 5; G. Cleal (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, at St. Swithin's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. W. Pudge, 1; W. Powell, 2; W. Jenkins, 3; G. Cleal (conductor), 4; H. Wilkes, 5; T. Gwynn, 6.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, October 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Wood, 1; J. Priest, 2; J. Nunn, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; E. Barnett, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. W. Hawkes hails from Springfield, Essex.

Church News.

The Earl of Harewood has given the site, worth £1,500, for a new church, schools, and parsonage at South Stockton.

A window has been placed in the north-east transept of Canterbury Cathedral by Mr. Loftus Pemberton, as a memorial of his uncle, Lord Kingsdown.

The Torquay local board have decided upon inspecting every building, including churches and chapels, capable of accommodating 100 or more persons, in order to secure adequate means of exit in case of fire or panic.

On Sunday week, owing to some defect in the heating apparatus at Oldbury church, about twenty persons fainted, and many, both adults and children, had to be carried from the building. The service was abruptly closed.

As the income of the vicarage of Llanllugan amounts only to £87 the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty have offered £200 to improve this living, provided that an additional £200 be raised by next December. As the population are very poor the sympathy and support of the public are solicited.

The examination for the Bishop of Newcastle's Advent Ordination will begin at Benwell Tower on Wednesday, November 23rd. Candidates for deacon's orders to arrive at Benwell Tower on the previous evening and candidates for priest's orders not later than ten o'clock on the morning of the following Friday.

On Saturday the Mayor of Exeter presented to the vicar of Upton Pyne (the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote) a window which had been placed in the church by parishioners and by Exeter friends in memory of the late Earl of Iddesleigh. The Dowager Countess, the Earl and Countess of Iddesleigh, Mr. H. S. Northcote, M.P., and other members of the family of the late Earl were present.

On Tuesday week, the Bishop of Chester consecrated St. John's, Newton, Macclesfield. The building, which was designed by Messrs. Killmister and Briggs, is in the style of the thirteenth century. It furnishes accommodation for 600 worshippers, without reckoning the choir. The entire cost has been about £6000. The sermon was preached by the Bishop from Isaiah liv., 2.

On Wednesday week, the Bishop of Chester re-opened the chapel attached to Copethorne Hall, the seat of Mr. Bromley Davenport, M.P. for Macclesfield. The building has been thoroughly restored by Mr. Davenport's mother, as a memorial to her late husband, Mr. W. B. Davenport, M.P. About £5000 has been expended on the work, one of the features of the ornamentation being a representation in mosaic above the altar of the death-bed of the deceased gentleman.

On Wednesday, the Bishop of Bathurst attended a farewell service at York Minster, of which he was a Prebendary. The music was selected from the compositions of his family, and the sermon was preached by the Archbishop. At the conclusion of the service a meeting was held in the Zouch chapel. Archdeacon Yeoman presented Bishop Camidge with an address from the members of the Cleveland and South Durham Clerical Society.

On Thursday, Maids Moreton Church, Buckinghamshire, was re-opened by Archdeacon Randall. The whole of the church has now undergone complete restoration at a cost of about £1500, including £600 given by Miss Turnour Andrewes, the lady of the manor. The Architects have been Messrs. St. Aubyn and Wadling. A new pulpit has been presented by the Bishop of Winchester. It is of carved wainscot with open tracery panels.

The annual meeting of the Parochial Missions to the Jews' Fund was held on Friday at Sion College, the Bishop of Bedford in the chair. Bishop Blyth explained the nature of the work which the committee, at his desire, were about to undertake among the Jews in Alexandria, provided the special appeal which they were about to make should meet with a sufficiently favourable response. The Bishop of Bedford urged the claims of the fund to support from churchpeople, on the ground that its method was best suited to the difficult circumstances in which certain East-end parishes were placed by the great influx of Jews.

Mrs. Temple, wife of the Bishop of London, presided on Friday week at a drawing-room meeting of the London branch of the Ladies' Home Mission Association, of the Society for Employing Additional Curates held at Bridewell Hospital, New Bridge-street. Mrs. Temple referred with regret to the loss which the society had recently suffered by the death of Mrs. Walsham How (wife of the Bishop of Bedford), who was one of the vice-presidents of the society. The Rev. E. C. Brooke, of St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, referred to the great need of additional curates in many of our London parishes. The old volun-

tary church school system was one means of great good being done among the masses.

On Thursday week, the Lord-Lieutenant of the county (Lord Clinton) laid the corner-stone of a new cloister at south side of Exeter Cathedral. The scheme is to restore the old cloister with a library, and the former foundation has been traced and the building erected according to the original formed. The library will be over the cloister, extending from east to west. The total cost has not been estimated but that portion in hand will be £4000. The greater portion of this money is provided by bequests of the late Chancellor Harrington and the late Dean (Dr. Boyd), Canon Cook, and the other Canons of the Cathedral also contributing. The £4000 will provide five bays of cloister, with library, staircases, and lavatories. The architect is Mr. Pearson, A.R.B.

The re-opening of the church of St. Barnabas, Queen Camel, Somersetshire, took place on Thursday week. This place derives its name from Godwin, the Earl of the West Saxons, having given Camel to his wife Gytha, the mother of Eadgyth and of Harold, as a dowry, A.D., 1019. On the death of Harold, William the Conqueror claimed Camel as spoils of war, and granted it to his Queen, and for 500 years it belonged to the Queens of England; but in the year 1188, William de Romara, Lord of Cleve, held the manor of Queen Camel on certain conditions under the Queen. He founded an abbey for Cistercian monks, and on his dying without issue in 1202, his father-in-law, Hubert de Burgh, Earl of Kent, and Chancellor of England, by permission of the Crown, granted the church of Queen Camel to the abbey founded by De Romara. In the sixteenth century Queen Elizabeth exchanged the manor of Queen Camel for that of Great Weldon, in Essex, with Sir Walter Mildmay, founder of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and the ancestor of the present Lord of the Manor, and patron of the living, the Rev. Arundell St. John Mildmay, of Hazelgrove. The tower, with its six bells, was restored thirty years ago, and during the last twelve months an entire restoration of this noble church has been carried out under the direction of J. L. Pearson, R.A.

Speaking at a Church defence meeting at Birmingham Town Hall on Monday night, the Earl of Selborne said that the gross doctrine of materialism which was being taught sapped the very foundations upon which morals, society, and law ultimately rested. They were now in the middle of this great battle. There was a common enemy for all good Christians to resist, a common faith to defend, and he urged them to make most of the points on which they agreed, instead of, as sometimes happened, those on which they differed. The great unity of the Church of England had pervaded our history, moulded our institutions, and formed our morals. It had, in fact, done more good than all other religious bodies together to educate generations of Englishmen in the pure faith and sound morality of the true Gospel. To disturb the centre of gravity, as he might term it, of the Church, of the whole religious and moral system of the country, would unsettle to an incalculable extent everything that depended upon it. After referring to the tithe question, Lord Selborne said that if Churchmen would only hold together they would be a great power in the State. Let them be as liberal as possible in their views on public questions, but don't let them sell their Church for political objects of any kind.

DEATH OF MR. BERESFORD-HOPE.

A distinguished churchman, after a most eventful life, has been called to his rest. It is impossible in the space allowed us here to do very little more than announce that fact. The daily and weekly press dwell at some length upon the life and doings of the deceased, and his principles and speeches. We can best close this brief notice by quoting the words of Dr. Vaughan, in the course of his sermon before the University of Cambridge, on Sunday afternoon :—

"In this University church to-day I should feel that something was wanting if the preacher did not give one word of respectful sorrow to the memory of our chosen representative in the great council of the nation, the honoured and lamented Beresford-Hope. Politics must be silent, absent here; but they may be silent or absent and yet leave this man, leave all that was characteristic of him—for the characteristic of the man, all will agree, was his independence. It is a blameless, a beautiful life to look back upon it from undergraduate days, and remember nothing in it that would not bear the scrutiny of the sunbeam. The Church may well mourn him, for he was her devout and devoted son and munificent benefactor, her dauntless champion in good report and ill, most of all in the latter. But I think that England mourns him too, were it but that he suffered not himself to be tripped under foot and ground to powder by the juggernaut of party; willing to stand alone, if need be, in the maintenance of principle, and never suffering principle to be moulded or manipulated by considerations of that sort of convenience which men seek to dignify by the more respectable title of expediency or policy. We have other such men. These late days of trial have brought them out as gold from the furnace; but his was a religion not merely of political independence; he sought nothing and he gained nothing by it save the testimony of his conscience and the respect of good men. Peace be with him. May another like-minded with him in the sensitiveness of conduct, in the delicacy of honour, in tenacity of purpose, in fervour of faith, in munificence of piety, be found—if it be by long research—to replace him, and may his example provoke very many to go forth from this place to play the man in England!"

THE COLLEGE BELLS OF OXFORD.—NEW COLLEGE.

The tower of New College contains a peal of ten bells, tenor 20 cwt., 49 in. diameter, E flat. They are thus inscribed:—

- Treble*.—"Manners maketh man. A (a bell) R. 1712."
Second.—"Manners maketh man. W. W. 1712."
Third.—"Michael Darbie made me. W. W. 1655."
Fourth.—"Manners maketh man. A. R. 1703."
Fifth.—"Michael Darbie made me. W. W. 1655."
Sixth.—"Henry Knight of Reading made me. 1672."
Seventh.—"Prosperity to New College. A. R. 1712."
Eighth.—"Michael Darbie made me. W. W. 1655."
Ninth.—"Manners maketh man. A. R. 1723."
Tenor.—"Michael Darbie made me. W. W. 1655."

I must here observe that these bells were originally a peal of five; they were recast into eight by Michael Darbie, in 1655, when the surplus metal overpaid all expenses. The two trebles were added by Rudhall, in 1712.

In Mr. Hearne's diary for 1733 (referring to the visit of the London ringers, mentioned in my account of Christ Church bells) he says: "On Thursday, May 17th, they began to ring at New College, proposing to ring the said number of changes, viz., 5040 there. They began a little before twelve, and rang about three quarters of an hour, when one of the ropes broke, and so they were stopped. Afterwards they dined at the Weers beyond Friar Bacon's Study, and some (if not all) of them stepping over to Ifley, they rang the six bells there (viz., 700 changes upon them)."

"The next day being Friday, May 18th, they were resolved to ring the above mentioned number of 5040 changes upon New College ten bells, as they had begun to do before. Accordingly they began a little before twelve, and rang full two hours in the morning, wanting two minutes, when the ropes broke and put a stop to the peal, for which all were very sorry, as they were at the fall of the great bell at Christ Church. For their ringing at both places, as well as elsewhere, was most surprisingly fine, without the least fault from beginning to end, such as never was before in Oxford, and 'tis a scandal that the bells should not be in good order. Saturday, May 19, they went out of town."

"1734, May 2, Thursday. Yesterday an attempt was made upon New College bells of 6876 changes. They began a quarter before ten in the morning, and rang very well till four minutes after twelve, when Mr. Brickland, a schoolmaster of St. Michael's parish, who rang the fifth bell, missing a stroke, it put a stop to the whole, so that they presently set them, and so sunk the peal, which is pity, for 'twas really very good true ringing, excepting five faults, which I observed (for I heard all the time, though 'twas very wet all the while) in that part of the parks which is on the east side of Wadham College, where I was very private; one of which five faults was the treble that was rang by Mr. Richard Hearne, and the other four were faults committed by the above said Mr. Brickland, who 'twas feared by several before hand would not fully perform his part, but they took him now because Mr. Broughton (who otherwise should have rang) was out of town, attending as barber in a progress of Magdalen College. Excepting this Broughton and George the ringers were all the same with those mentioned under January 24 last. Mr. George's hands (he is above fifty years old) being not quite recovered from of some blisters he received the last ringing on April 15 last, Mr. Nash, cabinet maker (who came from London, but now lives at Oxford), who is an excellent ringer, supplied his place, and rang the third bell, so they were as follows: Mr. Hearne the 1st or treble, Mr. Vicars the 2nd, Mr. Nash the 3rd, Mr. Terry the 4th, Mr. Brickland the 5th, Mr. Yates the 6th, Mr. Smith the 7th, Mr. Barnes the 8th, Mr. Lloyd, the 9th, Mr. Benwell the 10th or tenor. Mr. Yates before rang the fifth, and then the sixth was rung by Mr. Broughton, in whose room Mr. Brickland was now taken. When I mentioned afterwards my observations to ye sd Mr. Smith, he told me, that tho' he rung himself yet he minded the faults also himself. Upon which I ask'd him, how many there were? he said three before that wch stopp'd them. I told him there were just five before that, at which he admired my niceness. They rang in the said two hours and nineteen minutes 3475 changes, which wanted 3401 of the number proposed."

"1734, September 28, Saturday, 4 Kal Oct. Yesterday being the obit of William of Wickham (founder of New College) and

the festival of St. Cosmas and Damianus, some of the Oxford ringers agreed to ring at New College, proposing to ring 6876 Cator changes upon the ten bells there. They designed to have begun at eleven in the morning, but 'twas near twelve before they began, for they had rang only two hundred changes when the clock struck twelve. They had so many gross faults that 'tis not worth while to particularize them all, only thus much may be noted, that a bob was missed being called before they had got two hundred, and that they strangely blundered a little after they had rang 600, and so again after they had rang 1100, and so after 1400 and 1900; and at length when they had rang 2714 (which wanted 4162 of the whole), they were quite out, it being then three-quarters after one. Then they set the bells and soon after began and rang 650, and made an end at very near half hour after two, so that the whole both times were 3364 changes in two hours and nineteen minutes. I was very apprehensive yesterday when they first began, that they would not perform their task, the compass being too wide, and the person who rang the ninth bell making a bad step even at first. Though 'twas so wet, I heard them all the time, walking for that purpose up and down the parks on the east side of Wadham College. Had they finished the peal and done it well, I should have taken care to transmit in print (in one of my books that I print at the Theater), the names of the several ringers to posterity, 6876 changes having never as yet at one time been rung in Oxford. But as the performance was bad (considering the character each ringer bore for his skill in the art of ringing), as it will not be for their credit to have their names mentioned so neither will it be for the honour of William of Wickham, to discover who the persons were that perform'd so lamely on the day he died, which day ought to be observ'd with all possible decorum, and the ringing should be then as clear and true as can be, for which reason I shall pass over (what might be further observed) in silence."

Mr. Hearne however seems to have thought better of his intention of concealing the names, for in a further extract after mentioning the ringing at Christchurch on November 5th, 1734, already recorded in the account of Christchurch bells, he says—"And now I have mentioned this 5th of November ringing, I will beg leave to take notice of the names of those who rang at New College (Friday), September 27th last, being the founder of New College's Obit, a thing I should not have done, had not the ringers been so proud of this 5th of November at Christ Church, and been so much ashamed of that at New College, and yet, I think, there is much more reason to be ashamed of that at Christ Church, than of this at New College. That they are ashamed of what was done at New College, appears from all accounts. In so much that they have endeavoured, as much as ever they could to conceal the names of those that chiefly erred or blundered in the ringing, which notwithstanding I have been able to find out. The names of the ringers are in order thus:—1, Mr. John Vickers; 2, Mr. Thomas Nash; 3, Mr. John George; 4, Mr. Guy Terry; 5, Mr. Thomas Yates; 6, Mr. John Broughton; 7, Mr. Richard Smith; 8, Mr. William Barnes; 9, Mr. Arthur Lloyd; 10, Mr. Nicholas Benwell. The day before the ringing, Mr. Vickers told me that Mr. Richard Hearne was to ring the first and himself the fifth, and Mr. Yates the sixth; but Hearne excusing himself from being one of them, Vickers thereupon rung the first, and Mr. Yates the fifth, and Mr. Broughton (who was not otherwise to have been one) the sixth. As to Mr. Vicars, he is very ingenious in the art of ringing, and is excellent in calling the bobs, and managing the musick of ringing. I think he is one of the very best in England, as he is with all a very good ringer himself; and yet at this time he miss'd calling two of the bobs (one of which was before she had gone two hundred changes), as at the same time did likewise Mr. Arthur Lloyd and Mr. William Barnes (otherwise two famous ringers), committ most notorious blunders, and these were the three chief blunders in this undertaking, and 'twas from their mistakes that the peal was spoiled; and yet it must be own'd that it happened purely from their being much in liquor, whereas they ought to have been sober, as indeed there can never be any true ringing but by persons that come perfectly sober."

"1734, March 12th, Monday.—Yesterday a new attempt was made at New College by Oxford ringers, to ring 6876 cator changes, but they did not succeed as it was hoped they would

They began about half an hour after twelve, and rang till a little after three in the afternoon. Being indisposed with a diarrhoea, I could not go out to hear them, and so will not pretend to be critical about the ringing."

"1734, March 22nd, Saturday.—On Thursday last the Oxford ringers began to ring at New College at three-quarters after twelve o'clock, and rang completely what they had attempted several times before, 6876 cator changes, finishing the peal about three-quarters of an hour after four o'clock. 'Tis the first time that such a number of cator changes was ever rung in Oxford upon ten bells. I did not hear the ringing myself for the same reason I have specified above March 12th inst., but I have heard from good judges, that take it altogether, 'twas a glorious performance. For tho' there were two very great blunders and some other bad ringing, yet considering the length of the peal, it was admirable ringing, such as can hardly be mended, unless it be by the Londoners, it being a thing as it were next to impossible to go through such a long tedious work without faults. The names of the ringers were (as before) 1734.

1. Hearne, the Taylor.
2. Mr. Vickers, second Butler of New College.
3. Mr. George, the Taylor.
4. Mr. Guy Terry, the Pot-ash maker in St. Clements.
5. Mr. Yates, second Cook of Magdalen College.
6. Mr. John Broughton, Barber.
7. Mr. Richard Smith, Glover.
8. Mr. Barnes, Second Cook of Christ Church.
9. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, of Holywell, Carpenter and Bell Hanger.
10. Mr. Nicholas Benwell, who shew'd Great Tom.

They were much caressed when they had done, and were handsomely treated or entertained at New College, but Mr. Barnes could not be at the entertainment, being obliged, as soon as the ringing was done, to go to his brother the waggoner's in St. Aldate's, then dying, who indeed died that evening of a dropsy. He is the same Barnes that set up a waggon in opposition to the Vice-Chancellor."

Thus much for Mr. Hearne's account of the ringing at New College. I shall conclude this article with a copy of a tablet in the belfry.

"March 27th, 1815. Rung in this Tower a complete peal of Grandsire Cators, containing 10,008 changes, in 6 hrs. and 42 mins., by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths. Thomas Pavier, Treble; William Parker, Second; John Tagg, Third; George Pavier, Fourth; Henry Carr, Fifth; Charles Pavier, Sixth; Joseph Montague, Seventh; Edward Nickolls, Eighth; Jonathan Pavier, Ninth; Thomas Cook, Tenor.

This was the greatest number of changes ever rung in the University of Oxford. Composed and conducted by E. Nickolls. Tenor 19 cwt. J. R. JERRAM.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

A general meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, October 22nd, at Spalding. Ringing commenced at the parish church at eleven o'clock, when three 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the Spalding company; also 360 of Plain Bob by six of the Walpole company, the two tenors being rung by Spalding men; and 350 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Brett, G. Richardson, H. Hill (conductor), R. Grimes, Dr. Seccombe, and H. Holland. Dinner was excellently served by Mr. Emerson at two o'clock in the National Schools. Dr. Seccombe presided, supported by the Rev. Canon Moore and Mr. H. Watkinson. After dinner, the toast "Church and Queen" was proposed by Dr. Seccombe. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and his kindly interest in the Guild, and to the chairman. The meeting for the transaction of business was then held, at which five new members were elected, and the next place of meeting fixed, namely, Long Sutton, subject to the approval of the Vicar. On ringing being resumed, 360 of Plain Bob was rung by a mixed company, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Brett, W. Day, H. Hill (conductor), R. Grimes, H. Merrishaw, W. Wright; six 120's of Grandsire Doubles by a mixed band, and 363 of Oxford Treble Bob, the day's ringing being brought to a end with 336 of Grandsire Triples, by J. S. Wright, J. Mackman, G. Ladd, C. Neaverson, G. L. Richardson, R. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis, and R. Jarvis.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING was held on Monday, October 24th, at Christ Church, Mitcham, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. S. Legg. A little ringing was done here between 3 and 4 o'clock, by some members from Kingston, and then a move was made to the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul. Here they were met by F. W. J. Rees, Esq., of Guildford, lately returned from Bengal. At 6 o'clock some thirty-five members met at the Mission Room of Christ Church, and sat down to a capital meat tea, the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Legg, kindly presiding, and saying grace. The large joint of beef, to which ample justice was done, was very kindly provided by the Vicar, so that the cost of the tea to the Association is comparatively small. The Meeting was also very kindly assisted by the two Misses Nicholson, who presided at the tea urns, and were kept very busy. After the good things had been despatched, the business of the evening was commenced. Mr. Rees was elected an honorary ringing member. Mr. Thompson's leaflets containing his 3-part touch of 4998 Grandsire Triples, with directions for completing peal, were passed round, and a vote of thanks to him was carried unanimously. The question of the proposed certificate of membership was discussed, and it was resolved that the arrangements for its production be proceeded with. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. F. S. Legg, for his kind hospitality, and for allowing the Association to make use of the Mission Room and the belfry. It was resolved to hold the next District Meeting at Battersea, and the next Quarterly Meeting at Kingston-on-Thames. It was also resolved that collections should be made by the representative of each band for the widow and orphans of the widow and orphans of the late Mr. A. Brockwell, of Mitcham, who are sadly in need of help.

Afterwards five of the Kingston band rang a capital course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, and then three of them, with Mr. T. Miles, of Epsom, rang a course of Grandsire Triples. In the belfry ringing was kept up until about 9.30 p.m. in Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. H. J. Schneider for the capital arrangements he made for their entertainment, and his indefatigable exertions at the tea.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Committee and ringing meeting of the above Association will be held at Kidderminster, on Saturday, November 12th. A meat tea will be provided at 1s. per member. All members intending to partake of same, will please forward name and money, on or before November 8th, to the Secretary. Full particulars next week. J. SMITH.

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THE TITHE QUESTION.

At Hemyock, near Tiverton, hay belonging to two of the leading tithepayers, which had been taken under distraint by the Rev. E. W. L. Potnam, the rector, was sold yesterday week by public auction by Mr. J. B. Daniels, of Taunton. The owners were Mr. Edward Sutley, of Whitehall, whose arrears were (with costs) £31 10s. 9d., and Mr. J. Clist, of Mountshayne, whose arrears (with costs) were £11 7s. The dispute with the rector had its origin in his refusal to allow what was thought an adequate reduction the tithe, and the farmers considered their grievance aggravated by the spirit in which their proposals to discuss the situation were met. The sale of the hay was in itself a very formal matter. For each lot there was a single bid of the amount for which distraint had been made, and it was at once knocked down to a friendly purchaser.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE 250th ANNIVERSARY DINNER of the above society will take place at the "Bridge House Hotel," London Bridge, S.E., on Saturday, November 5th, at 7 o'clock precisely. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Magnus, Thames Street, E.C., ten bells, 1.15 p.m. and 5.0 p.m.; St. Saviour's, Southwark, S.E., twelve bells, 2.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, E.C., twelve bells, 4.0 p.m. It is to be hoped that members residing in the country ringing centres will endeavour to be present on such an auspicious occasion. Members and friends wishing to be present, will please communicate at once with the Dinner Committee or their Secretary, enclosing postal order for 3s. 6d., the price of the dinner ticket, when same will be forwarded to them. The Dinner Committee will meet at the St. Paul's Cathedral meeting house, on Tuesday evening next, the 1st of November, at 8.0 p.m., to issue tickets to those who could not make their application by the 29th. An efficient musical programme is in course of preparation. The chair will be taken by the Master at 6.50 p.m. for 7.0 p.m. dinner. Tickets can be obtained of the following: Messrs. G. T. McLaughlin (master); J. Pettit (treasurer); S. E. Joyce and E. E. Clarke (stewards); C. F. Winny, R. T. Woodley, and W. Tyack (committee).

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POWERSTOCK, DORSETSHIRE.

The venerable church of this place, of which Archdeacon Sanctuary is Rector, has just been enriched by the erection of a large chiming clock in the tower. It was finished a few days since, and was started by Mrs. Sanctuary. It has two dials each five feet across, facing south and west. The Cambridge quarter chimes are played upon four bells, and the hours struck upon the largest bell, which is a very fine-toned one. The clock movement is of the finest construction, generally upon the lines laid down by Lord Grimthorpe. It is fitted with all the latest improvements to ensure perfect accuracy of performance, and is guaranteed by the makers (John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby), to maintain true time with less variation than fifteen seconds a month. All the brass wheels of the clock have their teeth cut from the solid by powerful engines, so as to be perfectly accurate and smooth. The main frame is of one solid iron casting, planed smooth and true with all the various wheels, levers, etc., affixed to it by screws in such a manner that any separate one might be removed without interfering with the remainder. The whole of the works are fitted in a pitch pine case with glass front.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a meeting of ringers of the above places, will take place on Saturday, November 12th. Time and place will be given next week. The object of the meeting will be to consider the advisability of forming the said districts into a branch or district of the above Association. All towers, containing six or more bells, within the proposed boundaries of Rochdale and Bury on the north; Walkden and Worsley, to Flixton on the west; Cheshire on the south; and Yorkshire on the east, are earnestly requested to send one or more members to the meeting. This invitation is for non-members as well as members of the Association. Communications respecting this meeting must be addressed to

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ALL HALLOWS' (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

The practice-night of this Society has been altered to Tuesday (meeting time 8.30 p.m. as before). The bells are also rung every Sunday, for service, commencing at 10.15 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. All change-ringers are welcome.

WM. PYE-ENGLISH, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

UMPIRES.

SIR.—Knowing that there has been a lot of handbell performances done lately, and of course a great deal of credit is due to the performers, as I can testify by hearing a lot of it, and always seeing Mr. G. Wild of the Royal Cumberland Society, umpire, I had a notion I would introduce myself to him, as the saying is, to have a look, and found myself deceived in the man in respect of ringing abilities, but it appears anything will do for umpire. I really thought it was bad taste of our old friend Winny, at Fulham, the other Saturday, in introducing all in the room to the Birmingham men except the man G. Wild, who had sat umpire for him on several occasions. I do think umpires should know a little about ringing.

E. WILLIAMS,
College Youth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

SIR.—I think Mr. R. Binns has been somewhat hasty in his complaint about the non-insertion of the calling of his peal, for if he would take the trouble of looking at the ninth annual report he will find that the peal in question was rung at Drighlington, on Saturday, November 10th, 1883, conducted by Henry Smith. Had Mr. Binns made a proper investigation of the matter, I think he would have saved himself the trouble of "rushing into print." A MEMBER OF THE Y.A.C.R.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24TH, 1887:—

By the Brighton branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Thursday, October 20th, for a wedding, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. G. A. King, 1; C. E. Golds, 2; — Worsell, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Jay, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Cornwall, 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also during the afternoon, a 5280 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. and 16 mins. For particulars see peal column.

By the Christ Church, Eastbourne, branch at Christ Church.—On Sunday, October 9th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Knight, 1; G. Howse, 2; S. Smith, 3; J. Sharp, 4; H. Colbran, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 16th, a 720 of College Single, in 24½ mins. R. Howse, 1; P. Peters, 2; G. Howse, 3; F. Harding, 4; J. Sharp, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 23rd, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins. H. Knight, 1; J. Sharp, 2; P. Peters, 3; H. Colbran, 4; G. Howse, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And on Monday, October 24th, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, in 26 mins. H. Knight, 1; H. Colbran, 2; G. Howse, 3; P. Peters, 4; F. Harding (conductor), 5; J. Sharp, 6. First in the three foregoing methods by P. Peters.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Monday, October 17th, a 720 of Double Oxford. J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 23rd, a 360 of Plain Bob. J. Matthews, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; C. Chambers, 4; F. Morris, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Searle, 2; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

The exhibition of Her Majesty's Jubilee presents at St. James's Palace will close after Wednesday, the 23rd of next month.

Some burglars broke into Madame Patti's house, Craig-y-nos Castle, on Monday night, and stole some valuable trinkets belonging to Signor Nicolini. Patti's own jewellery, valued at £30,000, escaped the thieves. On Thursday there was a burglary at Tupsley, near Hereford, and Mr. Ballard was so seriously injured by the ruffians that he died on Tuesday.

On Thursday week it was discovered that Nelson's flagship *Victory*, lying in Portsmouth harbour, had sprung a leak and that there were many feet of water in the hold. Two hundred sailors and marines were at once placed on board with pumping appliances, and by their efforts and the aid of a tug the water was reduced so as to enable a diver to descend and stop up a hole which was found in the hull. The following day was the eighty-second anniversary of Trafalgar.

As the Rev. Richard Glover, vicar of St. Luke's, West Holloway, was returning from the Bishop's Visitation at St. Paul's, on Friday afternoon, he was knocked down by a light van, and narrowly escaped being run over. His injuries were attended to at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and he was soon able to go home. The van was driven by a boy of fifteen in the usual reckless manner of boys, and no policeman being near, he made off before the name on the van could be taken.

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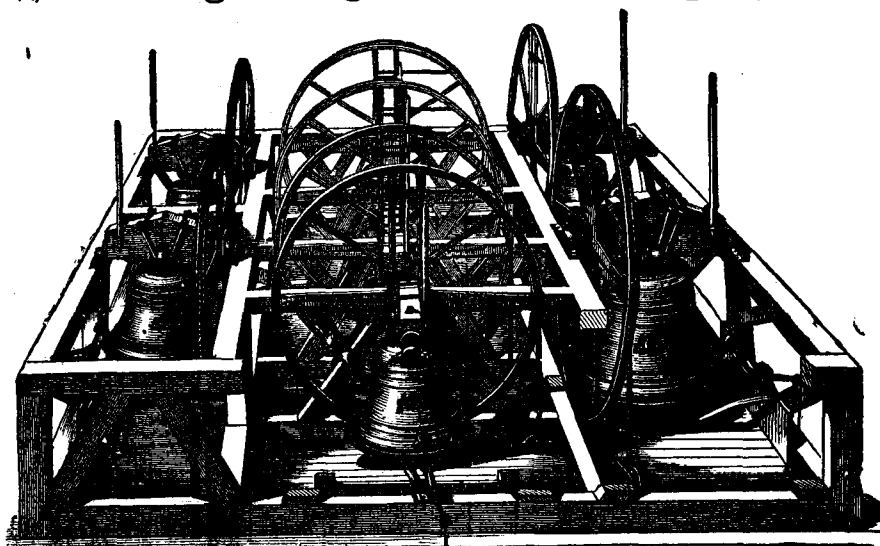


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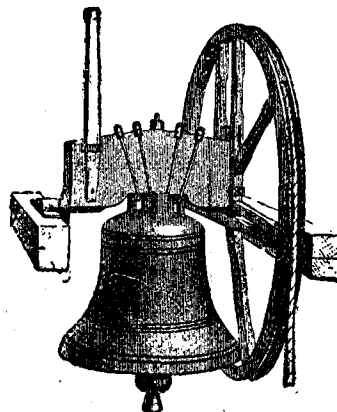
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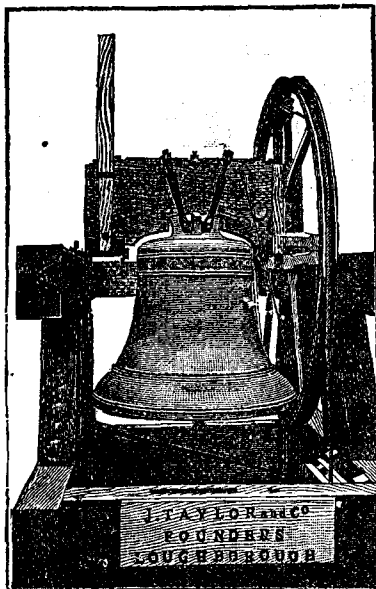
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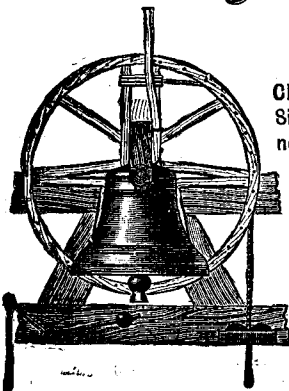
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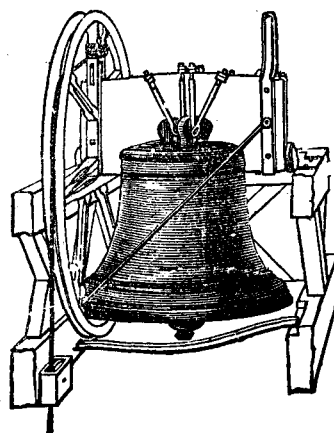
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Second.—"The gift of Wm. Freeman, Esq. of Magdalen College, A (a bell) R. 1739."

Third.—"God save the Queen. A.R. 1712."

Fourth.—"Peace and good neighbourhood. A.R. 1712."

Fifth.—"Recast at the expence of Wm. Freman, Esq. A.R. 1748."

Sixth.—"PRAYSE YE THE LORD. 1623. E.K."

Seventh.—" + Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Materina Vocata."

(This bell has also three shields, each charged with a chevron between three lave pots). (There is also a medallion charged with two birds on a tree and surrounded by the words "William Ffoundor me fecit.")

Eighth.—"Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei. Recast by R. Taylor 1828."

Ninth.—"HONOR THE KINGE. 1641."

Tenor.—"LET YOVR HOPE BE IN THE LORD. E.K. 1623."

The eighth bell was by A. Rudhall, in 1712, previous to being recast by Taylor, and was inscribed "Est Campanarum sine me symphonia nulla. A.R. 1712." The peal appears to have been made into eight by Rudhall in that year, and increased to ten in 1740, as the inscriptions on the two *trebles* testify. The sixth and tenor are by Ellis Knight, of Reading.

Hearne says in his diary in 1733 (there were only eight bells here then) speaking of the visit of the London ringers in that year, before alluded to—"Wednesday, May 16th, in the evening, they (the Londoners) rang the eight bells at Magdalen College, but two or three ropes breaking, they could not proceed above half an hour."

On April 19th, 1742, at Magdalen College, ten thousand changes were started for, but after ringing seven thousand in fine style, the bob-caller by mistake brought the bells round in a little more than four hours.

Coming to the present century I note the following performances:—

"On Friday, April 11th, 1862, was rung on these bells Mr. J. Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins., by the following persons:—J. Hine, *Treble*; T. Hill, *Second*; W. Saunders, *Third*; C. Hounslow, *Fourth*; H. Mills, *Fifth*; R. Young, *Sixth*; D. Higgins, *Seventh*; J. Caste, *Tenor*. Conducted by C. Hounslow."

"Art hath no Enemy but Ignorance."

Rung in this tower, Monday, October 8th, 1866, a true peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5021 changes, with the 5th and 6th behind the 9th, in 3 hrs. 18 mins., by the following persons. A. White, *Treble*; H. Mills, *Second*; T. Hill, *Third*; R. Young, *Fourth*; R. Barrett, *Fifth*; C. Hounslow, *Sixth*; F. E. Robinson, Esq., *Seventh*; H. White, *Eighth*; F. White, *Ninth*; H. Pitts, *Tenor*. Conducted by H. White.

Oxford Society of Change-Ringers.—Rung on these bells on Saturday, September 19th, 1868, a Bob-and-Single peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins, by the following members. H. Mills, *Treble*; E. Harrison, *Second*; C. Hounslow, *Third*; T. Hill, *Fourth*; J. Hine, *Fifth*; W. Saunders, *Sixth*; J. Rogers, *Seventh*; H. Pitt, *Tenor*. Conducted by J. Rogers.

"On Wednesday, July 7th, 1869, a peal of Stedman Caters, 5033 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. John Cox (London), *Treble*; John Rogers (Oxford), *Second*; Robert Rose (London), *Third*; Isaac Rogers (London), *Fourth*; Henry White (Appleton), *Fifth*; Charles Hounslow (Oxford), *Sixth*; Noble White (Appleton), *Seventh*; William Howard (London), *Eighth*; Frederick White (Appleton), *Ninth*; Edward Harrison (Oxford), *Tenor*. Composed and conducted by Mr. John Cox."

"The Oxford Society of Change-Ringers rang on these bells on the 1st of April, 1872, a true peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 6030 changes, in 5 hrs. 56 mins. H. Mills, *Treble*; J. Rogers, *Second*; R. Young, *Third*; J. E. Troyte, Esq., (Ch. Ch.), *Fourth*; J. Warner, *Fifth*; T. Hill, *Sixth*; J. M. Hine, *Seventh*; C. Hounslow, *Eighth*; E. Harrison, *Ninth*; F. Bayliss, *Tenor*. Composed and conducted by J. Rogers."

I am sorry to say that there is little or no change-ringing done at Magdalen now, and the bells are never heard except on

the College ringing days, one of which is May 1st, when an early peal ~~is~~ is rung between 4 and 5 a.m., when the choristers of the College ascend the tower and sing the morning hymn.

The College authorities rarely allow the use of the bells to change-ringers at all. On one occasion I heard that a gentleman, a well-known and influential member of the Oxford Guild, brought a company, and upon asking leave to ring, was informed that the matter should be laid before the College authorities at their next official meeting, in *about two months' time from that day*.

There are some curious clock chimes here, which strike two bells at the first quarter, four at the half-hour, six at the three-quarters, and eight at the hour. The arrangement is anything but musical, but I have no doubt that an old Magdalen man, who may have got accustomed to it in his youth, when visiting Oxford again in after years, and hearing the same old chime, would feel somewhat moved by the memories it would raise up.

J. R. JERRAM.

ALRISTON, NEAR BERWICK, SUSSEX.

The parish church of this quaint old town is a large cruciform building, dating from the 14th century, the whole of the outer walls being faced with flint, which has an unusual but very pretty effect. Its low central tower is supported by four lofty arches, and capped by a shingle spire. The church is now undergoing restoration. Owing to the bell frame resting upon the floor immediately above the tops of the tower arches, there is no possibility of making a ringing room, hence the ropes fall in the centre of the church. This makes an unpleasantly long pull for the ringers, and were it not for the iron guides about half way up, it would be most difficult to keep the ropes under control. There is no turret stair up to the bell chamber, so access to the bells is obtained by means of a ladder running up the side and across the roof of the north transept. The six bells are in anything but good order. They need re-hanging, and the third bell (which is cracked in the shoulder) re-casting, for its wretched flat sound sadly mars the harmony of the peal. We have heard an old Sussex ringer say that there was originally a peal of five, but that early in the present century the Alfriston folk bought a bell belonging to Berwick church, and added it to their own, after some little "tuning" by a local ringer. This may be true, for the second bell (a rather rough casting) is evidently a stranger. It has been much cut away at the lip to reduce its diameter, doubtless to make its tone in unison with its new companions.

As will be seen from the dates given below, the fourth bell is the oldest of the ring, having been cast in the year 1587, and a very fine sounding bell it is too.

Dates on the bells: *Treble*, 1819; *second*, 1628; *third*, 1811 (cracked); *fourth*, 1587; *fifth*, 1698. The *tenor* is not dated, but is evidently an old bell. It measures 36½ in. across the mouth, and is reported to weigh about 12 cwt., but we question if it weighs more than 10 cwt., as it is not a particularly thick bell. There is no church clock.

Ringers visiting Alfriston will find excellent accommodation at that ancient Inn, the "Star," said to have been built in the year 1520; whilst tradition states that there has been an hostelry on that spot since the time of King Alfred. Charles II. once took shelter at the "Star." The obliging hostess, Mrs. Page, still points out the place where the "Merrie Monarch" was hidden. Readers of Harrison Ainsworth's "Ovingdean Grange" will find the incident recorded in that interesting tale of old times in Sussex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Two very successful district meetings have been held during October. On the 6th inst., at Longbridge Deverill, between fifty and sixty were present, and ringing was kept up during most of the afternoon and evening. Service was held at the parish church in the evening, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. E. G. Wyld, Vicar of Mere. Tea was also provided for members and friends at 6 p.m.

On the 21st inst. another meeting was held at Cranborne, Only a few attended, but several new members were elected. The Rev. R. P. Thompson, Vicar, kindly entertained the members to tea at the Foresters' Hall.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association was held at Market Rasen on Saturday, October 30th, and despite certain unfortunate mishaps at the last moment, a very successful and enjoyable gathering was held.

As soon as the visitors arrived, the bells at Market Rasen were raised in peal, and subsequently a company was despatched in a waggonette to the neighbouring village of Claxby, in response to the kind invitation of the Rev. S. W. Andrews, rector of Claxby and Normanby-le-Wold, vice-president for this centre. At Claxby several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung on the melodious bells, the esteemed and popular rector coming into the belfry during the ringing, and kindly inviting the visitors to the rectory to partake of refreshment. The bells were lowered in peal, and an adjournment was made to the rectory, where, after partaking of the rev. gentleman's hospitality, the visitors rang on their handbells double-handed, courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews for their kindness, and the company hastened back to Market Rasen. On arriving at the Aston Arms, they found several old and new friends awaiting them, as well as a substantial and well-provided tea.

The Rev. S. W. Andrews at once took the presidential chair, being supported by the Rev. W. W. Cooper, rector of West Rasen; the Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke, vicar of Caistor; the Rev. F. H. Dalby, vicar of Faldingworth; Dr. E. W. Barton; Mr. — Dalby; Mr. J. Casterton, Mr. C. Reeve. Mr. T. Nettleship occupied the vice-chair.

The genial Chairman submitted the customary loyal toast, which was cordially received.

Dr. E. W. BARTON said he was sure it would require no words of his to tell them how gladly he proposed and asked them to drink to the health of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese." They were all Churchmen, and united in their church. They all knew the Bishop by repute; they knew him as a most agreeable gentleman, a great favourite, and one of the most kind-hearted gentlemen wherever he went. With regard to the clergy, they were intimately known to most of them, and they had the best wishes of everyone present. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of their worthy friend and Rural Dean—the Rev. W. W. Cooper.

In responding, the Rev. W. W. COOPER said Dr. Barton, in proposing this toast, passed the greatest eulogium that could be passed on any one when he spoke of their Bishop as a gentleman. That word "gentleman" had given him (Mr. Cooper) a text. Gentlemen were not confined to palaces or to big houses, or to positions of that kind; some of the best gentlemen he had known he had found in some of the smallest cottages. He considered that man was a real gentleman, and that man only was a true gentleman, who was a good Christian. Now a good Christian was a man who remembered from morning to night, and from night to morning, that he was a Christian, that he was a servant of God, and as a servant of God he was bound to treat all his fellow creatures in every way with the greatest consideration, and to be very careful he did not, to use a common phrase, tread on anybody's toes. A real gentleman was one who never said an unkind word, or did anything likely to produce pain in others, unless he was like his friend who had proposed this toast (Dr. Barton), and who had sometimes to use a surgical knife. He was very pleased to be present, and hoped this might not be the last time he might have the pleasure of meeting them.

The Rev. W. F. W. WESTBROOKE said he was extremely pleased to be here; he had very often wished to be present at one of these Association meetings, because he had from the first the welfare of the Association at heart, but the multiplicity of engagements had prevented him from attending before; however, he was very glad to have the privilege of being with them on this occasion. He felt especially interested in the welfare of this Association, and he thought, as he thought at the first, that it was an institution very well calculated to be most beneficial not only to the ringers themselves, by bringing them together for mutual conferences and enjoyment, but also to encourage one another in systematic and skilful bell-ringing. He was sure Associations as this, whose object was to promote belfry reform, and to encourage the science of bell-ringing, were very impor-

tant indeed, and calculated to lead their thoughts and hearts to good and holy things. What was so cheering or so encouraging as to hear the pealing of bells from their old steeples on jubilee days, on festival days, and on other red letter days in society and in the church? What was so calculated to draw forth from the heart feelings towards all which was good and elevating, and for the welfare of their country and those around them? And in the rural and town parishes what was so calculated to arouse spiritual feelings, and lead them to think of spiritual and holy things as the joyous pealing of the church bells? Many of their happiest and earliest thoughts seem to be those connected with the ringing of the bells. On these grounds he heartily wished success to the Association, and he hoped as time went on it would very perceptibly increase in numbers, and would also increase in the number of towers which should be opened for the admittance in the county, until it became a much larger and more important society. He believed the organisation had already done a great deal of good, and he wished it every prosperity. He should be glad to welcome the Association to Caistor at any time.

The CHAIRMAN said it was his honour to respond to this toast, and to thank them very much for the way in which they had wished the Association every success. As usual, Mr. Westbrooke and the other friends around always showed their readiness and zeal to help in any work which tended to the elevation of the lives of their fellow-creatures, and especially to do good to God's holy church. Therefore they as an Association of ringers were stimulated and highly glad to find their friends gathering round them from year to year, and were very pleased indeed that they were beginning to think what a wonderful body they as ringers were. He daresay when this Association first started, some thought it was a new and fantastical idea, while others might be disposed to think, considering what bell-ringers used to be, bringing them together again might mean nothing but a revival of the old mischief; but the effect of their associating together had proved, as it did in many other cases when people met together, that it tended to the elevation of people in many ways, and that it had been elevating to the ringers themselves; that they were as an Association not only themselves doing good, and not only promoting their own happiness on convivial occasions like this, but were also seeking to help each other to secure and extend the elevation of those around them, and to relieve the tedium of the work of life by a little innocent recreation and enjoyment. In conclusion, he thanked them for the way the toast had been received, and promised Mr. Westbrooke that if they went to Caistor they would do the best they could with his bells.

Mr. NETTLESHIP proposed "The Honorary Members," and said he was pleased to give this toast because he knew perfectly well that honorary members were a part of all Associations to whom honour was due. He had been connected with many associations, and his experience led him to say that they had been greatly indebted to honorary members. He always found there were a lot of gentlemen who could not take part in things in which they might take a great interest, still they could help by their subscriptions to forward the work in which they took such a great interest, when they could not take part in it. He missed from amongst those present the Rev. T. P. Holdich, who he believed was an honorary member of this Association. Mr. Holdich gave them an idea of what an honorary member could do, and that a man who was an honorary member could be a practical ringer as well; he was an example of what an honorary member should be—that he should take not only an interest in any particular thing which he encouraged, but should also, if possible, be able to take a practical part. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. W. W. Cooper, who, he believed, although he did not always suit everybody, always acted according to his conscience in endeavouring to do right.

The Rev. W. W. COOPER responded.

Mr. CASTERTON said it was the first time he had been at one of these meetings, but it afforded him very great pleasure to be present and to propose the toast of "The Visitors." Bells had a language of their own; at one time telling in mournful tones of the death of the departed, and at other times in joyous tones of the marriage, of some other period of rejoicing. When in large towns he had heard the

merry peals of bells it had thrilled him with pleasure and happiness, as he had listened to them calling the people to prayer and praise. He wished the visitors a long life, and hoped they would meet again on a future occasion.

The Rev. F. H. DALBY replied.

The business portion of the meeting followed. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Gainsboro' in January. The Rev. C. Moon, of Owersby, the Rev. F. H. Dalby, and Mr. J. Casterton were elected honorary members; five new ringing members, three from Louth and two from Market Rasen, and two non-resident life members were enrolled. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and for hospitality he had shown to the ringers, was carried with acclamation, the Chairman acknowledging the vote.

The company were enlivened with songs, contributed by Messrs. J. Hackney and W. Southwick, and handbell-ringing by several ringing members.

After the meeting the visiting and home ringers repaired to the Market Rasen belfry, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples (this being the first time that method has been rung here). S. Marshall, 1; H. Burkitt, 2; H. Gadd, 3; *W. Southwick, 4; *T. Bennett, 5; W. Lunn, 6; *C. Jackson (conductor), 7; T. Gibbons, 8. *Hails from Hull.

Thus ended a very happy and successful meeting.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, October 31st, the peal of eight bells placed in the tower of Bloxwich church in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee was formally dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield, and there were many tokens of rejoicing about the place in the shape of flags, banners, and other decorations, while the ceremonial not only drew together large numbers of the residents in the immediate locality, but also many visitors from adjacent towns. The peal consists of the old tenor bell, and seven new ones given by the following: Mrs. Foster, Mr. W. R. Lazenby, the Thomas family, the Somerville family, Mr. Thomas Foster, the Wesleyans of the locality, and the children. The bells were founded and hung by the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and proved to be of fine tone. The proceedings began with a procession from the vicarage to the church, consisting of the choir and the clergy present, amongst whom were the Revs. Dr. Wilson (Moxley), R. B. Stoney (Wednesbury), G. W. Johnson (Short Heath), B. Wright (Darlaston), J. Pritchard (Blakenall), G. Tuthill (Wood Green, Wednesbury), E. M. Fitzgerald and W. B. Cowan (Walsall), J. Norris (Bridgetown), J. Venables and J. C. Hamilton (Bloxwich), W. Biaby (Blakenall), S. O. Dixon, F. E. Robinson, and J. Barrow (Vicar of Bloxwich), with the Bishop. The processional hymn was "Hark, the sound of holy voices;" the Psalms were the 148th, 149th, and 150th; the prayers were intoned by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton and the Rev. J. Barrow; and the Revs. Dr. Wilson and A. M. Fitzgerald read the lessons. Mr. J. H. Gower, Mus. Doc., presided at the organ. At the close of the third collect, the Bishop, with the clergy, choir, and churchwardens, repaired to the tower, where the churchwardens took the ropes of the bells, and, handing them to the Bishop, said: "Right reverend father in God, we request you to dedicate to the Glory of God and the use of Bloxwich church this peal of eight bells." His lordship, receiving the ropes, replied: "By virtue of our sacred office, we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed use these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God, for the benefit of His holy Church;" and then, delivering the ropes to the vicar, he added: "Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed minister of this church and parish, and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service and for His glory. You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish, to be used by his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese." Afterwards he recited the prayers used in the diocese of Lichfield on such occasions. The ringers then rang a short touch, and on the return of the procession to the church the service was continued, and an address was delivered by the Bishop. He said that as he came through the parish that day, and saw the signs of rejoicing on every side, and the crowds of happy faces gathered

around the church tower, he could not help thinking of other and different occasions and different purposes for which people had lately been gathered together in other parts of the kingdom, and thanking God for that beautiful and happy occasion that called them together that day, for he read in their faces that they were a happy people, and from all he heard they were a united people. He thanked God, as bishop of the diocese, that it should be so; and he was told that in the preparation of the bells which had just been dedicated to the service and the glory of Almighty God their kindly feeling one towards another, and their goodwill towards the Church, had been most beautifully shown. He was told that each one of the new bells had been provided for by the gifts of some one individual or by persons who had joined together, and that even the little children had had their share in giving these bells to the parish. He rejoiced, also, to hear that even those who did not belong to their Church but to other religious communities, had shown their brotherly goodwill by themselves providing one of the bells. He trusted that this might not be only—as it was—an evidence of a happy feeling existing in the parish now, but that this common work might continue to bind them all more closely together in the bonds of Christian charity. Although he had to ask for their offerings that day, it was not for the bells themselves, which had been provided by others, but for the expenses, which they might well believe, were considerable, for placing them in the beautiful tower of the church. Tea was served in the National School Rooms, and an entertainment followed in the Music Hall, Mr. R. Thomas, jun. presiding. A peal of 5040 Stedman Triples was rung on the bells by members of the Staffordshire Association, mostly drawn from the ringers of St. Matthew's, Walsall, under the direction of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. On Tuesday special services were held in the church, and a committee have arranged for miscellaneous jubileations, including a bonfire, in which twenty tons of coals, it is said, are to be consumed; a torchlight procession, masqueraders on foot, masqueraders on ponies, fireworks, music, and much else.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Committee and Ringing Meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, November 12th. The Rev. Sydney Phillips, Vicar, has kindly promised to preside. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon. A meat tea will be provided for members and friends at one shilling per head, names and money to be sent to the Hon. Secretary on or before Tuesday, November 8th. Committee Meeting at 4.30 p.m., prompt, and tea at 6 o'clock. Members to take this as a notice, should they receive no other.

37 Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley. J. SMITH, Hon Sec.

Obituary.

GEORGE MARRIOTT.

We regret to record the death of the above-named ringer, who died on Sunday, October 30th, in his 76th year. He rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples), which was a friendly or otherwise a non-society one, at St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, on the 12th March, 1835, conducted by the late John Cox, with whom he was always an allied friend and associate. He had been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths for upwards of half a century, and during that time had taken part in some good performances on eight, ten, and twelve bells in company with those bearing such well-known names as Goozee, Shipway, Tolladay, Jameson, Dwight, Miller, Lobb, Britten, M. A. Wood, Ferris, H. W. Haley, Powell, &c., the majority of whom ringing has ceased to charm, and are with their fathers. The interment will take place to-day (Saturday), at 3 p.m., in Manor Park Cemetery.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE Annual Meeting for the election of officers will take place at headquarters, on Tuesday evening next, November 8th. Members are requested to be present.

GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN, Master.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT WARNHAM.

The fourth meeting of this Association for the present year took place on Saturday, October 29th, and proved as successful and enjoyable as any of its predecessors. The centre for the day was Warnham, a village about three miles north of Horsham, possessing a church, the entire fabric and appointments of which have during the past few years been restored in a most costly way, and now presents a pattern country parish church. Prior to 1886 the tower contained a ring of six bells with a tenor of 14½ cwt., it was then decided to add two trebles, recast one or two of the old bells, and rehang the whole, and since the completion in June, 1886, the local band have succeeded in ringing twelve peals of 5040 changes in nine different Triple and Major methods. The proceedings commenced on Saturday shortly after 9 a.m., with a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, which was followed by touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major. At 1 o'clock an adjournment was made to the "Sussex Oak," where a cold luncheon was provided, and between forty and fifty members sat down under the presidency of the Rev. R. Bowcott, Vicar of Warnham, who was supported during the luncheon and business meeting by the following gentlemen: C. J. Lucas, Esq., (Warnham Court), Rev. J. H. Masters, rector of Slinfold; Rev. R. Hay Hill, rector of Parham; Rev. H. A. Spyers, vicar of Purbrook; C. Bartlett, Esq. (Ex-Mayor of Arundel); Rev. R. Tompkins, vicar of Tortington; Rev. G. C. Walpole (Amberley). The cloth having been cleared, business commenced by the Hon. Secretary reading the minutes of a District Meeting held at Lewes on Monday, August 1st. Nineteen fresh members were elected, including a new branch connected with the parish church of Midhurst. Mr. G. Williams was appointed as an additional instructor to the Association for Midhurst, and the western portion of the county. The names of four places were next mentioned for holding the next district meeting, when on counting the votes, the choice fell to Buxted, the date being afterwards fixed for the second or third Saturday in January. It was then suggested by the Rev. J. H. Masters, that in too many places the old custom was still in force of the ringers considering that they had performed their part of the religious service when the bells were lowered, instead of remaining to the service; he hoped that the Sussex and all other kindred Associations would endeavour to wipe out this inconsistency. The next motion was by the Rev. R. Hay Hill, seconded by C. J. Lucas, Esq., to the effect that at all future District Meetings of the Association, the rector or vicar of the place to be visited should be communicated with at least one month previous, and be asked to arrange a short service with an address to the members.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars and Churchwardens of Warnham, Horsham, and Slinfold, for the use of the church bells, and to the Rev. R. Bowcott, for kindly presiding at the luncheon and business meeting. During the afternoon bands were formed to visit Horsham and Slinfold, where various touches (a record of which is published in another column), were brought round. Tea was provided at six o'clock, and the parish church bells at Warnham were kept swinging till a late hour. The following branches were represented: Amberley, Angmering, Arundel, Balcombe, Brighton, Crawley, Horsham, Lower Beeding, Ruspur, Slinfold, Steyning, Warnham, and Worth.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30TH, 1887.—

By the Brighton branch at St. Paul's, Brighton.—On Sunday, September, 18th, a 714 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; G. Hills, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; W. Gibson, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (composer and conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday, September 25th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; J. Salmon, 3; G. Hills, 4; W. Gibson, 5; W. Shepherd (Streatham), 6; W. Allfrey (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday, October 9th, a 559 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; A. Bennett, 3; G. Hills, 4; A. Marshall, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; A. Blackman (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday, October 16th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; G. Hills, 3; W. Gibson, 4; A. Marshall, 5; J. Reilly (conductor), 6; W. Allfrey, 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Thursday, October 6th, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Simpson, a member of the St. Paul's congre-

gation, who died at the age of 90 years, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). H. Eves, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; G. Hill, 5; G. A. King, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. And on Sunday, October 23rd, for Service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; J. Salmon, 2; G. Biggerstaff, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; A. Marshall, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And on Sunday, October 30th, a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 24 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. A. King, 2; J. Jay, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; H. Weston, 5; J. Reilly, 6; J. Searle, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. And at St. Paul's church, for Divine Service in the evening, a 350 of Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey, 1; G. Biggerstaff, 2; G. Hill, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; A. Marshall, 5; J. Salmon, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; G. Hill, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; A. Marshall, 5; J. Salmon, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8.

By the Balcombe Branch, at Balcombe.—On Thursday, October 20th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Streeter, 1; J. Gasson, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, October 27th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 30th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Streeter, 1; R. Streeter, 2; J. Gasson, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Warnham Court Bob. A. Stoner, 1; R. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; G. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; J. Cheeseman (conductor), 6.

By the Ringmer branch at Ringmer.—On Sunday, October 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Jones, 1; A. E. Paris, 2; A. Starks, 3; J. T. Rickman, 4; G. C. Hammond, 5; C. Painter, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, several 6-scores, with G. Taylor, 6.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Sunday, October 30th, a 720 of Plain Bob. C. Chambers, 1; W. Short (Warnham), 2; F. Luxford (Arundel), 3; C. Blackman (Arundel), 4; J. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Luxford (Arundel), 1; G. Gatland, 2; W. Short (Warnham), 3; C. Blackman (Arundel), 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Single Bob. E. Brackley, 1; C. Blackman (Arundel), 2; W. Short (Arundel), 3; C. Chambers, 4; E. Brackley, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. E. Brackley, 1; C. Blackman (Arundel), 2; W. Short (Warnham), 3; C. Chambers, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6.

By mixed bands, on the occasion of a District Meeting, at Warnham.—On Saturday, October 29th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. A. Stoner, 1; T. Streeter, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; E. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And 576 of Kent Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; H. Meads, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Andrews, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Cheeseman, 6; J. Gasson, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. F. Morris, 1; W. Wadey, 2; F. Luxford, 3; J. Gasson, 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; H. Chandler, 7; J. Collison, 8. And a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Collison, 1; J. Newnham, 2; C. Tyler, 3; T. Andrews, 4; J. Gasson, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. Wickens, 7; H. Chandler (conductor), 8. And a 559 of Grandsire Triples. G. Gatland, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Luxford, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Tyler, 5; W. Collison, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. And a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Chamberlaine, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; G. Williams, 3; E. Jordan, 4; T. Andrews, 5; A. Mills, 6; H. Chandler, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8. And at Slinfold, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Streeter, 1; W. Short, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Warnham Court Bob Minor. A. Stoner, 1; T. Streeter, 2; B. Payne, 3; E. Streeter, 4; F. Rice, 5; J. Cooper (conductor), 6. And 240 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. B. Payne, 1; T. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, 3; W. Wadey, 4; J. Cooper, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Touches of Grandsire Triples were also brought round at Horsham. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL.—For the last three weeks the cathedral choir has been composed of men only singing in unison. It appears that the complaint known as "mumps" broke out in the choristers' school about three weeks ago, and all the boys, except one, have been attacked by it. Although there have been times before when juvenile disorders have broken out in this school, never before (as far as can be recollected), have the whole school been laid up at one time. Most of the boys are now progressing favourably under the care of Dr. Coates, and it is to be hoped that in the course of another week the voices of most of the choristers will again be heard in the cathedral.

PEALS OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

I 2 3 4 5 I B O

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

5 3 2 1 4 - S
 2 3 1 5 4 - -
 4 5 3 2 1 - - -
 3 4 5 2 1 - - -
 1 2 4 3 5 - - -

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

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

5 1 2 3 4 - S
 2 1 3 5 4 - - -
 4 5 1 2 3 - - -
 1 4 5 2 3 - - -
 3 2 4 1 5 - - -

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

5 4 2 3 1 - S
 3 4 2 5 1 - S
 1 5 4 3 2 - - -
 4 1 5 3 2 - - -
 2 3 1 4 5 - - -

Twice repeated.

By calling the last twenty courses six times with a bob in the second course at o and a bob for a single at i in the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th parts a peal of 5760 will be obtained, containing the 120 course-ends.

5040.

I 2 3 4 5 I O

5 4 3 1 2 S -
 1 4 3 5 2 S -
 3 4 5 1 2 - -
 2 5 1 3 4 - -
 4 1 3 2 5 - -

5 2 3 4 1 S -
 4 2 3 5 1 S -
 3 2 5 4 1 - -
 1 5 4 3 2 - -
 2 4 3 1 5 - -

5 1 3 2 4 S -
 3 1 2 5 4 - -
 2 1 5 3 4 - -
 4 5 3 2 1 - -
 1 3 2 4 5 - -

This part twice repeated, substituting a bob for a single in the second course produces—

3 2 1 4 5

5 4 1 3 2 S -

Continued.—

I O
 3 4 1 5 2 S
 1 4 5 3 2 - -
 2 5 3 1 4 - -
 4 3 1 2 5 - -

5 2 1 4 3 S -
 1 2 4 5 3 - -
 4 2 5 1 3 - -
 3 5 1 4 2 - -
 2 1 4 3 5 - -

5 3 4 2 1 S -
 4 3 2 5 1 - -
 1 2 5 4 3 - -
 3 5 4 1 2 - -
 2 4 1 3 5 - -

5 3 1 2 4 S -
 1 3 2 5 4 - -
 2 3 5 1 4 - -
 4 5 1 2 3 - -
 3 1 2 4 5 - -

This part twice repeated, substituting a bob for a single in the second course. If this part be called six times substituting a bob for a single in the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th parts, a peal of 5760 changes will be obtained containing the 120 course-ends.

5760.

I 2 3 4 5 I O

5 2 3 4 1 S
 4 2 3 5 1 S
 3 2 5 4 1 - -
 1 5 4 3 2 - -
 2 3 4 1 5 S -

5 3 4 1 2 S
 1 3 4 5 2 S
 4 3 5 1 2 - -
 2 5 1 4 3 - -
 3 4 1 2 5 S -

5 4 1 2 3 S
 2 4 1 5 3 S
 1 4 5 2 3 - -
 3 5 2 1 4 - -
 4 2 1 3 5 - -

5 2 1 3 4 S
 3 2 1 5 4 S
 1 2 5 3 4 - -
 4 5 3 1 2 - -
 2 3 1 4 5 - -

Five times repeated.

Bob for a single, first course of the third part. This peal contains the 120 course-ends.

5040.

I 2 3 4 5 I O

5 1 3 4 2 - -
 2 4 3 5 1 S -
 1 3 5 2 4 - -
 4 5 2 1 3 - -
 3 2 1 4 5 - -

5 4 1 3 2 S -
 2 1 3 5 4 - -
 4 3 5 2 1 - -
 1 5 2 4 3 - -
 3 4 2 1 5 S -

5 1 2 3 4 S -
 4 2 3 5 1 - -
 1 3 5 4 2 - -

Continued.—

I O
 2 5 4 1 3 - -
 3 1 4 2 5 S -

5 2 4 3 1 S -
 1 3 4 5 2 S -
 2 4 5 1 3 - -
 3 5 1 2 4 - -
 4 2 1 3 5 S -

5 3 1 4 2 S -
 2 4 1 5 3 S -
 3 1 5 2 4 - -
 4 5 2 3 1 - -
 1 3 2 4 5 S -

The last twenty courses four times repeated substituting a bob for a single in the last course of the fourth part. By calling the last twenty courses six times, substituting a bob for a single at the end of the 1st and 4th parts, a peal of 5760 will be produced, containing the 120 course-ends.

5040.

I 2 3 4 5 I B O

5 2 3 4 1 S
 1 3 4 5 2 - -
 2 5 3 1 4 - - -
 1 3 5 2 4 - - -
 4 2 3 1 5 - - -

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

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

Twice repeated, substituting bob for a single produces—

3 2 1 4 5

5 2 1 4 3 S
 3 1 4 5 2 - -
 2 5 1 3 4 - - -
 1 2 5 3 4 - - -
 4 3 2 1 5 - - -

5 3 2 1 4 S
 4 2 1 5 3 - -
 3 5 2 4 1 - - -
 2 3 5 4 1 - - -
 1 4 3 2 5 - - -

5 4 3 2 1 S
 1 3 2 5 4 - -
 4 5 3 1 2 - - -
 3 4 5 1 2 - - -
 2 1 4 3 5 - - -

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

This part twice repeated, bob instead of first single completes the peal.

By calling the last twenty courses six times and substituting a bob for the first single in the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th parts, 5760 is obtained, containing the 120 course-ends.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1887.

TO-DAY—the fifth of November—the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths celebrate their Two Hundred and Fiftieth anniversary. Many of our provincial friends, at any rate those who are not *au fait* with the historical data of this Society, will be inclined to ask why among other days in the year is the fifth of November selected for this purpose, and suppositions may arise in their minds whether the founders of this body were not in some degree connected with the perpetrators or exposees of that famous conspiracy known to all readers of history as "The Gunpowder Plot." Whatever chain of reasoning may beget such thoughts it is certain that there is no tangible fact in existence to denote the remotest connection between the founders of this Society and the dynamitards of the Stuart period. Such men as LORD BRERETON, SIR CLIFF CLIFTON, and SIR MATTHEW HALE—the latter a most distinguished jurist of the age in which he lived—were not the ones to tamper with sedition even in its weakest form, and yet if history—accompanied with a moiety of tradition, it is true—is to be depended on, these men with their contemporaries fixed this particular day of the year for the holding of the Annual Festival of the ringing Society which they established at a church then situate upon College Hill, in the City of London. It is more than probable that the day was selected for the purpose of celebrating the time with sufficient *eclat* when the land was providentially delivered from the results of what would have been a frightful tragedy had it been successful. We can in this present day well picture the horror created among our forefathers when the conspiracy of the Gunpowder Plot was brought to light, and their feelings of thankfulness at the escape of the King, Lords, and Commons from the heinous and dreadful machinations of the irreconcilables of the time. The circumstance naturally filled the minds of people so much that the day on which the conspirators were baffled in their dark designs came to be held in some sort of veneration by them; a day in fact to be kept as an holiday, to be celebrated and immor-

talised in history. The Church did her share towards strengthening this feeling, by adding to her incomparable Liturgy a special service of thanksgiving to be performed on the same day annually, and which has only within recent years been removed from the Book of Common Prayer out of sympathy with the feelings of our Roman Catholic brethren.

There is no doubt that the fifth of November was selected by the early members of the College Youths for the reasons which we have indicated. Tradition informs us that the members were wont to assemble, headed by their beadle clad in the effusive panoply of his office, for the purpose of proceeding to church on that day, and as customary among Englishmen, and especially among ringers, to dine together afterwards. We must not expect to witness to-day a similar procession by the "Colls." The procession to Church to participate in Divine Service would of course be a grand revival of a very excellent old custom; but their appearance in the streets clad in any kind of distinctive regalia would only afford room for facetious observations and pungent satire. The latter however, we do not imagine will occur, either now or at any time in the future. The anniversary which will be celebrated to day is, as we have stated in a previous number, a "new departure." For many years the festival was held during the summer months, and the members were thus enabled to enjoy on "dinner-day" some delightful vista of country scenery, but this has been thought by some not in accordance with the traditions of the Society, and a movement to celebrate it in future on the original date has thus proved successful.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, October 29th, 1887, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
 AT THE ROYAL PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
 A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;
 Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN ROGERS Treble.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
GEORGE NEWSON 2.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 8.
JOHN W. MANSFIELD 3.	HENRY SWAIN 9.
WILLIAM BARON 4.	HENRY A. HOPKINS 10.
CHARLES E. MALIM, ESQ. 5.	HENRY DAINS 11.
JAMES HANNINGTON 6.	GEORGE WILD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN ROGERS.

The above was performed by the desire of the Vicar and Churchwardens, as the Royal ringers' tribute to the Jubilee year. It was arranged by Henry S. Thomas, Esq., the recent Master of the Society; the band being selected from the members who assisted him in carrying out the Jubilee Banquet. Regret was felt at the enforced absence of E. F. Cole, Esq. through severe affliction, his brother ringers condoling with him on his sad loss. By a curious coincidence the date was also the Jubilee birthday of Mr. Henry Dains, the respected hon. secretary of the Society for many years, his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of this his 50th birthday.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ALL HALLOWS (TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Holt's SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON Treble.	GEO. B. LUCAS 5.
ARTHUR HUBBARD 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 6.
ALFRED FOX 3.	HENRY A. BARNETT 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 4.	WM. PYE-ENGLISH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY A. BARNETT.

The above was rung on All Hallows Day, and is the first peal in the method on the bells. It is also the first peal in the method by all, and also by the All Hallows' Society. It would also have been the first peal in the method by the St. James's Society, if it had not been for the unfortunate result of the meeting on the previous evening, which has caused the Tottenham members to resign.

The Provinces.**DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR HAWES .. .. .	.. Treble.	FRED FIELD	5.
CHARLES FOLLEY	2.	H. D. BETTERIDGE, ESQ. ..	6.
CHARLES TRINDER	3.	HARRY COBB	7.
WILLIAM COUSINS	4.	JAMES WM. WASHBROOK ..	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

BRISTOL.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S RINGERS.***Huffled Peal.**On Monday, October 20, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE STADON .. .. .	.. Treble.	EDWARD BEAKE	5.
FRANCIS PERRIN*	2.	GEORGE DALTRY	6.
EDMUND DUCKHAM	3.	FRANCIS PRICE	7.
WILLIAM PARSONS	4.	JAMES PALSER	Tenor.
		*JAMES VINEY	

Conducted by GEORGE DALTRY.

The above was rung on the 2nd anniversary of the death of Mr. W. M. Stadon who was the steeple-keeper at this church for 31 years. It is the second peal on the bells, the first having been rung fifty-one years ago on April 9th, 1836.

*First peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, October 25, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt, in E.

JOHN HOPWOOD .. .. .	.. Treble.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT ..	5.
GEORGE LONGDEN	2.	JOHN THORP	6.
JAMES WOOD	3.	SAMUEL WOOD	7.
THOMAS WILDE	4.	JOHN HARRISON	Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

T. Wilde was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal, and hails from Hyde, Cheshire, the rest are local men.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, October 28, 1887, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE PAWLEY .. .. .	.. Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ..	5.
EDWARD PRICE	2.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY ..	6.
EDWARD ELLIOTT	3.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT ..	7.
REUBEN SIMMONDS	4.	HARRY PEARCE	Tenor.

Conducted by F. G. NEWMAN.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, October 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD PRICE .. .. .	.. Treble.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT ..	5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE	2.	ALFRED H. WOOLLEY ..	6.
HARRY PEARCE	3.	SAMUEL SNELLING ..	7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ..	4.	EDWARD ELLIOTT ..	Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the dedication of the new church of St. Mark, Eccles, a hamlet of Aylesford, by the Bishop of Rochester.

CAPEL, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, October 28, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-five and ½ Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

5040 CHANGES; IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;*Being a 720 of each of the following:—*

London Surprise; Superlative Surprise; Cambridge Surprise; College Pleasure; College Exercise; Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MARK JENKINS .. .. .	.. Treble.	*ALFRED D. MILLS	4.
ROBERT JORDAN*	2.	*EDWIN JORDAN	5.
THOMAS M. STEDMAN* ..	3.	*DAVID JORDAN	Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

*Members of the Sussex County Association.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.*On Saturday, October 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

AMOS CRESSER .. .. .	.. Treble.	S. SMITH	5.
CHAS. SMITH	2.	S. PAGE	6.
G. DRAYCOTT	3.	THOS. HOLMES	7.
R. LANE	4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. ..	Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

The above are all members of the Midland Counties' Association with the exception of S. Page, who hails from Bennington.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***Birthday Peal.**On Monday, October 31, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM WALTER .. .. .	.. Treble.	HENRY G. POPE	5.
WALTER POPE	2.	EDGAR POPE	6.
JOSEPH TILLMON	3.	A. EDWARD NUNN	7.
WILLIAM POPE	4.	THOMAS COLVIN	Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. NUNN.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the first peal by the local band. It was rung in honor of the birthday of Mr. H. G. Pope, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

Date Touches.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Spurr, 1; J. Chapell, 2; G. Crawshaw, 3; M. Garforth, 4; J. A. Idle (composer), 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byrom, 7; D. Stephenson (conductor), 8. Tenor 26½ cwt.

HALIFAX.—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, at All Souls' Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. and 15 mins., as a token of respect to the Rev. H. Askwith—who preached his farewell sermon the same evening—for the great kindness which he has shown to the ringers during his short sojourn in the parish. H. Reynolds, 1; T. Parker, 2; G. D. E. Mercer, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; A. Parker, 5; H. Payne (conductor), 6; A. F. Nicoll, 7; S. W. Stewart, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

Miscellaneous.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 30th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 of Bob Minor. A. Spurge, 1; S. Sargent, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; J. Hayes, 5; E.

Carter (conductor), 6. And for Divine Service in the afternoon, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. A. Spurge, 1; S. Sargent, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Warren, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. E. Carter hails from London, the rest are of the local company.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham).—On Monday, October 24th, for practice at the parish church, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1232 changes. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. W. Cleminson, 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Charlton, 4; J. Shipp, 5; D. Shipp, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; A. J. B. Waldron, 8. J. Shipp and D. Shipp hail from Staindrop.

DARLINGTON.—On Thursday evening, October 20th, at St. John's Church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. H. S. Taylor, 1; J. Little (first 720), 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; *J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. And on Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Little, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORTHAMPTON (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, the Deerhurst Society visited the above place and rang for Divine Service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. C. A. Willis, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts, 3; C. Roles, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. G. Willis, 1; C. Willis, 2; H. Roberts (conductor), 3; C. Roles, 4; J. Bartlett, 5; —. Clarke, 6. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells, also of Stedman.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOREHAM (Essex).—On Wednesday evening, October 19th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins., with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Alfred Argent, one of the local ringers, and a member of the above Association. J. Mitchell, 1; J. Shonk, 2; J. Dowsett, 3; J. Young, 4; M. Rolfe, 5; J. Young (conductor), 6. Mr. Rolfe hails from Springfield.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; T. Hammond, 3; *W. Hammond, 4; F. L. Bumstead, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also 360 of Cambridge Surprise. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; F. Rudkin, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; S. Hammond, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, 480 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; S. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also 240 in the same method with W. Hammond, 4; the rest standing as before. And 120 of Plain Bob Doubles. H. E. Hammond, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; S. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Hammond, 4; F. L. Bumstead, 5; W. Lincoln, 6.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 16th, by the local band at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Hendry, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen (conductor), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes, 6. Also on Friday, October 21st, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Brett, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob (eight bobs and six singles), in 27 mins. H. Hill, 1; R. Grimes (conductor), 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 28 mins. W. Day, 1; H. Merrishaw, 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Hill (conductor), 5; R. Grimes, 6. And on Thursday, October 27th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). W. Day, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Allen, 5; R. Grimes, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DOVER.—On Monday, October 17th, at St. James' Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. A. Tanton, 1; R. Andrews, 2; R. Ausley, 3; E. Potter, 4; E. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, sen., 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—On Thursday evening, October 13th, for practice at St. Mildred's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins. †J. Bartlett, 1; *G. Cramp, 2; R. Edwards, 3; *H. Hawkins, 4; J. Sharp, 5; H. G. Rummey, 6; G. Neve (conductor), 7; H. Holdstock, 8. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell. †First attempt in any method.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CASTLE DONINGTON.—On Tuesday, October 18th, the St. Michael's society, Melbourne, paid a visit to the parish church, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. R. Wood, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; H.

Hollingworth, 3; J. Vickers, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; J. Vickers, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. Tenor about 17½ cwt. in F. The Melbourne ringers are very much obliged to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the leader of the Donington band, Mr. V. Hickinbottom, for his kind attentions.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Blissett, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. Evans, 3; J. Hands, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; W. J. Williams (conductor), 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON.—On Tuesday, October 25th, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob Minor. J. Wood, 1; E. Glover, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. W. Brough, 4; W. Baddeley, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, at Christ Church, 720 of College Single in 26 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; N. Lord, 4; A. White, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Tuesday, October 25th, nine members of the above Society met at St. Stephen's, and attempted Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to a change-course, the bells came round at the end of the fifth part, (4200 changes), in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. G. Staddon, 1; F. Perrin, 2; E. Duckham, 3; W. Parsons, 4; E. Beake, 5; G. Daltry (conductor), 6; F. Price, 7; J. Palser and J. Viney, 8. The above was intended to be a birthday peal to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day, notwithstanding the change-course.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Sunday, October 16th, at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, before Divine Service, 1330 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Tenor 20 cwt. W. Partington, 1; C. Chaplin, 2; E. H. Tripp, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; H. L. Partington, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Friday evening, October 21st, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, 720 London Surprise, in 23½ mins. G. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 24th, for afternoon service, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Akehurst, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; T. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And after service, 720 London Surprise. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. Stedman, 3; A. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 Superlative Surprise. D. Jordan (conductor), 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; T. Stedman, 4; A. Mills, 5; M. Jenkins, 6. Tenor 7½ cwt.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 24th, at St. Margaret's church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25½ mins. G. Jenkins, 1; T. Stedman, 2; R. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also after service 360 Oxford Bob. T. Stedman, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. John's church, six members of the above Association rang for practice 240 each of the following, viz., Duke of York, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob, in 45 mins. A. Worthington, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; W. Price (Eckington), 3; W. Worthington, 4; J. Harris, 5; H. Madin (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; T. Andrews, 3; H. Chandler, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; F. Wickens, 7; G. Woodman, 8. After service a 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. L. Chamberlain, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; A. Mills, 6; D. Jordan, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8. And 252 Stedman Triples. E. Jordan, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. Also several courses of Duffield Major, in which all the above took

part. And for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), Thurstans'. E. Jordan, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; T. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by all except Williams and Whiting, and the first in the method by the above Association.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, October 25th, at St. Martin's church, 416 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. R. Small, 1; H. Bastable, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 4; B. Witchell, 5; W. Kent, 6; C. Stanbridge, 7; A. Thomas, 8. Mr. Bassano hails from Old Hill, Staffordshire, and this is his first touch in the method. Tenor 36 cwt.

BOOTLE (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, October 20th, at Christ Church, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 25 mins. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, and also for the above band. C. E. Wilson hails from Walton. Tenor 12 cwt.

DISS (Norfolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, October 9th, on handbells retained in hand 672, of Bob Major, was rung in honor of Mr. Broom's 42nd birthday, it contained the same number of leads, viz. forty-two. E. Hayward, 1-2; C. Broom, 3-4; J. Souther (conductor), 5-6; J. Rudd, 7-8. Composed by B. Francis, Bressingham. And a 1000 of Bob Royal, in 40 mins. E. Hayward, 1-2; E. Broom, 3-4; J. Souther (conductor), 5-6; J. Rudd, 7-8; B. Francis, 9-10. This is the longest touch in the method on handbells by all.

ELY.—*Muffled Peal.*—On Saturday, October 22nd, 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Jos. Daines, of Downham, Norfolk, who until recently was a member of this company. J. E. Ellis, J. Southerill, Wm. King, Wm. Southerill, A. Pilgrim (conductor), J. Vail, J. Hitchborn.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Wednesday, September 7th, being the Harvest Home in the Rectory grounds, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Maxim, F. Wells, 2; S. Slater, 3; R. Mingay (conductor), 4; O. Garwood, 5; J. Lee, 6. And a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1024 changes). S. Slater, 1; J. Lee, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; R. Mingay, 6; G. C. Hammond, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, September 13th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). S. Slater (conductor), 1; F. Wells, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; R. Mingay, J. Lee, 5; G. Maxim, 6. On Sunday, October 9th, for the evening service, a touch of Bob Major (720 changes). S. Slater (conductor), 1; D. Ward, 2; O. Garwood, 3; G. Maxim, 4; W. P. Gridley, 5; R. Mingay, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; J. Lee, 8. On Wednesday, October 12th, was rung a touch of Bob Major (560 changes). G. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; W. P. Gridley, 5; P. C. S. Scott, 6; J. Bird, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. On the same evening was rung two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the first in the method on the bells. W. P. Gridley, 1; J. Lee, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Maxim, 5; P. C. S. Scott, 6; S. Slater, 7; O. Garwood, 8.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, September 27th, at the parish church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Slater, 1; J. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; O. Garwood, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, October 11th, 720 of Double Court Bob. C. Adams, 1; Z. Slater, 2; J. Lee (first 720 in the method), 3; G. Maxim (first 720 in the method), 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; O. Garwood, 6. And on Wednesday, October 19th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. J. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. The above was composed by C. Price, of Eccleston, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" for October 15th, and is the first 720 ever composed and rang in this method with more than nine bobs. It was rung to welcome the new rector (the Rev. Herbert Hall, M.A.), to Glemsford, who arrived on that evening. And on Saturday afternoon, October 22nd, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; E. W. Downs, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, October 2nd, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. D. Griggs, 1; A. Tennant, 2; G. Griffin, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; A. Pittam, 5; E. Chapman, 6. Also on Sunday morning October 16th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. T. Gleed, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; F. Weare, 3; A. Tennant, 4; A. Pittam, 5; T. Titchener, 6. And on Sunday evening, October 23rd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Nixon, 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Tennant, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL (Leicestershire).—On Saturday, October 15th, the Nuneaton company paid a visit to this place, and rang on the pretty peal of five, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. W. Adler, 1; T. Lingard, 2; T. Chapman, 3; H. Horwood (conductor),

4; T. Bates, 5. This peal was increased to five in 1873 through the instrumentality of Mr. T. Holmes, now of Burton-on-Trent. Another treble is much needed to make this a sweet ring of six. Another 120 was also rung. G. Winter, 1; J. Clarke, 2; W. Adler, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. Chapman, 5. A few call-changes were then rung by the local company. After the bells had been lowered in peal, the handbells were brought into requisition, and a very pleasant evening spent with them, the visitors returning home pleased with their outing, thanking all for their kindness.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening October 22nd, a mixed band met for practice at the parish church, but being one short to ring eight a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on the back six. P. C. S. Scott, 1; S. Slater, 2; H. Smith, 3; A. Symonds, 4; Geo. Maxim, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. This was the first attempt in the method by H. Smith. Messrs. Slater and Garwood hail from Glemsford; Smith and Symonds from Lavenham; Maxim from Cavendish; Mr. Scott is a local man.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's church, on St. Luke's Day, October 18th, a 503 Grandsire Caters. T. Wilson, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; S. Cooper, 3; A. Millis, 4; J. Buttery (conductor), 5; J. Walton, 6; C. A. Clements, 7; J. Marlow, 8; W. Cooper, 9; W. Walker, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. In Db. Messrs. Jerram and Clements hail from Salisbury. Previous to the ringing they were kindly shewn over most of the ancient buildings of interest in Leicester, by Mr. S. Cooper, who fully explained all details to them.

MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service at the parish church, 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. C. Truss, 1; J. Gibson, 2; C. Smith, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; W. Badger, 5; H. Yates, 6; H. Collins (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—For evening service, on Sunday, October 23rd, a 720 Stedman Slow Course Minor, in 24 mins. G. Wood, 1; J. W. Brough, 2; J. Wood, 3; W. Baddeley, 4; E. Glover, 5; J. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

NORTON ST. PHILIP (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, October 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Prescott, 1; Jas. Coombs, 2; J. G. Roberts, L. Bell, 4; C. Garrett, 5; H. H. Palairer, Esq. (conductor), 6.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—At the parish church, on Thursday, October 20th, a plain course of Grandsire Triples. G. Winter, 1; J. Clark, 2; W. Adler, 3; T. Lingard, 4; F. W. Chapman, 5; T. Bate, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. George (Coventry), 8. A start was then made for a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, called differently, with 7-6-8 behind, but after ringing over 360 changes, the treble rope broke. J. Ballard, 1; J. Clarke, 2; T. Lingard, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. Chapman, 5; T. Bates, 6; J. George (Coventry), 7; G. Winter, 8. Afterwards a 240 in the same method, on the back six.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, October 19th, at St. Mary's church, two 720s; the first, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; H. Smith, 2; W. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; Jno. Levitt, 6. The second, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. Composed by Jno. Marvin, of Copdock, Suffolk, in 1784.

RAUDS (Northants).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Peter's church, 360 of College Little. A. Coles, 1; R. Pendered, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; F. Slade, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also two 120's of Bob Doubles, and two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by F. Gilbert and H. Stubbs. A. Coles, 1; R. Pendered, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; G. Kirk, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; S. Bailey, 6. And on Monday, October 24th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 3; R. Pendered, 4; R. Dunkley, 5; F. Slade (first 360 in the method), 6. Also 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob. A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; F. Slade (first 360 in the method), 3; R. Pendered, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; R. Dunkley (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Oxford Bob. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; G. Kirk, 4; J. Willmott, 5; W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Gilbert, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Dunkley, 3; G. Kirk, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; S. Bailey, 6. *Handbell Ringing.* On Wednesday, October 19th, at the house of Mr. J. Gilbert, 360 of Oxford Bob. W. J. Gilbert, 1-2; F. Gilbert, 3-4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5-6. And a course each of Oxford Bob, College Little, and Court Single. R. Dunkley, 1-2; F. Gilbert, 3-4; H. Stubbs, 5-6. R. Dunkley hails from Bythorn, Hunts.

SHARNBROOK (Beds).—On Saturday, October 22nd, the Rushden company, by kind permission of the vicar, rang at St. Peter's, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). F. Clayton, 1; G. Buron, 2; W. Lewis, 3; E. Chapman, 4; C. West, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. Also 144 London Single (three bobs). F. Clayton, 1; G. Heath, 2; E. Chapman, 3; W. A. Hall, 4; C. West, 5; G. Burton (conductor), 6. After falling the bells the company adjourned to the vicarage with the handbells, and played several

tunes, and rung a touch of Bob Minor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Wilkinson, for the use of the bells and for the kind way in which he entertained them during the evening, also to Mr. Dickens, the steeple-keeper.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' Church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Cook, 1; D. Dawson, 2; W. Harris, 3; W. Sharpington, 4; M. Rolfe (conductor), 5; W. Hawkes, 6. Mr. Harris hails from Broomfield.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice at the Cathedral, a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. C. Mitchell, 1; *A. Barnes, 2; *W. H. Buckingham, 3; H. Lewis, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; *E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; N. N. Hills, 8. *First course. Also 216 Stedman Triples. N. N. Hills (conductor), 1; T. Grant, 2; A. Barnes, 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; W. H. Buckingham, 8. On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for service, 384 Bob Major (Queens and Tittums). T. Grant, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8. Also 168 Stedman and Bob Triples, and 126 of Grandsire. For evening service 504 of Stedman Triples. E. J. Mitchell (first 504 in the method), 1; W. Battle, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. H. Buckingham, 8. The above contained Queens and Tittums. Also 168 of Stedman, and a plain course of Grandsire Major. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday, October 26th, in St. Peter's belfry, 168 of Grandsire Triples. A. Hull, 1; W. Little, 2; T. Waller, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6; E. Hull, 7-8. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. Hull, 1; W. Little, 2; T. Waller, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5; S. Mitchell, 6; E. Hull, 7-8. First in the method for Messrs. A. Hull and Little. And on Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service in the evening, 504 Stedman Triples. J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 1; T. Grant, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; N. N. Hills, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; M. Pratt, 8.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for morning service, at the parish church, by the local company, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; N. W. Tarling, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; W. Morris, 6; P. Springham, 7; W. F. Tarling, 8. For evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; G. Camp, 2; T. Saban, 3; A. Brown, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; W. Morris, 7; P. Springham, 8. And for practice, on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; G. Camp, 2; A. Brown, 3; W. Morris, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; H. Saban, 7; P. Springham, 8. And 560 of Plain Bob Major, in 24 mins. G. Camp, 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; W. Morris, 5; H. Saban, 6; P. Springham, 7; N. W. Tarling (conductor), 8. Also a 504 of Stedman Triples, in 19 mins. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; W. Morris, 5; H. Saban, 6; P. Springham, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. The above is the first touch of Plain Bob Major by Messrs. Pleasance and Morris. Tenor 25 cwt.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Monday, October 24th, at St. Thomas's Church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), on the back six. W. A. Pugh, 1; C. Barrett, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; J. Guest (conductor), 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Harris, 6. Another 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) with tenor covering. *J. Pagett, 1; C. Barrett, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; J. Guest (conductor), 4; H. Harris, 5; G. H. Pagett, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7. *First 720 (aged 16).

TROWBRIDGE (Wilts).—On Saturday, October 22nd, a 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. McCaffrey, 1; T. Blackburn (conductor), 2; A. Anderson, 3; J. Hayward, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 8. The above quarter-peal is the composition of the late Mr. Woodman, of Trowbridge.

TUE BROOK, NEAR LIVERPOOL.—On Saturday, October 15th, the St. Mary's Society, Prescott, paid a visit to the above place, to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to a service being held, time did not permit, so the following were rung before service. A 1008 of Grandsire Triples. J. Chesworth, 1; W. Finney, 2; J. Renshall, 3; T. Abrahams, 4; J. Finney, 5; J. Case, 6; T. Byron (conductor), 7; J. Moston, 8. Also 516 in the same method. J. Chesworth, 1; J. Finney, 2; W. Finney, 3; T. Abrahams, 4; J. Renshall, 5; J. Case, 6; T. Byron (conductor), 7; J. Moston, 8. And a course of Plain Bob Triples. After service 503 of Grandsire Triples. T. Byron, 1; J. Renshall, 2; W. Finney, 3; R. Williams (conductor), 4; T. Abrahams, 5; J. Moston, 6; J. Finney, 7; J. Case, 8. And a 507. J. Chesworth, 1; J. Finney, 2; W. Finney, 3; T. Abrahams, 4; J. Renshall, 5; T. Byron, 6; R. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Moston, 8. Mr. R. Williams belongs to Liverpool.

TWERTON (near Bath).—On Thursday, October 20th, at St. Michael's church, two 120s of Stedman Doubles. J. Wotton, 1; G. Temple, 2; J. Blackmore (conductor), 3; T. Holman, 4; H. Wotton, 5; C. Bendall, 6. Also another 120. H. Wotton, 1; G. Temple, 2; T. Blackmore (conductor), 3; H. Wotton, 4; H. Brown, 5; C. Bendall, 6. Also for Divine Service, on Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Andrew's, Bath, for morning service, a plain course, and a 280 of Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; J. Holman, 2; G. Kingston, 3; G. Hill (conductor), 4; E. Tovey, 5; — Goodman, 6; H. Brown, 7; N. Wake, 8. Also for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; J. Holman, 2; A. Melhuish, 3; G. Hill (conductor), 4; E. Tovey, 5; — Goodman, 6; H. Brown, 7; — Crocker, 8. And after service, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Holman, 3; G. Hull, 4; J. Balckmore, 5; H. Wotton (conductor), 6; H. Brown, 7; — Crocker, 8. And another touch in the same method. H. Wyburn, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. Tovey, 3; H. Brown, 4; A. Melhuish, 5; H. Wotton (conductor), 6; J. Holman, 7; C. Bendall, 8.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, October 23rd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; J. West, 6. In the afternoon, 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, and 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Yates, 1; C. E. Wilson, 2; W. J. Short, 3; W. Rushton, 4; R. H. Barton, 5; J. Bradshaw (conductor), 6. In the evening, 360 of College Single Minor, and 120 of Grandsire Minor. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. The above were rung on the occasion of the annual Harvest Thanksgiving. Messrs. Yates, Short, W. Rushton, Barton and Bradshaw hail from Bootle; West from Seaforth; the rest belong to the local company. Tenor 9 cwt.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Saturday, October 29th, at Holy Trinity church, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24½ mins. Y. Green, 1; *Rev. A. S. Dowling, 2; H. Randall, 3; H. Prior, 4; H. Springhall, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell in the method. Also a 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor, in 23 mins. †Rev. A. S. Dowling, 1; H. Prior, 2; †Y. Green, 3; †H. Randall, 4; †W. H. Doran, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the method, and also the first on the bells. H. Prior hails from Stanstead, Essex.

BURFORD, OXON.

The following is the account of the ringing done by the Burford (Oxford) company during the month of October:—

On Sunday, October 2nd, at the parish church, 360 of Grandsire Minor. H. Shaylor, 1; T. Brown, 2; D. Francis, 3; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 4; W. Large, 5; W. Hall, 6; W. Launchbury, 7. And 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; H. Bond, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. C. Glanville, 5; D. Francis, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; H. Shaylor, 8. Also on Sunday, October 16th, 504 of Grandsire Triples. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; D. Francis, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Bond, 7; H. Shaylor, 8. And on Sunday, October 23rd, 360 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Smith, 3; D. Francis, 4; W. Large, 5; H. Bond (conductor), 6; H. Shaylor, 7. Also 240 of Grandsire Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Smith, 3; H. Bond, 4; W. Large (conductor), 5; D. Francis, 6; W. Woulderidge, 7. And on Wednesday, October 26th, 360 of Bob Minor. E. Smith, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Smith, 3; D. Francis, 4; H. Bond, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; W. Launchbury, 7. Also on Sunday, October 30th, 1260 of Grandsire Triples. F. E. Ward, 1; W. Hall, 2; D. Francis, 3; W. Smith, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; W. Large (conductor), 6; H. Bond, 7; W. Launchbury, 8. Composed by E. Pitt, of Exeter.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE 250th Anniversary Dinner of the above Society will take place this evening (Saturday) at 7 o'clock precisely. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Magnus, Thames Street, E.C., ten bells, 1.15 p.m. and 5 p.m.; St. Saviour's, Southwark, S.E., twelve bells, 2.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, E.C., twelve bells, 4 p.m. An efficient musical programme has been arranged. The Master (Mr. G. T. McLaughlin) will take the chair at 6.50 for 7 p.m., and Mr. G. Mash, the vice-chair. As there is a good long programme to be got through, it is hoped that those intending to be present will be punctual.

On Monday the Bishop of Rochester unveiled a window which has been erected at the west end of St. Peter's, Walworth, in memory of the Rev. F. Evelyn Alexander, the late vicar, who died in February last.

Church News.

On Tuesday Sir J. P. Deane formally prorogued the Southern Convocation till December 1st.

On Tuesday the Rev. Philip Deedes, of St. Albans, was appointed secretary of Haileybury College, on the retirement of the Rev. Lewis Deedes, after twenty-five years' service.

The consecration of Archdeacon Matthew as Bishop of Lahore, in succession to Dr. Valpy French, will, it is stated, take place at Westminster Abbey on St. Thomas's Day, December 21st.

On Monday the Bishop of Rochester unveiled a window which has been erected at the west end of St. Paul's, Walworth, in memory of the Rev. Evelyn F. Alexander, the late vicar, who died in February last.

The preachers at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, for the current month will be:—November 6th, the Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal; 13th, the Rev. W. H. Bliss; 20th, the Rev. A. H. Williams; 27th, the Rev. J. E. Kempe.

The Bishop of Chester has appointed the Rev. Herbert Bury, vicar of St. Peter's, Stockport, to succeed the late Canon Brown as honorary secretary of the Diocesan Church Building Society for the Macclesfield archdeaconry.

On Friday week the Bishop of Ripon held a special ordination at the Palace Chapel, and admitted Mr. Walter Mansell Merry, B.A., of Exeter College, to the diaconate. Mr. Merry will act as the Bishop's domestic chaplain and private secretary.

On Saturday week the Bishop of Ripon laid the foundation-stone of St. Luke's, Cleckheaton, on a site which had been presented by the Lowmoor Iron Company. The building will be erected from the designs of Mr. Medland Taylor and will accommodate 643 persons. The cost is to be about £5,000.

A special service was held at Nicholas Cole-Abbey on Thursday, November 3rd, at noon, to enable Cornishmen and others interested in Truro Cathedral to associate themselves with the consecration service. A short sermon was preached, and the service was over at 12.45. Holy Communion was celebrated at eight o'clock.

As the Rev. E. T. Hoare, vicar of Chilworth, Hants., was crossing the railway at Swathling on Monday, he was knocked down by a goods engine. He was conveyed to the Hampshire County Hospital, where his arm was amputated. He was also injured in the head, and is in a precarious state.

The east window of Bondwell church, Gloucestershire, has been filled with stained-glass from the studio of Messrs. Ward and Hughes. It bears the following inscription:—"To the glory of God and in memory of his father, the Rev. W. Thursby, who died Oct., 1884, aged 82, this window is erected by Piers Thursby, 1887." Mr. and Mrs. P. Thursby also gave an organ a short time back in memory of Mrs. Thursby, senior.

The Bishop of London has inhibited the Rev. Thomas Greenland, late rector of Raithby, Lincolnshire, from further preaching in Christ Church, Harlesden, a place of worship connected with the Reformed Episcopal Church. Mr. Greenland preached in the church on the 16th ult., and was announced to do so on Sunday next. Mr. Greenland, though he has resigned his living, has not severed his connection with the Church of England.

On Saturday afternoon the Rev. R. Raynbird, rector of Wentworth, Ely, feeling unwell, walked to a couch to rest himself, and expired almost immediately. His wife at the time was attending a special service at Holy Trinity, Ely, in connection with the Servants' Friendly Society. Mr. Raynbird was a scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1843. He was ordained the next year, and in 1856 was appointed to Wentworth by the Dean and Chapter.

The living of Dolwyddelan, North Wales, having become vacant, the patron, Baroness Willoughby d'Eresby, has written to the parishioners offering to place the appointment in their hands. If they choose to nominate a fit and proper clergyman she will present him to the benefice. The parishioners have selected three candidates, whom they have submitted to the Bishop of the diocese for his selection. The parishioners will then submit the clergyman chosen to the Baroness Willoughby d'Eresby.

On Saturday week Countess Cowper laid the memorial-stone of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, which is about to be built in Exmouth-street, Clerkenwell. The Rev. E. V. Eyre delivered an address, in the course of which he stated that they were under a special debt of gratitude to the Marquis of Northampton for presenting them with the site for the church. When the Church was completed it would cost

between £8,000 and £9,000., and they were now about £4,000 short of that amount; but within the last few days he had received an anonymous donation of £1,000.

An inquest was held at Baginton, Warwickshire, on Tuesday, on the body of the Rev. Frederick Gooch, D.C.L., aged eighty-four. Mr. Gooch, who was connected by marriage with the Speaker, had latterly been in poor health, and on Saturday he went into his library and shot himself twice in the neck. He was found dead on the floor. A verdict of suicide whilst in an unsound state of mind was returned. Mr. Gooch graduated from Christ Church, Oxford, in 1826. He was Fellow of All Souls' College from 1828 till 1853, and was appointed rector of Baginton as long ago as 1833, and was rural dean of Baginton from 1838 till 1884.

The Rev. E. Hodgson, vicar of Shocklach, Cheshire, who recently removed the communion table cover and substituted for it the pall used to cover coffins at funerals, in order to show the parishioners what a Low Church service was like, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Bishop of Chester. The ritualistic ornaments, subsequently removed into the churchyard by Mr. Piggott, churchwarden, were taken back by the rev. gentleman. They were carried out a second time, and the vicar has since conducted the services without these adjuncts.

In the unavoidable absence through indisposition of the Bishop of Oxford, Bishop Abraham consecrated, on Friday week, an addition to the churchyard and a chancel to the church of Holy Trinity, Hermitage, Newbury, of which the Rev. Philip Longmore is the vicar. This church was built in 1835 for the district which was then separated for ecclesiastical purposes from the parish of Hampstead Norreys. It was exceedingly plain and unattractive both externally and internally; but improvements have from time to time been effected. The new chancel, with appropriate fittings and a vestry, has been built under the direction of Mr. Maurice Hulbert. The consecration sermon was preached by the Bishop. The same evening a service was held, at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Abernethy Coldbeck, licensed preacher in the diocese of London.

The clergy of the Diocese of Bath and Wells will rejoice in the announcement made last Monday, that the canonry at Wells, vacant by the death of Professor Gandell, has been conferred by the Bishop (Lord Arthur Hervey), on his examining chaplain, the rector of Weston-super-Mare. The Rev. George Buckle has been for thirty-five years identified with the work of the diocese, and he would have had probably the unanimous support of the clergy had the election rested with them. Mr. Buckle took his degree at Oxford in Easter term, 1842—First Class Mathematics and Second in Classics—at the same time with Bishop Temple, of Balliol; President Wayte, and the Right Hon. Mountague Bernard, of Trinity, who were also in First Classics. He was Fellow and Tutor of Oriel College, 1843-1852; Public Examiner in 1846 and 1850. Cardinal Newman, Bishop Fraser, Dean Church, Arthur Hugh Clough, and Matthew Arnold, were also Fellows of Oriel during these years. In 1852 Mr. Buckle succeeded to the college living of Twerton, and in 1868 was appointed Prebendary of Wells by the then Bishop, Lord Auckland; examining chaplain to Lord Arthur Hervey in 1872, and rector of Weston-super-Mare by the same Bishop in 1875.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a meeting of ringers of the above places, will take place on Saturday, November 12th. Time and place will be given next week. The object of the meeting will be to consider the advisability of forming the said districts into a branch or district of the above Association. All towers, containing six or more bells, within the proposed boundaries of Rochdale and Bury on the north; Walkden and Worsley, to Flixton on the west; Cheshire on the south; and Yorkshire on the east, are earnestly requested to send one or more members to the meeting. This invitation is for non-members as well as members of the Association. Communications respecting this meeting must be addressed to

A. ED. WREAKS.

42, Cleveland road, Crumpsall, Manchester.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A Committee Meeting will be held in the Church room, Stoke, on Saturday, November 12th, at 4 o'clock. Business—to elect a clerical secretary and treasurer, fix meetings for another year, &c.

E. GLOVER, Hon. Sec.

Dog Croft, November 1st, 1877.

OUTING OF THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH, TO LONDON.

On Saturday, October 15th, nine members of the above society paid a visit to London, where arrangements had been made to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Giles, Cripplegate, where after ringing in good style for 2 hrs. and 23 mins., it came to grief, through the 4th casting her rope. C. Mee (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; F. Mee, 5; S. E. Joyce, 6; E. Horrex, 7; R. H; Brundle, 8; A. R. Aldham, 9; T. Steward, 10; F. Tillett, 11. E. Pemberton, 12. Tenor 36 cwt. On Sunday for morning service at St. Saviour's, Southwark, three courses of Stedman Cinques, and for afternoon service at St. Paul's Cathedral, three courses of Stedman Cinques, and for evening service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. On Monday morning they were kindly met by Messrs. Horrex and Woodley, who shewed them over the Guildhall, and St. Paul's Cathedral, where a pass was obtained, and in the afternoon arrangements had been previously made to attempt a peal at Fulham, but had to be abandoned on account of a funeral, so they went to Rochester Row instead, and rang some touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and Stedman Triples, from whence they made their way to Liverpool Street, to catch the 8 p.m. train for Ipswich, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The company wish to thank all their London friends for their kindness in arranging peals, touches, etc., and also Messrs. Pettit, Horrex, and Woodley, for spending a great part of Monday with them, and also wish to thank their friends of the Royal Cumberland Society, for providing ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; hoping that they will soon again renew their visit, and then have the good luck to ring a peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—CRAWLEY BRANCH.

On Sunday, October 9th, by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Wadey, six members, viz., Messrs. F. and G. Wickens, Hillier, Parsons, Newnham, and King, paid a visit to Billingshurst. Permission had been obtained to visit the parish church, and they rang a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, for morning service. In the afternoon a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins., and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. For evening service, 720 of Warnham Court Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Several other touches were rung during the day with the local ringers. Mr. W. Wadey is a member of the Crawley branch, and had generously provided a very substantial dinner for his brother members, and to which ample justice was done; they then left for Crawley in the evening, highly gratified with the trip. The following Sunday, October 16th, permission had been obtained to ring at the parish church at Horley, when Messrs. Hillier, Wadey, F. and G. Wickens, Newnham, Collison, Rice, Pierce, and D. Jordan of Capel, started to ring a peal of Court Bob Triples, but after ringing 55 minutes it came to grief through a change-course. Afterwards they rang two 640s Kent Treble Bob Major, for evening service.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

SIR,—In answer to a member of the Y. A. C. R. as he styles himself, saying the calling of my peal will be found in the ninth report, and rung at Drighlington November 10th, 1883, conducted by Henry Smith, is as I said in my first letter to your paper on this subject, not to be found, and if he says again it is there to be found after this second investigation he recommended, and in answer to this letter, I am convinced he will be absolutely in the wrong. Apart from all hastiness in my complaint about the non-insertion of my calling, I believe a peal was rung at the place and date above mentioned, and conducted with the same calling referred to in the ninth annual report, but he must allow me to inform him it cannot come round with that calling at 5056 changes, rung as published in the ninth report. Now allow me to ask him where the hastiness comes in. A conver-

sation cropped up with the gentleman who rang the 7th bell in both peals when retiring from the tower after my peal, and he said it had been rung some time back in a revised form at Drighlington, and with this result; that No. 247 performance, or speaking like "rushing into print," the calling was false. I forward the calling of mine so that members with the ninth report may compare them, and hope he may, next time be writes on this subject, sign his name properly, so that I may see if he is a member of the Y. A. C. R., and hope, in conclusion that more attention may be paid to reports of peals rung by the officials who prepare them for printing in the report, and not alter them after being forwarded as mine was. R. BINNS.

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JOSEPH TEBBS.

THE TOTTENHAM PEAL.

SIR,—As perhaps you may have heard, the question of the booking of the peal of Bob Triples was brought on at the meeting of the St. James's society last Monday. The proposer of the resolution that the peal should not be booked was J. M. Hayes, and he was fully attended by the band of St. Stephen's, Westminster, where he is employed in teaching. These members of course followed as he led, as did the seconder of the resolution, C. F. Winny, and R. French and others. Their victory is not decisive, however,—16 for and 16 against. Mr. Langdon, the master of the company, gave the casting vote against us, and I wonder at this because he seemed to be inclined to our side, though perhaps he did not like to give offence to the persons above named. It was rather a boisterous meeting, and the marshalling of the forces against us was plainly seen. We were told previously, and not in a very courteous manner, that we could do what we liked, but we should not get the peal booked. Perhaps the individual who said that will tell us if it is at all correct to propose a person for membership in a public-house on a Sunday and then ring a peal with him there. Our peal, refused admission into the St. James's peal-book by a few members who want it all their own way, will be recorded in a manner equally as lasting as it would have been if entered in the St. James' peal-book. This record will state in full the unwise opposition of these people, and the proposer, seconder, and casting-voter will have their names added for the benefit and amusement and indignation of posterity. H. A. BARNETT.

SIR,—Messrs. J. M. Hayes—who proposed the resolution that a true and complete peal of Triples rung upon seven bells should not be recorded—C. F. Winny, who seconded the same, and Messrs. Hayward, McLaughlin, French, and others who supported it, are certainly very squeamish. They are not always so. In "THE BELL NEWS" of October 1st, I read of a peal being rung on handbells on a Sunday in a public-house, in which Messrs. Hayes, Winny, and McLaughlin took part. The other man who took part in the peal was a stranger—not a member of the St. James' Company. But they did not care for that. They made him a member there and then. Why not; there were three of them to do it. One of them proposed him, another seconded, and the third and last man carried him. And all this on a Sunday, at the meeting house of the St. James' Society. Is this according to rule? And yet these are the people who with their followers object to record a good peal merely because it was rung without a tenor. Shallowness, did you say, in your leading article on the subject? It's something more than that. Such pettifoggery ways will prevent me going to the St. James' Meeting for a long time. The fact is Messrs. Hayes or Winny or the rest of the objectors were not in the peal. Some of the others who were brought up to vote against this performance of a young deserving company, are only famous for their strength of lung, and are no ornament to any Society. ALEPH.

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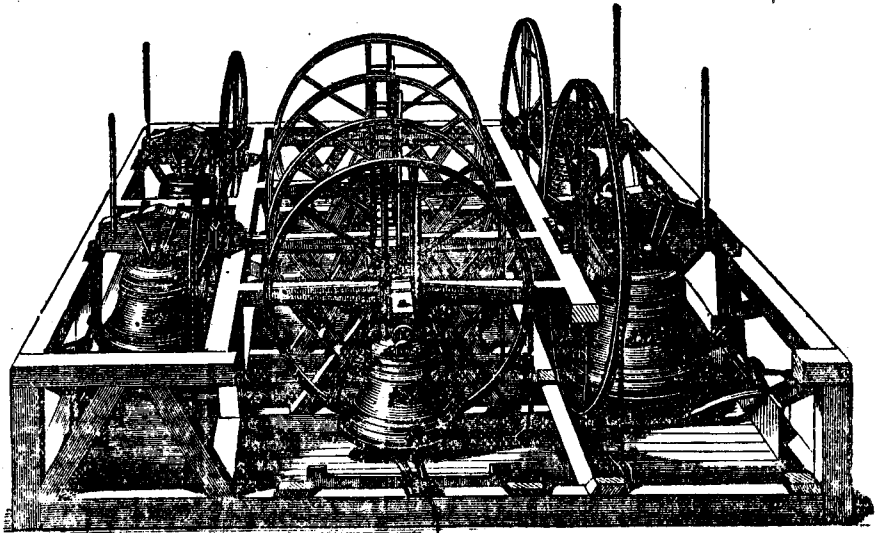


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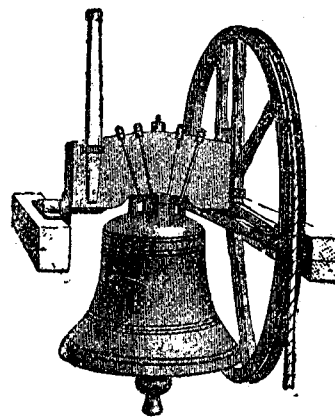
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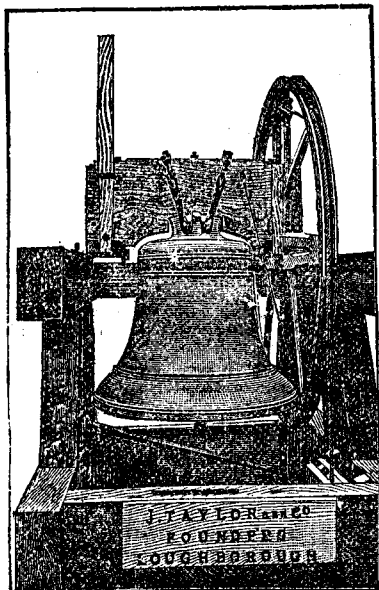
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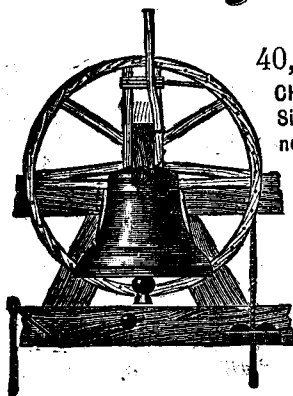
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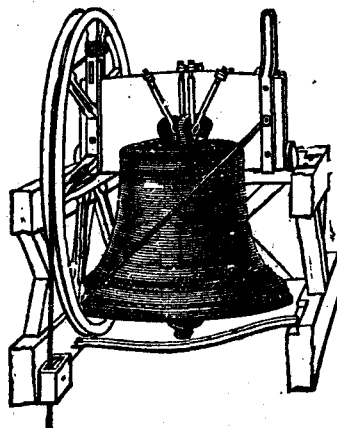
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The CHAIRMAN proposed "Church and Queen," and hoped done of them would live to see the day when these two were reunited (applause).

The VICE-CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Bishop and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle," referred to the marked improvement in the relationship which now existed between the clergy and the association, and went on to allude to the success which had attended the efforts of their excellent secretary, Mr. Clarkson, to get the bells of Durham Cathedral placed in a state of good repair. Much had already been done, and doubtless the bells would be put in proper order as soon as the authorities appreciated the endeavours of the association and what they had in view (hear, hear). With regard to the bells of the Cathedral of St. Nicholas', he thought they would ultimately succeed in what they wanted by perseverance.

The CHAIRMAN, in responding to the toast, said that wherever there was a peal of bells he knew there was no clergyman who cared for the interests of his church and parish who would not cordially welcome the assistance of the Association to promote the art of change-ringing. Mr. Headlam also referred to the cordial manner in which Archdeacon Watkins responded to the request to address them in St. Oswald's that afternoon, and certainly all who had the privilege of hearing the Archdeacon would agree that he delivered a most excellent and appropriate address.

Mr. CLARKSON, the hon. sec., then read his annual report.

Mr. THOMPSON, Chester-le-Street, who referred in eulogistic terms to the manner in which Mr. Clarkson always drew up his reports, moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. NORR, of South Shields, and carried unanimously.

Mr. G. W. ROUTLEDGE, of Newcastle, proposed "The Health of the President and Vice-Presidents," which was most enthusiastically drunk.

The PRESIDENT and Mr. LEE having responded, Mr. W. STORY, of Newcastle, gave "The Health of the Secretary." Mr. Story alluded to the arduous nature of the duties performed by Mr. Clarkson, and said that having that gentleman as their hon. secretary they had the right man in the right place.

Mr. CLARKSON said it was very gratifying to receive from year to year such unqualified terms of their approval of the work which as their secretary he had performed. Of course, one gained confidence as time went on, and he thought that an incompetent secretary would have worn the life out of the toughest society in existence in ten years. But they were still in a prosperous condition, and, although perhaps he commenced the report on terms which might not seem of a very congratulatory nature, still he was convinced that good seed was being sown for the future in these two dioceses, and the results would be richly

produced in some future report. Mr. Clarkson said he did not wish to claim that the success of the association was entirely due to the way in which a single office had been fulfilled, because from the very commencement up to the present moment he had always received the warmest and most hearty support from every member who was in a position to afford it.

The members then proceeded to discharge the usual business.

Mr. W. STORY moved, and Mr. SCOTT seconded, "That the day for holding the annual meeting be changed to a Saturday, and that rule vi. be expunged."

An interesting discussion followed, after which the motion was rejected by an overwhelming majority.

The president (Mr. R. S. Story), the vice-presidents (Mr. F. Lees and Mr. T. Clark), and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. J. Clarkson) were unanimously re-elected. A number of new members were also elected.

Mr. CLARKSON proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Oswald's for the use of his church, and for presiding at that meeting; also to the Archdeacon of Durham for his address, and to the Dean and Chapter for having so far taken into consideration the Association's complaints about the Cathedral bells, and for having had something done to them by that meeting. It was perhaps his fault, to begin with, that the work was not put in hand some time ago. Unfortunately, owing to several circumstances, they had been short by two or three days of carrying out the work in its entirety, and thus the bells which had given them most trouble that day were those which there had not been time to touch. These matters would be attended to in due course, and the peal in Durham Cathedral would be looked upon as a ringable peal for good long touches, or even 5000's, and when that time came he was sure that the Sacrist of Durham Cathedral would always be willing to do his utmost to afford every facility for ringers who could handle the bells to go and ring them at any time.

The SECRETARY announced to the meeting that in accordance with the decision of the Committee the February meeting would go to Chester-le-Street, the Whit-Monday meeting to Stockton including the peal of eight at Middlesboro, the annual meeting going of course to Newcastle.

RE-OPENING OF TWYFORD CHURCH, BUCKS.

ON Thursday, November 3rd, this ancient church was re-opened after partial restoration, which included the rebuilding of the tower. The bell-frame was shored up during this latter operation, to save the expense and trouble of taking it to pieces and refitting it. The "go" of the bells was found to be somewhat rough and heavy, and the position of the tenor rope very awkward, viz., close to the north east corner of the tower. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, two very fair 720's were rung by the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; W. Woods, 2; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 3; F. Field, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6. Tenor about 11 cwt. Sermons were preached at Matins by the Ven. Archdeacon Randall, and at Evensong by the Rev. Dr. Merry, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, and the day passed off very pleasantly, notwithstanding the weather.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the above has been postponed until Saturday, November 19th. The meeting will take place at Manchester. Those intending to be present are requested to meet at Mr. Woolley's, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars Street, at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Subscriptions can be paid and new members elected at this meeting. The cathedral bells will be at liberty for the use of the members at the close of the meeting.

A. ED. WREAKS.

42, Cleveland Road, Crumpsall, Manchester.

WANDBOROUGH, WILTS.

The peal of five bells at Wandborough, near Swindon, were re-opened on Saturday, November 5th, by a local band. The 2 bells have been entirely rehung by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, who has also fixed a set of Ellacombe chiming apparatus. The go of the bells is all that can be desired.

THE BELLS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LOUGHBOROUGH.—AUGMENTATION TO A RING OF TEN.

The town of Loughborough has long claimed distinction throughout the country, or, perhaps, to speak more correctly, over the whole of the civilised world, as being what is popularly designated "the home of bells." For many years the numerous peals of bells which have received their form at the large bell foundry carried on by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co. have been despatched far and wide over the face of the globe, while that triumph of modern bell-founding, the famous "Great Paul," attracted so much attention to the town, that Loughborough has ever since been associated in people's minds with the production of church bells. It therefore seems only natural and quite *apropos* that the town should be in possession of a distinctive if not unique ring of bells. Up to the present we have had a choice peal of eight bells, and it is to Messrs. Taylor and Co. that the town is now indebted for the enlargement of these to a ring of ten, a distinction to which no other place in the county (except the county town itself) is entitled. In Leicester there are two rings of ten bells each, and the one now completed at Loughborough makes the third in the county. The two additional bells at Loughborough have been presented as a jubilee gift by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have also been most liberal in recasting, with additional metal, some of the old bells. The task of augmenting the bells and re-hanging them on new frames was commenced in the spring of this year, and has been brought to a successful issue this week. On Tuesday evening the work was so far advanced that a trial peal of short duration was rung on the bells, and after such a lengthened silence, the melodious strains from the fine old tower of All Saints' attracted much attention.

On Friday the new ring was dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson, D.D., D.C.L. (Archdeacon of Leicester), at a special service, which was attended by a large and aristocratic congregation. The Rev. T. Pitts (rector) officiated as Bishop's chaplain, and conducted the introductory portion of the special form of service used on the occasion. The following clergy of the town and neighbourhood also attended in surplices:—The Rev. O. Glover (rector of Emanuel), the Rev. E. Bell (vicar of Holy Trinity), the Rev. E. Smythies, R.D. (Hathern), the Rev. R. Burton (Rothley), the Rev. J. H. Killick (Prestwold), the Rev. Stuart Taylor (Sutton Bonington), the Rev. R. A. Parsons (Worthington), the Rev. F. J. Otley (Thorpe Acre), the Rev. J. Evans (Woodhouse), the Rev. W. R. Tagart (The Oaks), the Rev. G. Pope (Rempstone), Rev. V. Baker (East Leake), the Rev. J. Bird (Walton-on-the-Wolds), the Rev. R. C. Green (Wymeswold), the Rev. A. Shears (Sileby), the W. H. F. Hepworth (Sheepshed), the Rev. A. S. Newman, the Rev. J. G. Williams, the Rev. T. Masheder (Long Whatton), the Rev. S. Penny, (the Rev. S. Hosgood (Kegworth), the Rev. R. Copeman (Leicester), the Rev. A. Young, (Long Whatton), the Rev. A. L. Watherston (Hinckley), the Rev. C. E. Lambert (Sileby), together with Mr. W. Berridge (Loughborough), and Mr. Shuttlesworth (Sileby), lay readers. The processional hymn was the Old Hundredth, and the dedication ceremony was preceded by the formal licensing of Mr. A. B. Churchill as lay reader of the parish. Special psalms (47th, 81st, and 134th) were chanted, and the selected lessons (Numbers x to v. 11; and 1 Corinthians xiv. to v. 11) were read by the Rev. O. Glover and the Rev. E. Smythies respectively. Appropriate prayers were said by the Bishop, who standing under the tower, formally declared the bells to be "dedicated and consecrated to the service of Almighty God." The bells were then rung, and the hymn "When morning gilds the skies," having been sung, the Bishop preached an interesting sermon from the text "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians iii. 17). In the course of his sermon the right rev. preacher said that they never thought a church furnished until it had a bell to call the people together: There was nothing like being out of reach of the sound of a peal of bells (as he had been in a distant colony) to convince people how closely they were connected with worship and with the calm enjoyment of the Lord's Day. They could not be too thankful that religious persons from time to time determined to augment the bells of old churches and to invest new churches with such a desirable adjunct. Need he

point out, too, how wonderfully bells symbolised the work of the Church of Christ in four of her most important functions—namely, to rouse the sleeper, to warn those in danger, to guide those who were lost, and to soothe and comfort those in pain or suffering. They had been invited that day to what might be called a reasonable service, and were carrying out the injunction of St. Paul by dedicating to Almighty God the peal of bells in that parish church. They were striking the key-note of a harmony which would keep on sounding throughout all ages, sometimes in a minor, sometimes major key, according to the circumstances which set the bells ringing, but all to the glory of God. That day saw the completion of the first part of a great work, for the re-hanging of the bells and the increase of their number formed but a small portion of a great task, boldly entered upon in the town of Loughborough. One of the objects of the scheme, thanks to individual munificence, had been carried out, for the defective pier in the church had been restored. Then they came to what had been completed that day so far as the work was concerned, making Loughborough pre-eminent in the diocese, and distinguished throughout the country for the possession of a peal of ten bells. The expense of re-hanging the bells had not yet been defrayed, and he hoped that day they would receive a liberal contribution towards the sum required. The scheme seemed a very big business, but it was a most reasonable one, and there was not one of the objects which could be dispensed with; they were all desirable for the town of Loughborough. He said the town advisedly, for he did not consider the benefits of them would be confined to the parish of All Saints. The Bishop concluded by appealing for support in the undertaking, first to the congregation present to aid in wiping off the debt on the bells before the campaign was fairly opened to carry out the other objects: secondly, for the general scheme, to the parishioners, and particularly to those who lived outside the parish, but who, as employers of labour therein, were reminded that they were equally liable in the sight of God for the spiritual welfare of the parish. He exhorted all to rally round the Rector to make it as easy as possible for him to carry out what he had undertaken for the parish. A voluntary was played by the organist (Dr. Briggs) during the offertory, and the service concluded with the recessional hymn, "O praise ye the Lord." The collection realised £24 towards the cost of re-hanging the bells.—*Local paper.*

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday evening, November 5th, being one of the principal ringing days, eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association made an arrangement to celebrate the evening by ringing Mr. Hubbard's peal of Plain Bob Triples, but there was a great detriment, one of the members not turning up according to promise, whose name I shall expose (W. J. Sevier), but another member accidentally dropped in, and by great persuasion he was enlisted to join us in the peal, telling us he thought he should not be able to stand out the peal, for he did not feel very well, but he would try and do his best. A start was made, and everything went on comfortable till just before the half-way single was due, a sound came from the member in question, to say he could not keep on much longer, so the conductor brought the bells round at the half-peal (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Middlecote, 1; J. Yates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; S. Romans, 6; A. A. Waite (conductor), 7; and T. White, 8. Great credit was due to the conductor for the masterly way he conducted it, this being his second attempt. This is the longest touch by all, and the longest on these bells in the above method, hoping soon to obtain the whole peal, consisting of 5040 changes. H. M.

YORK MINSTER.—ASSIZE SUNDAY.

It being customary to ring the judges to service, the ringers took the opportunity, and rang for morning service a touch of 1349 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. I. Underwood, 1; R. Long, 2; G. Worth, 3; I. C. Cundall, 4; A. C. Fearnley, 5; E. Dawson, 6; J. Haigh (conductor), 7; T. Hodgson, 8; J. Thompson, 9; W. H. Howard and E. Morrod, 10. The above is the first part of the peal composed by W. H. Howard that appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time back.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at Algarkirk and Sutterton, on Saturday, October 22nd. By 9 a.m. the bells at Algarkirk were in motion, and the local company rang three 120s of Grandsire Doubles, two of Bob Doubles, and one of Hudibras. G. Oldacre, 1; W. Muse, 2; W. F. Harwood, 3; F. Clow, 4; G. Clow, 5. Members began to arrive from Boston, Skirbeck, Sibsey, East and West Keal, Longton, Friskney, Frieston, and Fishtoft. The company drove from Boston, and a halt was made at Kirton, when 360 of Bob Minor was rung. T. Cheetham, J. A. Hand, W. Vickers, J. Mawer, H. Daulton, J. M. Rylatt. At 2 p.m. dinner was provided at the Bridge Arms in a very creditable manner by Mr. Hudson, presided over by the president, the Rev. H. J. Cheales, who was supported by the Rev. J. Heath, Rev. F. Formby, and thirty-nine ringers and friends. After dinner the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed.

The CHAIRMAN congratulated the members on such a large gathering that day. He thought they were now at their extreme point. Having explained the three Associations in Lincolnshire, North, East and South, he hoped their friends in the South would not think they were getting too near them. He would have liked to have seen them altogether, but the time had not arrived yet. He thanked the Vicars of Algarkirk and Sutterton for the use of the bells that day, he said he hoped before they paid another visit the peal of eight at Sutterton would be ringable; the vicar said they would soon be attended to, two of the bells not being ringable, the others going very bad.

The Rev. J. HEATH, Vicar of Wigtoft, proposed success to the Association, and said he was very glad to be able to meet them, he having been a ringer himself some years ago. He gave a very interesting address on bells and bell-ringing.

Several new members were admitted, including the Rev. J. Heath, Rev. F. Formby, Captain Austins, Captain Stockdale, and Mr. T. Hand as honorary members, and three skilled members. The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was well received.

Ringling was then resumed at Algarkirk. The Frieston company rung Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Dream, London Doubles, Hudibras, Antelope, and Dunstan's Doubles. Some Bob Minor was rung at Sutterton, but the bells going so bad only 360s were attempted. A call was made at Kirton going home, and 168 of Grandsire was rung. Some of the Kirton company become members of the Society, and it is now hoped that they will start in earnest for Grandsire Triples.

WALTHAM, GRIMSBY.

On Thursday evening, October 27th, with the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Gaussen), the members of St. James's branch (Grimsby) journeyed over to Waltham to have a pull on the new peal of six just completed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Owing to it being such a wet night they were obliged to seek a conveyance, which made it 8 o'clock before they arrived. The ringers were waiting for them, and had almost given up all hopes of seeing them, however they ascended the tower and found the bells were a nice ring, with a very good circle; tenor about 13 cwt. A few rounds and call changes just to feel the bells was rung, and then several attempts were made to secure the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles but owing to the third bell casting her rope did not succeed (this has since been altered). Afterwards, by the invitation of the Vicar they proceeded to the vicarage, and rang on the hand-bells a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, in good time. A move was then made for home, having spent a very comfortable evening. On Monday evening, October 31st, being appointed for the opening of the bells, they again visited Waltham, with a determined will to secure the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles on the bells, which they succeeded in doing. D. Seamer (conductor), 1; T. Bates, 2; A. Bramall, 3; W. Heyhoe, 4; G. Weldon, 5; A. Shephard, 6. They wish to thank the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells, and the kind manner in which they received them, and hope they will have the pleasure of visiting Waltham again shortly.

OLD ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, November 9th, eight members of the above Society rang at the Temple church, Bristol, a date touch of 1887 Grandsire Triples. This is the longest length ever known to have been rung in this tower, and probably the first date touch ever rung in a leaning tower. For this massive piece of masonry, which is about 90 ft. high, is no less than 4 ft. 6 in. out of the perpendicular, and this at a point about 60 ft. from the ground, the upper portion having been built on after the sinking of the foundations. The bells are a fine peal of eight, tenor 22 cwt., and have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and four of them recast. The band stood as follows: T. Salter, 1; J. Walters, 2; A. Anderson, Esq., 3; J. Davies, 4; R. Knill, 5; C. Boutflower, Esq., 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; H. Schusler, 8. The touch was composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham, and was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins.

READING RINGERS AT BEENHAM, BERKS.

On Saturday, October 22nd, three members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild paid a visit to Beenham, to have a ring on this fine peal (tenor 10 cwt.) in good order. After raising them in peal the ringers from Reading, namely, Reeves, Sweetzer, and Evans, with the assistance of three of the local band, rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. T. Greetham, 1; A. Richardson, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. Evans, 4; J. Richardson, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. E. Reeves (conductor), 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Richardson, 6. The ringers from Reading wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the vicar, the Rev. T. Bushnell, for allowing them the use of the bells.

In Memoriam.

GEORGE MARRIOTT.

On Friday night, November 4th, the usual practice-night of the Royal Cumberland Society, the bells of St. Martin's in-the-Fields were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect and esteem to the memory of the late George Marriott, who for forty-seven years was a member of this society. The ringing consisted of the usual whole pull and stand, followed by some Grandsire and Stedman Cinques. On Saturday, November 5th, the mortal remains of the deceased were deposited in Manor Park Cemetery, followed by numerous members of his family, the solemn ceremony being witnessed by Messrs. Gobbett and Dains, of the Royal Cumberlands, Messrs. Newman and Smith, of the College Youths. In his day Mr. Marriott has taken part in some first-class performances, and when circumstances required it, he figured as a bob-caller. He was also a good handbell ringer, and ever ready to lend a hand to young and aspiring ringers. The connection of the deceased with this society has been both constant and true, like the ever celebrated names of Shipway, Miller, and Squire Procter. By the death of Mr. Marriott another connecting link between ringers of the present day and those of the last century is severed and torn asunder. This is apparent from the fact that George Marriott assisted in the funeral peal of Malachi Channon, the ringer of the ninth bell of the 12,000 in 1784 at Shoreditch. There is one consolation, and it is gratifying to know that the memory of the deceased will ever be held by members of the Cumberlands in highest respect and veneration, and further that after a long and honourable life of seventy-six years, George Marriott died peacefully and comfortably, without apparent pain, conscious and able to speak with his friends and children we are told, within four minutes of his decease.

On Sunday evening last, October 6th, at the parish church of St. John-at-Hackney, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. George Marriott, rang a half-muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, J. Davidson, 1; F. Rumens, 2; C. Lee, 3; J. Pettit, 4; G. Page, 5; T. Page, 6; R. J. Turner, 7; W. D. Smith, 8. And a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples. T. Page, 1; W. D. Smith, 2; C. Lee, 3; J. Pettit (conductor), 4; G. Page, 5; R. J. Turner, 6; W. Prime, 7; E. Marriott, 8. Mr. G. Marriott had been a parochial ringer at the above church for fifty-four years.

RESTORATION AT WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday week, the villagers of Waltham enjoyed a fete day, in commemoration of the completed work of restoring their Parish Church. All Saints' Church is of the early English style of architecture, and dates from the end of the 12th century. The edifice was partially stored in 1867 by subscription; the chancel being restored by the present Rector, the Rev. John Ash Gaussen, M.A. The tower has been almost entirely rebuilt, from the plans of Mr. Farebrother, architect, of Grimsby. The work, both in design and in execution, has been thoroughly well carried out; the mouldings of the belfry windows are very beautiful. A peal of six bells has been supplied by the Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough at a cost of nearly £250. The tone of the bells is exceedingly soft and pleasant—as the parishioners and their immediate neighbours had the opportunity of judging on Monday. The following is a description of the bells:—Tenor bell, inscription "Jubilee Year, George White, in memory of his parents and to the glory of God"; second bell, "Hosanna in the highest; J. W. Hembrough, M.D." The third and fourth bells have the founder's name and date when cast, 1887; the fifth bell, "Te Deum Laudamus"; John Ash Gaussen, vicar, Arthur Soames, James Anderson, churchwardens"; sixth bell, "James Harrison, Barton," cast in 1820.

The completion of the work was duly celebrated by a special service on the evening of Monday, at which the Bishop of the Diocese attended, and was supported by a large circle of the neighbouring clergymen. His lordship and the clergy were the guests of the Rector, whose labours in this important matter of church restoration have been unwearied; and are deserving of the success ultimately reached. At the same service, harvest-home was honoured and likewise the festival of All Saints, to whom the church is dedicated. There was thus a four-fold festival, and as may be anticipated the whole village united to do fitting honour to the occasion. Many friends from Grimsby were present, and the church was filled to overflow. The church had been very tastefully decorated with fruit, flowers, cereals, garden produce, &c.; this artistic preparation—at once chaste, effective and appropriate.

The Bishop preached from Hebrews xii 1—"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." He said they were called on that night to keep, by God's help, a four-fold festival. One festival was suggested to them under the authority of the season and also by the book of nature. The harvest festival came from the calendar of that book which God had spread round about them and made so easy that the simplest could read it if they would. Two of the others came from their own parochial calendar—they were met to rejoice and thank God for the restoration of their church tower and the completion of its peal of bells. There was also another festival which they were called on to begin that night, and that festival was partly under the authority of their own Parish Church and partly under the general authority of the Church—he meant the festival which the Church kept, the great festival of All Saints, to whom their church was dedicated—a day of great rejoicing, the harvest home of the Church at large. They would remember when they came to keep the festival of the restoration of their church tower, that it was a witness directing attention to God's House and to a society of men and women—a divinely-founded society. Then, there was another witness in this festival, which was partly to celebrate the restoration and perfecting of their church bells. That was a witness which must not be suffered to pass unheeded. They must not look upon the bells merely as pleasant music—pleasant as they were. The bells were more than that. They were meant to teach something from their position. Whence came their music? Not from the ground, nor quite from heaven; but somewhere between the two. When, therefore, they heard the music of the church bells, it ought to be a warning and a hope. It told them where they should be and what they should do. "Lift up your hearts to God," that was the message of the church bells. That was what they said to men and women. Whence did they ring? From out the church tower; away off and above the earth. Each one should ask himself or herself, "Have I anything to do off the earth?" Yes, the position from which the bells rang was a constant witness calling them to lift their minds off the earth. The Bishop went on to refer to the deep and heartfelt pleasure with which, in far away lands, the English villager heard the

church bells, and then he spoke of the mission of the bells in ringing marriage and funeral peals; counselling young and old alike in earnest terms to live so that the music of the marriage peal, or the funeral tolling, should bring no thoughts of sadness or regret. Next, reference was made to the festival of All Saints and the dedication of their church, also celebrated at that service, pointing out that in these holy men and women who had gone on high, they had an exceedingly great cloud of witnesses calling on them to be also ready when the time came to take their places with them.—The Bishop preached fifty minutes, and was heard with rapt attention throughout his sermon, of which the above is a simple outline.

The offertory hymn was 431; after which the Bishop pronounced the benediction. Whilst the recessional hymn, 436—"Hark the sound of holy voices"—was being sung, the Bishop and Clergy returned to the Rectory; and thus ended a service long to be remembered in Waltham.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE BRIGHTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY OF AMATEUR CHANGE-RINGERS.

ON Saturday, October 22nd, this annual event took place, and at 7.35 a.m. the members together with some ringing friends to the number of eighteen, were on their way to the city of bells and fogs (London). Arriving at London Bridge shortly after nine o'clock, a move was made for St. Bride's church, Fleet Street, where Mr. Moore, the steeple-keeper had everything ready. Short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples were brought round, and an attempt made for a course of Treble Bob Royal (the first by the whole band), which came to grief twenty changes from home. The bells though heavy, are in first-class ringing order. The next church visited was St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, where Mr. Lamb was found waiting. Touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples were rung, Mr. Church forming one of the band. An adjournment was next made to the refreshment rooms at Victoria Station, and the inner man was satisfied with a hot luncheon. At 3 o'clock the party witnessed the performance at the Wild West, and at 5 o'clock a small crowd (not of the unemployed, but of hard working ringers), assembled in Trafalgar Square in front of St. Martin's Church. Here the following well-known Cumberlands were kind enough to meet and enable the party to enjoy a ring on the grand peal of twelve; Messrs. Dains, Baron, Rogers, Mansfield, Hopkins, Thomas, Wild, Davies, Porter. Two short touches of Grand-sire Caters and three courses of Grand-sire Cinques were rung. A meat tea was partaken of at Gatti's restaurant, and the remainder of the evening was spent at the meeting-house of the Royal Cumberland Society. Here the visitors were treated to some double-handed ringing, songs, and inspected the peal-books, and other property of the society. Before parting to catch the ten o'clock train from Victoria Station, the Hon. Secretary thanked all those London friends who had so kindly assisted in making the excursion one of the most enjoyable ringing outings on record, and especially to Mr. Dains, who had obtained the use of the respective church bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above Association will be held at Luton, on Saturday afternoon, November 12th. The bells of the parish church (eight) will be at the service of the members, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. O'Neill. Ringing friends from Herts will be welcomed. CHAS. HERBERT, Hon. Sec.
Woburn, November 1st, 1887.

ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held its Quarterly Meeting at Todmorden, on Saturday, November 5th, ringers being present from Rochdale, Walsden, and Todmorden. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and was continued by mixed companies until 7.30, when the meeting was held. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very pleasant meeting to a close about 8.30.

A CORRECTION.—The peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, was rung on Monday, October 31st, not October 20th, as stated in our last issue.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5160.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5120.

By EDWARD FRANCIS, *Norwich*.

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Repeated.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd is not in 6ths place at the course-ends. If 7-8 lay still at the sixteenth course-end, it will be a date touch of 1887.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5344.

By A. KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H
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 2 6 4 3 5 1 2
 3 4 6 2 5 2 2
 3 6 2 4 5 1 2
 3 2 4 6 5 1 2
 2 5 4 6 3 1 2
 5 2 3 6 4 - 1 2
 5 3 6 2 4 1 2
 5 6 2 3 4 1 2
 4 5 3 6 2 - 2 2
 2 4 6 5 3 - 2 2
 4 3 6 5 2 1 2
 3 2 6 5 4 1 2
 2 3 4 5 6 2 2

This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5ths, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6ths.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By W. J. CARTER, *Biddulph*.

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H
 4 6 5 3 2 1 1 2
 3 4 6 2 5 2 2 2
 4 5 6 2 3 1 2
 4 5 2 3 6 2 2 1
 3 2 5 4 6 2 2
 5 4 3 2 6 1 1
 2 3 4 5 6 2 2

A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1260.

By J. SHOLICAR, *Ormskirk*.

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

Twice repeated.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H
 2 4 5 3 6 1 2
 3 2 4 6 5 - 2
 2 5 4 6 3 1 2
 2 4 6 5 3 1 - 2 2
 2 6 5 4 3 1 - 2 2
 6 3 5 4 2 2 - 1 2
 3 2 5 4 6 1 2
 3 5 4 2 6 1 - 2 2
 2 3 5 6 4 2 2 2
 3 4 5 6 2 2 - 1 2
 2 3 6 4 5 - 2 2
 2 6 4 3 5 1 2
 3 4 6 2 5 2 2
 2 3 4 5 6 2 2 2

In this peal the 6th is the extent wrong and right, the 5th her extent wrong, the 4th the extent in 5th's place, and the 2nd in the hunt at eight course-ends. It will reverse by calling the first seven courses last, and the last seven first.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H
 2 4 5 3 6 1 2
 3 2 4 6 5 - 2
 2 5 4 6 3 2 - 1 2
 3 2 6 5 4 2 1 2
 3 6 5 2 4 1 2
 2 5 6 3 4 1 - 2
 3 2 5 4 6 2 2 2
 3 5 4 2 6 1 - 2 2
 2 3 5 6 4 2 2 2
 3 4 5 6 2 2 - 1 2
 2 3 6 4 5 - 2 2
 2 6 4 3 5 1 2
 3 5 6 4 2 1 2 2
 2 3 4 5 6 2 1 2

This peal has the 6th the extent right and wrong, with twenty 8-6's and 8-6-7's; the 4th the extent in 6th's, and eighteen times in 5th's place, and is noteworthy that the 2nd and 3rd are in the hunt at each course-end, and neither peal has yet been rung.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5184.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H
 5 2 3 6 4 2 2 2
 5 2 6 4 3 2 2 1
 3 4 6 2 5 1 1 1
 4 2 3 5 6 2 2
 2 5 4 6 3 2 2
 6 3 5 4 2 1 2 2
 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 1

A CORRECTION.—The footnote to the peal of Bob Major by H. J. Tucker, in the number for October 22nd, should read—with the 6th twenty-two times wrong and twenty-four times right, instead of twelve times wrong and twenty-four times right.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1887.

The Provinces.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE RAUNDS AND WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

2870*

On Saturday, October 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES; IN SEVEN DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court Bob, Oxford Bob, College Little, Court Single, College Single, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARCHIBALD COLES Treble.	HENRY W. STUBBS 4.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 2.	RICHARD DUNKLEY 5.
FRED GILBERT 3.	*FREDERICK SLADE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOSEPH GILBERT.

*First peal on six bells. R. Dunkley hails from Bythorn, Hunts. The above peal was rung in honour of the 40th birthday of Mr. W. H. Stubbs, who afterwards kindly invited the company to his new home for house-warming and birthday celebration, when a most enjoyable evening was spent upon the handbells and songs at intervals, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

HENRY BASTABLE Treble.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE 5.
WILLIAM KENT 2.	JOHN SANDERS 6.
JOE JOYNES 3.	ALFRED THOMAS 7.
BERNARD WITCHELL 4.	FRANCIS H. JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. BASTABLE.

This is the first 5040 rung on these bells.

DIDSBURY, LANCASHIRE.

On Friday, November 4, 1887, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BARLOW MOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS G. DOWNS Treble.	JAMES WILDE 5.
WILLIAM HOLBROOK 2.	THOMAS BRICKELL 6.
JAMES DARBYSHIRE 3.	PETER BRICKELL 7.
A. EDWARD WREAKS 4.	SAMUEL BRICKELL Tenor.

Conducted by PETER BRICKELL.

First peal by all except Messrs. Downs, Wreaks, and Peter Brickell. Messrs. Downs and Wreaks hail from Manchester; Peter and Samuel Brickell from Northenden; the rest are of the local company.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 31, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	DAVID WESLEY 5.
FRANK HALLSWORTH 2.	JOSEPH LAWTON 6.
WILLIAM WALKER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4.	JOHN ASTBURY Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

Previous to starting for this peal the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, Berkshire, was elected a member of the above Society. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung at the close of the Dedication Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

G. E. TURNER Treble.	JAMES ADAMS 5.
JOSEPH MELLOR 2.	BEN BROADBENT 6.
GEORGE LONGDEN 3.	JOHN THORP 7.
ERNEST BISHOP 4.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed and conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED TRIGG Treble.	JAMES NASH 5.
ARTHUR J. GWINNETT* 2.	CHARLES KING 6.
WILLIAM SLOMAN 3.	FREDERICK STEPHENS 7.
WILLIAM HALE† 4.	GEORGE SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HALE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Messrs. Trigg, Gwinnett, Hale, and Smith hail from Painswick; the rest are of the local company.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ARUNDEL AND STEYNING BRANCHES.

Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

E. BRACKLEY* Treble.	G. BALCHIN 5.
F. LUXFORD 2.	C. BLACKMAN 6.
H. HAGGETT 3.	C. TYLER 7.
G. SMART* 4.	†J. KNIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by C. TYLER.

*First peal of Triples. Messrs. Brackley, Smart, and Tyler hail from Steyning, the remainder belong to the Arundel branch. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Ven. Archdeacon Walker, a vice-president of the Association. †First peal.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

On Monday, November 7, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR JOHN PLOWMAN* Treble.	ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Esq. 5.
JOHN PLOWMAN 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM, Esq., 3.	JOSEPH FAYERS 7.
GEORGE WELLING 4.	HENRY BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

* First peal.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours & Four-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES BROOK Treble.	ABRAM HAIGH 5.
JOHN G. HARDY 2.	WM. WOMERSLEY 6.
JOHN JENKINSON 3.	W. BOOTHROYD 7.
G. MACDONALD 4.	W. LODGE Tenor.

Conducted by W. LODGE.

The above peal was rung in excellent style throughout; the ringers being highly complimented by able judges on their performance.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:—

London Scholars Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SOLLAWAY .. Treble.	WILLIAM BOLLAND 4.
WALTER IDLE 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 5.
SAMUEL ODDY 3.	GEORGE H. SIMON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

Idle hails from Dewsbury; Simon from Batley Carr, and it is their first 5000 on six bells.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

In Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.—No date mentioned,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A SIX-PART PEAL FROM SHIPWAY'S WORK.

A. E. PARSONS Treble.	C. W. BASSANO 5.
W. BIRD 2.	A. H. BASSANO 6.
H. MASON 3.	W. GREEN 7.
R. BIRD 4.	H. CARTWRIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. BASSANO.

First 5040 on these bells. First peal in the method by all the band, who are from Old Hill. The rehanging and the three top bells are by Mr. Barwell, of Birmingham, and are decidedly satisfactory; the belfry toe has been greatly improved at the rehanging.

RYTON, SALOP.

To commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilee, two small bells have been cast for the tower of Ryton church, making, with the three old bells, a ring of five. The new bells, being the trebles in a light peal, are necessarily very small, but the founders have succeeded in producing two maiden bells excellent in tone and tune. The bells bear the inscriptions given below. That on the treble is a chronograph, for, if the numbers represented by the numeral letters occurring in the inscription, viz., MDCCLXXVVIIIIIIIIIII are added together, the date 1887 is obtained.

+ VICTORIA · REGINA · ET · IMPERATRIX · ANNO · IVBILAEI · PERFECTO · GRATES · AGIT · SIT · GLORIA · DEO · REGINAE · SALVS
+ GILLET · DE · CROYDON · NOS · DVAS · MINIMAS · FECIT · IACOBO · CLARKE · ROBERTS · RECTORE · ROBERTO · BRADLEY · GARDIANO · MDCCLXXXVII

The new ones have been hung, and the old bells at the same time re-hung most successfully, by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, near Exeter, his work being, as usual, not only substantial and good, but thoroughly well finished. The bells were rung for the first time on October 6th, and gave great satisfaction.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Anniversary Dinner of this Society took place, as announced, last Saturday. We shall give a detailed report of the proceedings in our next number.

Date Touches.

READING (Bucks).—On Wednesday, November 2nd, at St. Laurence's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1887 changes), in 1 hr. and 20 mins. J. F. Tarrant, 1; C. Hounslow (Oxford), 2; W. Johnson, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell, 9; S. Harvey (St. Mary's), 10. Composed by A. E. Wreaks, of Manchester, and conducted by W. J. Williams.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 16th, for Morning Service at St. Saviour's, Southwark, three courses of Stedman Cinques. C. Mee (conductor), 1; R. T. Woodley, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; G. Mash, 5; F. Mee, 6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7; C. F. Winny, 8; F. J. Tillet, 9; E. Horrex, 10; E. Pemberton, 11; A. R. Aldham, 12. Tenor 52 cwt. Also at St. Paul's Cathedral for afternoon service, three courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettitt (conductor), 1; C. Mee, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; F. Mee, 4; S. E. Joyce, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; E. E. Clarke, 8; F. J. Tillet, 9; E. Pemberton, 10; A. R. Aldham, 11; Messrs. Greenleaf, Dwyght, and C. Lee, 12. Tenor 62 cwt. And for evening service at the church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. H. A. Hopkins, 1; C. Mee, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; A. R. Aldham, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; F. Newman, 6; F. Mee, 7; W. Barom, 8; W. Greenleaf, 9; F. J. Tillet, 10; E. Carter, 11; E. Pemberton, 12. Tenor 34 cwt.

ST. MARY-ATTE-BOW (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, at the parish church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins., containing the twenty-four 6-7s. *Thos. Baker, 1; York Green, 2; Henry Springall (conductor), 3; Arthur Cutmore, 4; Richard Turner, 5; Samuel E. Joyce, 6; Samuel Hayes, 7; J. H. Barrett (composer), 8. *First quarter-peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, October 29th, at St. Owen's church, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven different methods, but failed in the 3rd 720. The 1st: 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). 2nd: 720 of New London Pleasure, and about 480 of Violet Treble Bob. *W. Allan, 1; *I. Hills, 2; M. Warwick, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; *W. G. Biggs (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6. *1st 720; and it is also the first 720 of New London on the bells.

CARDINGTON (Beds).—On Saturday, October 22nd, at St. Mary's church, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Bob Major (5056 changes), but a shift-course occurred after ringing about 1600. C. Pass, 1; W. Allan, 2; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; M. Warwick, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Chapman, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs. in E.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, October 20th, for practice, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Tell (1st 720), 1; H. Chapman, 2; M. Warwick (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; S. Cullip, 5; C. Pass, 6. Also a 720 of Violet Treble Bob (nine bobs). S. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6. Also on Sunday, October 23rd, at St. Paul's church, for evening service, a 518 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; H. Chapman, 2; C. Pass, 3; M. Warwick (conductor), 4; W. Allan, 5; I. Hills, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. M. Warwick, 1; W. Allan, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; J. Spencer, 8. Also on Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, a 462 of Grandsire Triples. H. Tell, 1; W. Allan, 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; C. Pass, 8.

WOBURN.—On Monday evening, October 24th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 800 of Bob Major in 28 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; E. Lewin, 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. Mynard, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8. Also on Monday, October 31st, 356 of Bob Major. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; E. Lewin, 3; C. Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 5; W. Mynard, 6; Rev. W. W. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine service, a 720 of Double Court (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 22 mins. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Tuesday, October 25th, for practice at the 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. L. Bumstead, 2; W.

Hammond, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; S. Hammond (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Also for Divine Service on Sunday morning, October 30th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. And for evening service 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). S. Hammond, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. L. Bumstead, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday, October 30th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for Divine Service, in the evening, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Gebbett, 1; J. Bradley, 2; Y. Green, 3; H. Springall (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Doran, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6.

ROMFORD.—Chiming.—On Sunday, October 30th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, containing the whole of the 6-7's at home right in 36 mins. Also 490 and 97 in the same method, and 112 Bob Major, 96 Kent Treble Bob Major, 84 Stedman Triples, and 48 Duffield Major. B. Keeble, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4-5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 1st, before evening service at the parish church, on the occasion of the opening of a new organ, 720 of Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; F. Radley, 3; R. Wood, 4; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5; W. Lincoln (conductor), 6; A. Bonnington, 7. And on Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. de Lisle, Esq., 1; J. Everard, 2; A. Edwards, 3; F. Radley, 4; R. Wood, 5; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, October 29th, being the second anniversary of the restoration of the bells, six members of the above association rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor and a 360 in the same method, in 37 mins. W. Peglar, 1; S. Romans, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6. Also two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. A. A. Waite (conductor), 1; S. Romans, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Peglar, 6. Also two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Peglar, 1; S. Romans, 2; D. J. Ashton, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6.

URTON ST. LEONARD'S (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, after Divine Service at the parish church, nine members of the above Association rang 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Yeates, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; H. Mitchell (conductor), 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; S. Romans, 6; W. Gregory (first 504), 7; T. White, 8. Also 658 of Plain Bob Triples. W. J. Sevier, 1; J. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; S. Romans, 6; A. A. Waite (conductor), 7; T. White, 8.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Friday evening, November 4th, the local company rang the first part of Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples (518 changes). A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; D. Marment, 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; T. Wright, 8. Also the fifth part. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; D. Marment, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also two courses of Triples on the handbells. A. Trigg, 1-2; J. Wager, 3; W. Ryland, 4; W. Hale, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8. Also, after the Stroud peal, two courses of Triples. A. Trigg, 1-2; W. Sloman, 3-4; W. Hale, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8. And one of Doubles. W. Sloman, 1-2; W. Hale, 3-4-5-6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—On Tuesday evening, November 1st, at St. James's Church, for practice on the back six, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. D. Seamer (conductor), 1; T. Bates, 2; A. Bramall, 3; W. Heghoe, 4; G. Weldon, 5; H. Fuller, 6. On Tuesday, October 25th, 120 of Grandsire Doubles, standing as before with the exception of A. Sheppard in the place of H. Fuller. This is the first 120 by the local band. Also within the last month, several plain courses of Grandsire Triples. H. Fuller, 1; A. Sheppard, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; T. Bates, 4; D. Seamer, 5; W. Heyhoe, 6; G. Weldon, 7; A. Bramall, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRITTENDEN (Kent).—On Friday, October 28th, at St. Mary's church, a 1008 and 560 of Bob Major. J. Gransbury, 1; W. E. Pope, 2; W. Pope, 3; H. G. Pope, 4; J. Tillmon, 5; E. Pope, 6; W. Brattle, 7; T. Daynes (conductor), 8.

MEREWORTH (Kent).—On Tuesday, October 25th, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. E. Newman (aged 15), 1; W. Eldridge, 2; G. Bell, 3; G. Hook, 4; W. Bell, 5; G. Newman (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all. Also on Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. G. Boorman, 1; G. Bell, 2; W. Eldridge, 3; G. Hook, 4; W. Bell, 5; G. Newman (conductor), 6.

STAPLEHURST (Kent).—On Thursday, October 27th, at All Saints church, a 120 of Stedman Doubles. W. Pope, 1; J. Tillmon, 2; H. G. Pope, 3; E. Pope, 4; A. E. Nunn (conductor), 5; T. Colvin, 6. And on Sunday, October 30th, a 434 of Grandsire Triples. J. Gransbury, 1; W. Collison, 2; W. E. Pope, 3; W. Pope, 4; J. Tillmon, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. E. Nunn (conductor), 7; T. Colvin, 8. And on Monday, October 31st, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, for details see peal column.

ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Wednesday evening, November 2nd, at St. James's church, for practice, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1024 changes, in 39 mins. A. Pearse, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Pearse, 3; G. Pymm, 4; W. Paddock, 5; W. W. Porch, 6; H. Tucker, 7; H. Porch (conductor), 8. This touch was rung in honour of the eighteenth birthday of Mr. Arthur Howell, and his brother-strings wish him many happy returns.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

WOLSTANTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, October 30th, at the parish church, 896 of Grandsire Triples. F. Grocott, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; H. Fitchford, 4; A. Grocott, 5; A. Walker, 6; W. Miller (conductor), 7; W. Slater, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DURHAM (St. Oswald's).—On Monday, October 31st, a 120 of Plain Bob Doubles was rung by the following:—Wm. H. Craggs (St. Oswald's), 1; E. Titt (South Church), 2; D. Shipp, conductor (Staindrop), 3; F. Charlton (South Church), 4; Launcelot Newton (St. Oswald's), 5; F. Cleminson (South Church), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Mr. Craggs's first peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, November 1st, being the dedication festival of the church, the following rang for service, a 900 of Duffield Royal. G. Dawson, 1; J. Howe, 2; S. Johnson, 3; E. Moreton, 4; W. Hickling, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; G. Hingley, 7; A. Robinson, 8; B. Sugden, 9; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 10. Also on Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples. H. Midgeley, 1; S. Maskrey, 2; S. Johnson, 3; B. Sugden, 4; G. Hingley, 5; J. Howe, 6; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 7; J. Seal, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, October 16th, at St. Peter's in-the-East, 720 of Cambridge Surprise. P. A. Hind, 1; C. Tolley, 2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Baston, 5; A. E. Hind, 6. And on Thursday, October 20th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Baston (conductor), 1; C. Tolley, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; A. E. Hind, 6. Also on Sunday, October 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Finch, 1; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 2; C. Tolley, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; W. Baston, 6. And on Thursday, October 27th, 720 of Double Court. H. Cox, 1; C. Tolley, 2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Baston, 5; A. E. Hind, 6. On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, at All Saints' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; F. Williamson, 2; J. Howes, 3; S. Hounslow, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; W. Smith, 6.—Tapping.—On Monday, November 7th, 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor, 720 Double Court, and 720 of Grandsire Minor, 120 Kent and 120 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob, 60 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1-2-3-4-5-6. It is intended by the above to attempt seven different methods, for which this is practice, thus making a 5040. The bells are hung in a row, and tapped with two hammers.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT.—On Sunday evening, October 23rd, for Divine Service, at St. Anne's Church, 360 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (Ewhurst), 3; Fred Francis, 4; T. Gould, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Bob Minor (two singles), and 120 Grandsire Doubles, standing as before. And on Wednesday, October 26th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Spooner, 5; W. Harding, 6. Also 360 of Bob Doubles. F. Francis, 1; T. Gould, 2; H. Houlton, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; E. Spooner (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 1st, at All Saints' church, being the Dedication Festival, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. Lambert, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. King, 3; T. Guiguer, 4; J. Trendell (conductor), 5; H. Bryant, 6. This is the first 720 on an inside bell by G. King, and

the first ever rung by J. Lambert and E. Trendell, the latter being only a young ringer, and is only fifteen years of age, and shews well of becoming a good ringer.

BINGLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, October 30th, 1887, by the local society, for morning service, 384 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 177 of Bob Triples, 384 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and 192 of Bob Major. And in the evening, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Major. James Speight, 1; Jos. Garnett, 2; Herbert Anderson, 3; T. Leach, 4; T. Walker, 5; H. Foster, 6; J. Green, 7; T. W. Green (conductor), 8. Tenor 17½ cwt. Also on Friday, November 4th, a 720 of College Single and a 720 of Oxford Minor. J. Speight, 1; H. Anderson, 2; J. Garnett, 3; H. Foster, 4; J. Green, 5; T. W. Green (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, November 5th, a 240 of Bob Minor, 240 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 240 of College Single Minor, and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Speight, 1; H. Anderson, 2; J. Garnett, 3; H. Foster, 4; J. Green, 5; T. W. Green (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and 1024 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Speight, 1; J. Garnett, 2; H. Anderson, 3; T. Leach, 4; T. Walker, 5; H. Foster, 6; J. Green, 7; T. W. Green (conductor), 8. Tenor 17½ cwt.

BOLTON (Bradford, Yorks).—On Sunday, November 6th, at St. James's Church, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins. *B. E. Howe, 1; B. T. Copley (conductor), 2; J. Mawson, 3; G. Titterton, 4; S. Palframan, 5; B. F. Lamb, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. *First 720.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Monday evening, October 31st, at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of October 22nd. E. Dodd, 1; R. Sanders, 2; F. Sanders, 3; W. Boxall, 4; H. Boxall jun., 5; C. Boxall (conductor), 6; H. Boxall sen., 7; F. Hudson, 8. Also a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Dobinson, 1; R. Sanders, 2; H. Sanders, 3; H. Dobinson, 4; H. Boxall jun., 5; C. Boxall (conductor), 6; H. Boxall sen., 7; F. Hudson, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

DURSLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 6th, eight members of the above Association made an attempt to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. through a shift course. H. G. Gardner, 1; T. Brown, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; S. Romans, 4; J. Hinton, 5; W. Hale, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith, 8. Conducted by H. G. Gardner. Afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. T. Brown, 1; S. Romans, 2; H. G. Gardner, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; *W. Hale, 5; J. Hinton, 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Conducted by R. J. Wilkins, whose birthday it was, and his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of the day. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. A. Trigg, 1; T. Brown, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; S. Romans, 5; H. G. Gardner, 6; F. Stephens, 7; J. Hinton, 8. The ringers wish to return thanks to the Vicar for the kind way in which he treated them, and for the use of the bells.

FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, October 26th, by the local company, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation), in 1 hr. 33 mins. J. Smith, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Barnard, 3; C. Coachman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Arnold, 7; H. Hogben, 8.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, November 2nd, at St. Mary's parish church, for practice, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). Tenor 12 cwt. in G. J. Huspry, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith (conductor), 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowland, 6. And 120 of College Single. J. Huspry, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Rowlands, 5; J. Hughes (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, 360 of Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs), and 180 of Plain Bob Minor (three bobs). J. Huspry, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes (conductor), 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Huspry (conductor), 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Time for each 720, 26 mins.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, November 5th, the following members of the S.S. Thomas and Edmund's Society rang for practice, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples 518 changes. C. Fellows, 1; W. Baldwin, 2; P. Coulon, 3; W. Stringer, 4; J. Murphy, 5; W. Dunlavy, 6; M. Murphy (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 8. On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), composed by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford. C. Fellows, 1; M. Murphy, 2; J. Murphy, 3; W. Stringer, 4; P. Coulon, 5; W. Dunlavy, 6; J. Plant (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 8. The above contains the 5th at home every three leads, and the twelve 6-7's.

HALESOWEN (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, October 29th, at the parish church, several six-scores of Stedman Doubles. R. A. Eaton, 1; E. Hackett, 2; G. Cockin, 3; E. White, 4; H. Raybould (conductor), 5; M. Hackett, 6. On Monday, 31st, several courses of

Stedman Triples. H. Raybould, 1; H. Lea, 2; H. Mason (Old Hill), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; G. Cockin, 5; E. White, 6; R. A. Eaton, 7; E. Hackett, 8. Also a 518 of Grandsire Triples. H. Mason (Old Hill), 1; H. Lea, 2; J. P. Heckingbottom, 3; G. Cockin, 4; E. White, 5; R. A. Eaton (conductor), 6; E. Hackett, 7; M. Hackett, 8. Tenor 1 ton.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Sunday, October 23rd, for Divine Service, in the evening at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins. J. Ramble, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; A. Jacob, 5; J. Hare, 6; G. Newson (conductor), 7; S. Hare, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Messrs. Newson and Jacob hail from London; the rest are local men.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Salter, 1; J. Crane, 2; T. Salter, 3; H. Williams, 4; J. Bennett, jun., 5; R. E. Grove (conductor), 6.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 30th, for Divine Service, 336 of Bob Triples. *J. Lee, 1; *W. Gridley, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; *A. Symonds (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Also 336 of Bob Major, standing as before. Messrs. Lee and Gridley hail from Foxearth; Essex, Hollocks, Moore, and Snell, from Preston; the rest are local men. *Cumberland Youths.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Sunday, November 6th, at the house of Mr. Williams, two 120's of Stedman Doubles. G. Williams, 1-2-3-4; Mrs. Williams, 5-6; G. Williams, 1-2-3-4; W. Chamberlain, 5-6. And two courses of Grandsire Triples. W. L. Chamberlain, 1-2; G. Williams, 3-4-5-6; Mrs. Williams, 7-8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. L. Chamberlain, 1-2; G. Williams, 3-4; Mrs. Williams, 5-6. And two 120's of Bob Doubles. W. Chamberlain, 1; C. Tribe, 2; G. Williams, 3-4; W. Selby, 5-6.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 25th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; W. Ellis, 3; W. Benthams, 4; C. Sharples, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8.

POSTINGFORD (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 31st, at the parish church, the local company rang their first six-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Atkinson (conductor), 1; G. Basham, 2; F. W. Hicks, H. Burling, 4; C. Home, 5.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, October 30th, at St. Laurence's church, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. W. H. Holloway, 1; H. M. Bawden, 2; W. Johnson, 3; G. Talbot, 4; W. Goseltine, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams, 7; A. E. Reeves, 8. Taken from Carter's collection in "BELL NEWS," and conducted by W. J. Williams.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 6th, at St. Alban's church, for Divine service, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 25 mins. William Adshead, 1; William Brierley, 2; *George Hoyle, 3; *William Nixon, 4; *Peter Nuttall, 5; Edward Isherwood, 6; *Frank Birtwistle (conductor), 7; Wm. Phillips, 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F. *Members of the Lancashire Association. P. Nuttall hails from Bolton parish church. First half-peal conducted by Frank Birtwistle. E. Isherwood hails from St. Thomas's church, Newhey.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday, November 6th, at St. Martin's church, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 16 mins. S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; C. A. Clements (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaistford, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 30th, for Divine Service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Goodman, 1; D. Bruce, 2; W. Mills, 3; S. Bunn, 4; J. Screen, 5; R. Schofield (conductor), 6; J. Davenport, 7; J. Flavell, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Parrett, 1; E. C. Bourquin, 2; C. Willshire, 3; P. Simms (conductor), 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; S. Snelling, 7; J. Jordan, 8. On Monday evening, October 31st, for practice, three courses of Bob Major. F. Parrett, 1; E. C. Bourquin, 2; C. Willshire, 3; P. Simms, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 6; J. G. Elliott, 7; S. Snelling, 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, October 30th, for afternoon service at the Cathedral, 672 of Stedman Triples in 25 mins. E. J. Mitchell, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. H. Buckingham, 8. And for evening service 504 of Stedman Triples. J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 1; T. Grant, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; N. N. Hills, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; R. M. Pratt, 8. Also on Monday, October 31st, the Cathedral society attempted a peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's Variation), but after ringing 1 hr. 32 mins., and the half-way single being called, a break-

down occurred. E. J. Mitchell, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday evening, November 1st, at the house of Mr. H. Lewis, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Lewis, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6. Also at the Abbey national schools, on Friday evening, November 4th, 1330 of Grandsire Triples, being the last part of Holt's original. H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; T. Waller, 7-8.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, November 6th, after Divine Service in the evening, at the parish church, a 1440 of Bob Major, in 55 mins. T. Wood, 1; A. S. Barrell, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; J. Nunn, 4; W. B. Manning, 5; J. Wilkins, 6; T. Maynard, 7; H. Scarlett (conductor), 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Monday, October 31st, the following members of the local company met at St. Peter's church, and rang a half-peal of Bob Major (2512 changes), in 1 hr. 45 mins. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Griggs, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. This is the first half of J. Barker's 5024, and is the longest touch ever brought home on these bells. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

TWICKESBURY.—On Thursday evening, November 3rd, at the Abbey, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the second bell left out, and the tenor a cover. W. Hampton, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; C. W. Dyson, 3; S. Cleal, 4; J. Wathen, 5; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 6; W. Haines, tenor. *First 720 in the method.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, October 30th, at the parish church, for morning service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Smith, 1; J. Priest, 2; S. Hayes, 3; E. Barnett (conductor), 4; H. Prior (Stanstead), 5; G. Cornall, 6. This is H. Prior's 198th complete 720.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Saturday, October 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 45 mins. G. Cornell, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; J. Priest, 6; E. Barnett, 7; H. Scarlett (composer and conductor), 8. It was intended to have started for a 6088, but owing to a special service being held, the above was rung instead. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, at the parish church, a 360 of Double Court Minor, in 13 mins. W. B. Manning, 1; A. S. Barrell, 2; J. Nunn, 3; T. Wood, 4; E. Barnett, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob, by the same band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6TH, 1887:—

By the Arundel and Steyning branches at Arundel.—On Saturday, November 5th, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (Holt's 6-part), in 3 hrs. 7 mins., for particulars see peal column. And on Sunday morning, November 6th, a 714 of Grandsire Triples. O. Evershed, 1; G. Balchin, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Tyler, 4; F. Luxford, 5; G. Smart, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; J. Knight, 8. And in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. O. Evershed, 1; C. Blackman, 2; E. Brackley, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Balchin, 5; F. Luxford, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; J. Knight, 8.

By the Brighton branch, at St. Nicholas' church.—On Wednesday, November 2nd, an attempt was made for Vicars' peal of Grandsire Triples (bob and single), which failed through the breaking of the 2nd rope, after ringing 1 hr. G. Gatland, 1; Geo. F. Attree, 2; J. Reilly, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. King, 5; H. Weston (conductor), 6; J. Searle, 7; C. Tyler, 8. And at St. Peter's church, on Friday, November 4th, a 504 of Stedman Triples, in 18 mins. G. F. Attree (conductor), 1; J. Reilly, 2; J. Jay, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. A. King, 5; H. Weston, 6; J. Seale, 7; H. Cornwall, 8. *First 504 in the method. And on Sunday, November 6th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. C. E. Golds, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; J. E. Worsell, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; J. Jay, 5; J. Reilly (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; D. Ross, 8.

By the Cuckfield branch at Cuckfield.—On Saturday, October 29th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. H. Miles, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; T. Fox, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. And on Sunday evening, October 30th, a 700 of Grandsire Triples, in 28 mins. H. Miles, 1; W. Fox, 2; F. Hounsell (conductor), 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; T. Fox, 7; C. Cheeseman (composer), 8. On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 672 of Grandsire Triples, in 27 mins. R. Nash, 1; W. Gibson, 2; W. Fox, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Bowell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8.

G. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

SHIRE OAKS, NOTTS.

Ringings done at Shire Oaks by the above company, for the month of October, 1887.—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service, at the parish church, a 360 each of New London Pleasure and Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; Dan Russon, 6. Also a 240 of Violet, with J. Hargreaves on the tenor. Also for evening service, a 720 of Kent. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; Dan Russon, 6. Also on Tuesday, October 4th, for practice, 240 each of Violet, Oxford, Kent, Duke of York and New London Pleasure. Standing in the order above. And on Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, 360 each of New London Pleasure and Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Sunday, October 16th, for morning service, a 360 of New London Pleasure and 240 of Violet. Standing as above. And for evening service, 720 of Violet and 240 of Oxford. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; E. Russon, 3; H. Watkinson, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; John Hargreaves, 6. And on Sunday, October 22nd, for morning service, 720 of Violet Treble. S. Tomlinson, 1; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 2; E. Russon, 3; D. Russon, 4; R. Knowles, 5; John Hargreaves, 6. Also a 240 of Oxford, with W. Kelk, of Killamarsh, on the treble, the others as above. And on Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, 240 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York and Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, a 720 of Violet. D. Russon, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; John Hargreaves, 6. Also a 240 of Kent, with S. Tomlinson on the treble, the others as before. And on Saturday, October 8th, at Blyth, two 720's of Oxford. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; D. Russon, 4; R. Knowles (conductor), 5; R. Beeston, 6. Also on Sunday, October 9th, at Worksop, for afternoon service, a 720 of Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, two 720's of Oxford. R. Beeston, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; H. Watkinson, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. In the second 720 R. Goacher was on the 2nd, and S. Harwood on the 3rd, the others as before.

NEW GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF CHESTER.

At the Chester Diocesan conference held recently, Archdeacon Barber introduced a discussion on a proposal to form a Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, which had been made in January last. The advantages of such a Guild would be to raise the status and condition of church bellringers by recognising them as distinct church officers; to improve change-ringing; to draw up and circulate a code of rules and regulations for bell ringing; and to give competent advice as to the enlargement of belfries and repairs that might be required. He moved a resolution affirming the desirability of forming a Guild of church bellringers for the diocese of Chester. Mr. J. H. Cook, Northwich, in seconding, enumerated some of the benefits believed to be secured by the neighbouring Lancashire Association—the cultivation of the science of change-ringing, the abolition of the obnoxious practice of prize-ringing (which, he considered, reduced the belfry to the level of the bowling-green), the promotion of friendly peal ringing, and the provision of teachers for those who desire them. Rev. R. G. Barnacle, Holmes Chapel; Rev. H. B. Blodd, Frodsham; Canon Upperton, and several others supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The following circular in connection with the above proposal has been circulated:—

DEAR SIR,—At the Diocesan Conference last Wednesday the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That it is desirable to form a Diocesan Guild or Association of church bell-ringers." In furtherance of this object a meeting will be held in the Old Refectory of the Cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean), on Saturday, November 12th, at 2 p.m., at which your attendance (with any ringers or others interested in the matter) is respectfully requested. I should be glad to know how many would be likely to attend, so that due provision may be made. Kindly bring this to the notice of your ringers, and if unable to attend or to send representatives, would you let me know whether your ringers would be likely to join?

St. Bridget's Rectory, Chester, October 28th, 1887.

EDWARD BARBER, Archdeacon.

THE "JAMES RUDD" FUND.

Mr. Ireland acknowledges the receipt of the undermentioned sum for this fund:

The St. John's Company, Manchester, per Mr. Mould	...	...	7 0
The Kingston-on-Thames company, per Mr. J. Smith	...	...	6 0
The Aylesford Society, per Mr. E. Trice	...	...	6 0

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received by Mr. W. Ireland, Victoria Road, Diss, and will be acknowledged in this paper..

Church News.

The Rev. Champion Welbank Streatfeild has resigned his vicarage of Isycoed, in the diocese of St. Asaph.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Asaph have reduced the salaries of their officials by 10 per cent. in consequence of the decreased value of their revenue, which consists entirely of tithe rent-charge.

The Rev. J. F. Kitto, after prolonged hesitation, has re-introduced evening communion at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where it had for some years been unknown.

The Church Parochial Mission Society has published a list of forty-four Missions which it has arranged to take place during the present month.

The Crown living of Chipping Barnet, Herts, has fallen vacant by the death of the Rev. Robert Rosseter Hutton. Mr. Hutton, who graduated from Trinity College, Oxford, in 1868, was ordained in the following year, and was appointed to Chipping Barnet in 1866.

The Bishop of Chichester, who is the oldest prelate of the Church of England, completed his eighty-fifth year on Wednesday last. He graduated at Oxford in 1826, and was consecrated Bishop of Chichester in 1870.

The Bishop of Pretoria has appointed the Rev. James Hoare Masters, rector of Slinfold, Horsham, to be his commissary in England, conjointly with the Rev. Dr. Baker, head master of Merchant Taylors' School.

On Monday, the Duchess of Teck, who was accompanied by the Princess Victoria, opened a large hall in Hanbury Street, Spitalfields, which had been bought by Prebendary Billing, of Christ Church, and a number of friends, in which to hold entertainments and meetings in connection with the parish church.

On Wednesday week the Bishop of Ripon confirmed twenty-five male and ten female prisoners at Wakefield. The men answered clearly and firmly the questions put to them, and after the laying on of hands, they were addressed by the Bishop from St. John xvi, 33—"In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

A new altar is about to be presented to Lincoln Cathedral by the Bishop of Nottingham. Various necessities are still required, a new set of altar linen being needed. The estimate for three frontals, red, white, and green (the violet is already provided), and super-frontal, and for the complete set of linen, is £300. The linen will cost about £20.

The statement which has gone the round respecting the consecration of Archdeacon Matthews is incorrect. Dr. French's resignation of Lahore does not take effect till December 21st, when he will complete the tenth year of his episcopate, and his successor cannot possibly be consecrated before Christmas.

It is understood that the Rev. F. J. Mount, prebendary of Sutton, and vicar of Cuckfield, has accepted the Archdeaconry of Chichester, vacant by the death of Canon Walker. Mr. Mount graduated from Oriel in 1854, and was ordained the next year. In 1870 he was appointed examining chaplain to the Bishop of Chichester, whose nephew he is.

The Rev. W. H. Hewlett-Cooper, M.A., was last week presented by the parishioners of St. Peter's, Belsize Park, with a purse of 150 guineas, and an illuminated address, on his preferment to Bradenstoke, Wilts, as a token of their respect and esteem for him. He is an able and earnest preacher, an energetic worker, and possesses great tact in dealing with young persons. Mr. Cooper is also well known in the neighbourhood, as a successful and interesting lecturer on scientific subjects. Mrs. Hewlett-Cooper at the same time received a handsome and suitable gift.

At a meeting of the Drapers' Company, at which the applications of nearly a hundred candidates were received for the vacant rectory of St. Michael's, Cornhill, void by the death of the Rev. W. Hunt, a letter was read from the Bishop of London, suggesting that the endowment, which is about £1,200 a year, should be devoted as a stipend for a second Suffragan Bishop of London. The Bishop proposed that the company should nominate two clergymen, one of whom he would select, and forward his name with another nominated by himself to the Crown, who would appoint. The company almost unanimously agreed to adopt the Bishop's proposals.

Kenchester, the site of a Roman station, midway between Hereford and Staunton-on-Wye, boasts a very small early Norman church and a font supposed to be older than the Conquest. The late rector, Mr. Parkin, provided a temporary reredos of painted tinfoil, which has now been replaced by one of solid oak, the gift of the Hon. Mrs.

Griffiths, daughter of the late Archdeacon (Lord Saye and Sele), in memory of her husband, Major Griffiths, of the Weir. Mrs. Griffiths has associated with herself in this handsome donation two old retainers of the Griffiths family, Messrs. Stait and Simmonds, who were desirous of paying some tribute to the memory of a good master and an excellent country gentleman.

On the eve of All Saints', the Bishop of Rochester visited the parish of St. Paul's, Lorrimore Square, to unveil a window to the memory of its late vicar and his chaplain, the Rev. E. F. Alexander. After the second lesson his lordship was conducted to the west end by the choir and clergy, singing in procession "For all thy Saints who from their labours rest," and beneath the unveiled window the Bishop delivered an earnest address on the work and character of the clergyman whose six years' faithful efforts had set together the vigorous organisation of St. Paul's. From the church the Bishop passed to give his blessing to a home established in Lorrimore Square for lady-workers among the poor.

On All Saints' Day the dedication-stone of the permanent church of St. Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common, was laid by Lady Barbara Yeatman. Shortened evensong was said in the temporary church at 3 p.m., and after the laying of the stone an address was given by Archdeacon Burney. He remarked that he had been present seventeen years ago when the temporary church was opened by Bishop Wilberforce, who took great interest in the progress of the district. The neighbourhood has increased rapidly of late years, and steps are in process for the formation of a separate parish and the building of a permanent church, of which the Rev. W. Starkie Shuttleworth is vicar-designate. It has been decided at present to build the western half of the permanent church, and to wait until further funds have been raised before attempting to complete the building. The cost of the present work will be about £2,000, and at least £2,000 more will be required to finish the whole undertaking. The architect is Mr. E. D. Ferrey.

Book Notices.

THE QUIVER for November—(Cassell and Co., London and New York.)—This is the first part of a new and enlarged series of this deservedly popular magazine. The illustrations are if possible better than ever, and there is a very good coloured frontispiece entitled "Good-bye to the old Home," which appeals very strongly to the feelings. It is really impossible to select any particular portion for especial approval where all is excellent. One thing we may say, that though the size has increased, the price of publication remains the same.

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Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE TOTTENHAM PEAL.

SIR,—I thank you for your able leading article on our peal at Tottenham, which I suppose was the cause of the large meeting at the St. James society meeting-house on October 31st. My friend Mr. Barnett is quite right when he said our opponents' victory was not decisive. It would have been a victory for us if Mr. J. M. Hayes had acted as a gentleman while the voting was going on, and not to have pulled one of the member's hand down when he was voting against him, and called across the room and ordered one of his dupes to hold up his hand and vote for him, which was answered at once. But where was that man's conscience? Had he got one? Yes, certainly, but he dare not use it. I think we had the sense of the society with us, for out of the sixteen for us, there were eight conductors, while out of the sixteen against us there were about that number who hardly knew how to handle a bell, and four conductors.

G. B. LUCAS.

SIR,—I am much surprised at the decision of the St. James's Society as to recording this peal. It is utterly useless for anyone to try to prove that the absence of a cover can interfere with the correctness of a peal. It is rather odd, but one never hears of a peal of seven bells, although there are plenty of five. Now when a six-score is rung upon five bells no one ever for a moment objects to it. In fact Doubles are generally considered preferable when rung on five bells to being

rung on six with the tenor covering. At the same time, as the music of seven bells is very bad, I do not think that ringing a peal on that number is a thing to be encouraged, although it is most unjust and absurd to refuse to book a peal for the reasons above mentioned.

KERAULOPHON.

SIR,—I see a great deal of correspondence over the peal recently rung at Tottenham, and if you will allow me I should like to point out that there was once a peal rung at Witney, Oxon, where the tenor-man had to give up, and the other seven men kept on for an hour or more without him in a peal of Grandsire Triples, the peal being truly rung and duly recorded, and why not? From a practical point of view it is far more worthy of record than a peal with a tenor. Of course the music must be rather odd. But a peal of Triples is only on seven bells after all, and why not record it? This is the opinion of the ringers of this neighbourhood, which I am asked to convey to you.

Oxford.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

SIR,—In last week's issue of "BELL NEWS" your correspondent, H. A. Barnett, says that "J. M. Hayes was fully attended by the band of St. Stephen's Society, Westminster, and these members of course followed as he led," inferring that they were brought there to vote against the Tottenham men. There were six members present belonging to the St. Stephen's Society, one of whom (his junior steward of St. James's Society; but that is out of the question, as it was a St. James's Society meeting, and they are all members of that society and meet the company regularly, which is more than the Tottenham Society can say, for they admitted at the meeting that they had only come then to try and put aside a resolution passed by a majority of members at a *bona fide* meeting, and were backed up by as many of their own members as they could coax there. This was not the case with the St. Stephen's Society, who came in the ordinary way to practice; and they have as much right to vote as they please, as well as the Tottenham Society, perhaps more. The St. Stephen's Society may be young members, but they are old enough to have and express an opinion of their own.

T. R. BELL, Secretary.

St. Stephen's, Westminster.

SIR,—It was with mingled feelings of surprise and regret that I read in your last issue that the above peal is to be boycotted by the St. James Society, especially when I saw the names of the gentlemen who framed and carried the resolution. Triples have always been described (in this part of the country), as seven bell ringing, so whether you have a tenor to cover or not, so long as the 5040 changes are rung true on seven bells, it would be a peal of Triples. If the gentlemen who took part in the opposition have no other reason to advance why the peal should not be recorded, I think that they have made themselves the laughing stock of the whole ringing community. If they are correct in their reasoning, perhaps they will be consistent in their practice, and at once tack a cover bell on to their peals of Major, Royal, and Maximus. Just one word more. The St. James Society have rung I believe twenty-three peals this year, of this number the Tottenham band have scored seven. These figures speak for themselves.

Kidderminster, November 7th, 1887.

COMMON SENSE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

SIR,—I fear my last letter to you has caused an ebullition of ill-temper on the part of Mr. Binns, otherwise he would not have penned the very disjointed and almost unintelligible epistle which appeared last Saturday. But facts are stubborn things, and as he challenges further investigation, I give the peals in question side by side, to tell their own story.

MR. BINNS'.				Course-ends of both.				No. 247 in Report.			
M	B	W	H					M	B	W	H
	I				5	2	3	6	4		
	I	I	2		2	5	4	6	3		
I		2	2		6	3	5	4	2		
2		2	2		4	6	3	2	5		
2		2	2		2	4	6	5	3		
2		I	2		3	2	5	4	6		
I	I		2		4	5	2	3	6		
Repeated.								Repeated.			

Now, Sir, will any man in his sober senses attempt to argue that these two are not the self-same peal. It will be noticed that the bobs wrong in the second and third courses are reversed in the Report, but that is so palpably a "printer's error," that it needs no explanation. Any one with the slightest knowledge of the table of course-ends, will see that at a glance; or how could the course-ends have come up in proper order? It seems superfluous to argue the point further. With his regard to his insinuating remarks about my signature, I need only say that I am a life member of the Yorkshire Association (as you,

Mr. Editor, will no doubt be able to testify), and the simple reason of my writing anonymously is that (perhaps unlike Mr. Binns in this respect), I do not feel ambitious to "see my name in print." If a correspondent advances facts, it is immaterial what patronymic he writes under. I am also of opinion that had Mr. Binns taken the sensible course of bringing this matter before the Committee of the Yorkshire Association, he would have got a satisfactory explanation, and thus have rendered unnecessary this complaint which is as puerile as it is unwarranted.

A MEMBER Y.A.C.R.

SIR,—It seems to me that the unpleasantness that has arisen with respect to the publishing of peals in the Yorkshire Association report is simply a mistake, which all ringers know well can take place, and stop any peal when the accomplishment is almost certain. If No. 247 in the Association's performances been printed as sent, no doubt it would have been like R. Binns' peal. The second course 1B, 1W, 2H, in place of 1B, 2W, 2H, and third course 1M, 2W, 2H, instead of 1M, 1W, 2H, that is the mistake. The course-ends are all right but not the calling. The peal was taken by the conductor from Snowdon's "Treatise on Treble Bob," Part 2, page 35. It is also in an old manuscript of the late George Carter, as Tebbs' farewell peal. I remember having said the peal had been rung in a revised form, but I referred to the report as printed. Had I been the conductor in either peal I might have made a closer investigation, and that would have been with the result as above stated. In R. Binns' first letter he states the peal was not reported as sent. That being admitted; but if all peals were reported as sent, we should have more mistakes than the paltry one in question. If R. B. will look at his report once more, No. 391, he will find a peal reported as sent, but no fault to be found, it being more pleasing to the conductor. It reads: "This peal, which was now rung the first time by the Society, was composed by Joseph Fleming, and conducted by R. Binns." This statement I say is false, as it was rung at Drighlington, and stands No 173 of the Society's performances conducted by Ben. Lightfoot. I trust that expert conductors will assist the officials to issue a true and sound report, and if they find something wrong to communicate to the Secretary or President, who is always willing to be corrected at any time.

Tong, November 7, 1887.

GEORGE BOLLAND.

ADVICE WANTED.

SIR,—Perhaps some of your correspondents would help us with their experience in the following case. We are intending to place movable wooden louvres or some contrivance inside the hard stone louvres of our bell-chamber, for the double purpose of keeping out the wet and keeping in the sound when desirable, so as not to be an annoyance to those who live near the church. I may state that we have made some little progress in change-ringing, having been able to ring Grandsire Doubles for some years, and now, as more men are joining us, we wish to try Triples, but are afraid our efforts will not meet with that encouragement we could wish if the bells clash, and are considered a nuisance by the round ringers' friends who live close by. I believe a similar difficulty has been found in other places, I think at the new cathedral at Edinburgh, and I should be glad to know how it has been met, and if successful.

P. H. JACKSON.

Beaminster, Dorset.

A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—As there seems to be a great deal of trouble to get to know, where the leaders of ringers reside, would it not be as well if the old ringers' guide was revised, say about once a year, and sold at about 2d. so as to be within the reach of every ringer?

WILLIAM CLAYTON.

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SIR,—In calling Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, I believe it is the custom of many conductors to adopt the plan of calling by the bells which come "before," and to rely upon the fact of their turning up in their proper order to prove the truth of the peal as it progresses. It may be of interest to these gentlemen to know that in a recent attempt it was found that a change-course had occurred within the first half hour's ringing, but for an experiment the peal was continued on the plan I have mentioned, with the result that not until 2 hrs. and 15 mins. had elapsed from the commencement was it found that the bell required for a call "before" was in the hunt. This fact I hope will act as an inducement to those who do not as yet understand the system of proving if the bells be in or out of course, to make themselves acquainted with this indispensable knowledge.

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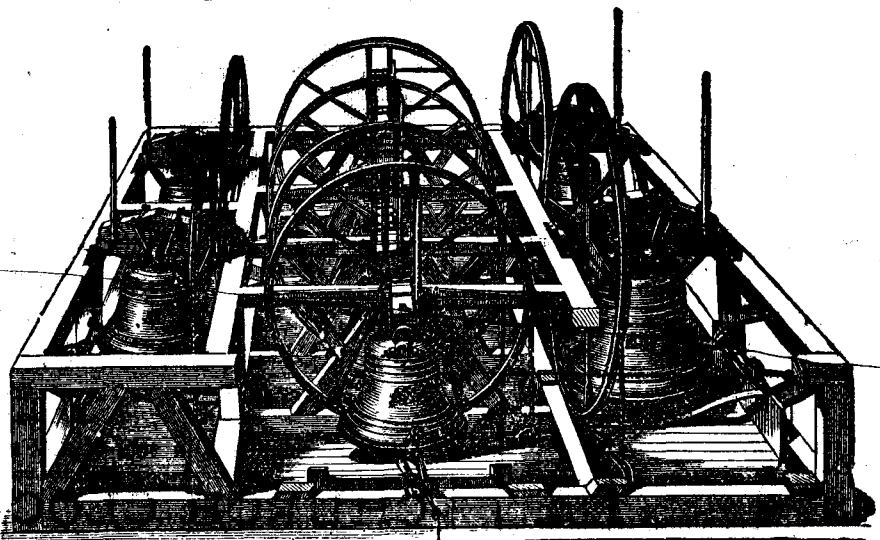


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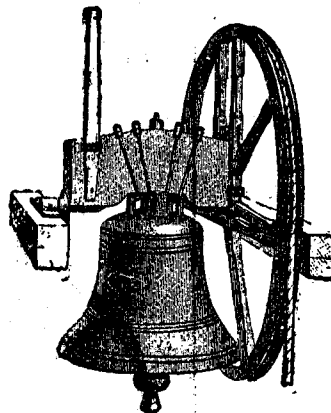
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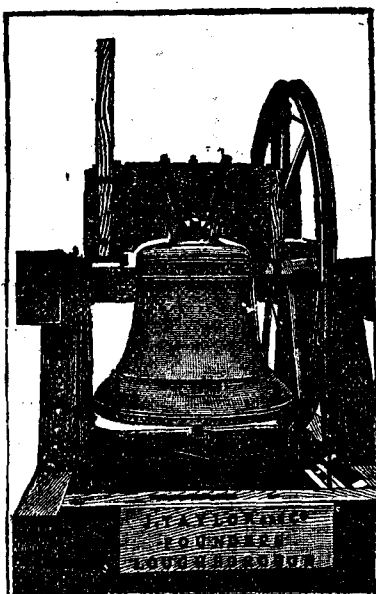
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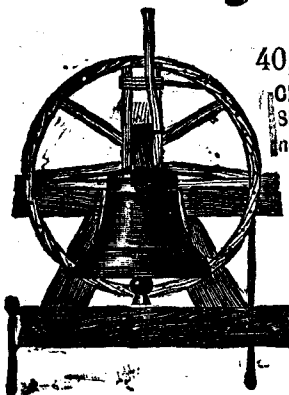
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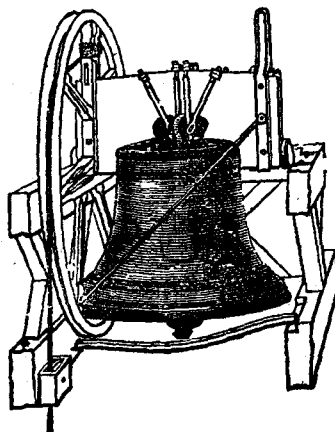
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ALL SAINTS', LOUGHBOROUGH.

The bells of All Saints' Church possess quite an history of their own, and the churchwardens' accounts contain numerous allusions to them, dating several centuries back. One of the earliest records concerning the peal dates back as far as 1553, when in Edward VI. the Commissioners reported that there were in the church of "Loughborowe fyve belles." A curious old document which appears to have been drawn up about the same time, defines the duties belonging to the bellman's office, and from this it appears he had to sleep in the church, to ring the curfew at eight o'clock at night on week days, and seven on Sundays and other holy days, besides numerous other matters not concerning the bells, which must have fully occupied his time. At this time there were five bells in the tower, and in the year 1583 there occurs an entry in the churchwardens' accounts of a sum of 6s. 8d. paid to "Joseph Bynglaze, for mending and keeping in repair the great bell clappers. In 1585 there is the following item: "Received of the Townsamen of this parishe towards the payment of the Castinge of the great bell. . . . *vli vjs ijd*,"; also a further entry "Item paid to franncis Watts and M. Newcome, the bellfounders of Leic, for one half of the payment for Castinge the great bell. . . . *iiijli*." About this time there are many curious entries of expenditure connected with the casting of the "great bell" at Leicester, such as "Imprimis payed and layed downe for our Suppers at Leicester at the casting of the Bells," "Paid for our Brekefasts the next day," "Paid for our Suppers the same daye," "Paid for drink for the bell-founders' men," "Paid to Mr. Newcome's maides," and "Paid for Aale." In the year 1586 numerous sums appear to have been expended for keeping the bells and their fittings in repair, and in 1613 the "great bell" was twice recast by a Mr. Ouldfeld, of Nottingham. It was in the year 1616 that the ancient ring of five bells was increased to six, as is shown by the following entry in the accounts:—"It. Paid to John fowler for carryeing the third bell to Nottingham, and for bringinge it and the new bell back, *xjxs. vjd*." The bells at this date bore the following inscriptions, copied by the eminent botanist, Dr. Pulteney, when he was at the free school of the parish:—

- 1.—I will sound and resound unto all Christian people,
And to the benefactors that gave me to this steeple. 1616.
- 2.—In multis annis resonet campana Johannis.
- 3.—Sit nomen Domini benedictum; laudate illum cymbalis sonoris.
- 4.—Nos sumus constructi ad laudem Domini, 1616.
- 5.—Sir Georg Hastings made me Anno Domini 1586.
- 6.—Hec. campana sacra fiat Trinitate Beata 1613.

From 1642 to 1647 there are several entries concerning the ringing of the bells which possess historical interest; for instance—"1642. Paid to the Ringers for His Majesty, 10s." "Paid to the same when Prince Rupert went to Leicester." and when "Prince Rupert came to view the Trayne band." "1645. It. payed to ye Ringers when ye King's Majesty came by, 2s. 6d." "1646. Spent on ye Ringers when Sir Thomas Fiarefax passed by, 1s." and "Spent on ye Ringers when the Lord Protector was proclaimed, 4s. 6d." In 1754 the six bells were recast by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, the cost being defrayed by public subscription, and a list of the subscribers appears in the parish records. At this time the weight of the bells was augmented as follows:—

						cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1st Bell	..	..	..	..	..	10	3	10
2nd "	..	..	..	..	..	11	0	11
3rd "	..	..	..	..	..	11	2	5
4th "	..	..	..	..	..	12	3	15
5th "	..	..	..	..	..	14	1	10
6th "	..	..	..	..	..	24	2	14
						85	1	9

The inscriptions on the bells cast by Eayre were as follows;

- 1.—Vox Mea Dulcis Mea Scintillans Vultus.
- 2.—Statutum est Omnibus Semel Mori; Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei.
- 3.—Nos Sumus Constructi ad Laudem Domini; in Dei Gloriam; in Ecclesiae Commodum.
- 4.—Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum, Laudate Illum Cymbalis Sonoris.
- 5.—Morte Beata Nihil Beatius. Thomas Eayre, Fecit. Richard Mansfield and John Warren, sidesmen.

6.—Thomas Alleyne, Rector; Francis Winfield and Edward Savage, Churchwardens. Thomas Eyre, Fecit, Anno Domini, 1754.

In 1840 these six were recast and augmented to a ring of eight by John Taylor, son of Robert Taylor, of St. Neots, Hunts, who at that time and for that purpose removed from Oxford, and established the Loughborough Bell Foundry, which has since been successfully carried on and extended its fame, as well as its dimensions, under the management of Mr. J. W. Taylor and his sons. Two years ago the seventh bell was fractured, and upon being recast, 2 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs. additional metal was put in it. The next event concerning the history of the bells is that to which we have alluded in the early portion of this notice, viz., the augmentation of the bells to a ring of ten by the addition of two trebles. In addition to presenting these two bells, Messrs. Taylor have materially improved the tone of the old bells by recasting several of the larger ones and adding more metal. The two new bells weigh respectively 6 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb., and 7 cwt. 6 qrs. 19 lbs. Nos. 6, 8, 9, and 10 have been recast, with the addition of 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs. of new metal, and the total weight of the ten bells is 117 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs. Only three of the old bells are rehung without recasting.

By the courtesy of the founders we are enabled to give the following particulars of the bells and their inscriptions:—

Treble, note, F sharp, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. "A.M.D.G. Presented by J. W. Taylor, the founder, on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee, 1887."

Second bell, E, 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 19 lb. Inscription same as on treble.

Third bell, D, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. (old bell). "A voice from the Temple, a voice from the Lord. Rev. J. Plaice, Officiating Minister, A.D. 1840."

Fourth bell, C sharp, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. (old bell). "Glory be to God on High. Taylor, Founder, June 18th, 1840, Loughborough. Rev. W. Holme, B.D., Rector, John Farmer, D. Cartwright, Churchwardens."

Fifth bell, B, 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lb., (old bell). "Rev. W. Holme, B.D., Rector, John Farmer, D. Cartwright, Churchwardens. Taylor, Fecit, 1840."

Sixth bell, A, 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lb. "J. Taylor and Co., Bellfounders Loughborough, 1887."

Seventh bell, G, 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs. "Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1885. Thomas Pitts, M.A., Rector, William, Frederick Beardsley, Edward Parkinson White, Churchwardens."

Eighth bell, F sharp, 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb. "A.M.D.G."

Ninth bell, E., 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lb. "A.M.D.G."

Tenor bell, D., 28 cwt. 0 qr. 0 lb. "Thomas Pitts, M.A., Rector; Edward Parkinson White, James Cartwright, Churchwardens. A.M. D.G. The sixth, seventh, and eighth bells of the old peal of eight were recast, with additional metal, on the peal being augmented to ten by the kindness of the founder, J. W. Taylor." On the reverse side the initials of the founder and two of his sons, who are now conducting the business: J. W. T., J. W. T., E. D. T. 1887.

The trade mark of the founders also appears on five of the bells. We may add that the munificent gift of Messrs. Taylor and Co. to the parish (comprising the new bells and weight of metal used in recasting), is of the value of £270. New ropes for the bells have been presented by Mr. Pritchard. The old bell-frame and beams, which were very much decayed, and had no doubt carried three rings of bells in succession, have been removed, and the bells have been hung on the improved cast iron A frames which have been supplied by Messrs. Taylor at a cost of £350. The frames stand on oak beams, which are supported by an iron girder. A new floor has been placed in the bell chamber, about four feet below the iron girder, this part of the work having been entrusted to Mr. Abraham Smith.

It was originally intended that the bells should be dedicated on All Saints' Day, November 1st, but this date was not convenient to Bishop Mitchinson, who performed the dedicatory ceremony at a special service in All Saints' Church on Friday afternoon, November 4th. A number of members of the Midland Counties' Association paid a visit to the belfry on that and succeeding days, so that there was every facility for hearing the tone of the bells. Nearly the whole of the cost of the new bell frame has yet to be raised.

On Monday, the Hon. and Rev. F. R. Grey, rector of Morpeth, on attaining his Jubilee as priest, was presented by his parishioners and friends with an illuminated address and a cheque for nearly £300. A gold bracelet was also presented to Lady Elizabeth Grey.

BURNSALL-IN-WHARFEDALE, YORKSHIRE.

Burnsall-in-Wharfedale is a pretty and picturesque village—the gem of Wharfedale—alike noted for its fine old parish church, St. Wilfrid's, of Saxon origin, its musical peal of six bells, its fine old Grammar School, founded in 1602, and its beautiful surroundings, best described by its local poet, Mr. J. A. Bland, of Woodhouse Manor, Burnsall, in lines written on the occasion of the representatives of the press paying him a visit on the 21st of June, 1880:

A Wharfedale welcome to the "press," we hail ye in our bowers,
Of sunny scenes, of crystal streams, of spreading fields and flowers;
Of woody groves, of rippling rills, that sing in shady dells,
Of upland scene, of tow'ring mount, of crag-crowned purple fells;
Of villages all hoar with age, with bridge, school, church and tower,
Whose merry bells, in tuneful swells, ring out the passing hour,
Of nestling homes in snug retreat, squat by Wharfe's winding stream.
Where generations of our sires have loved and lived life's dream.
The feather'd throng, in merry song, all greet you now you've come,
And welcome you to sights and scenes around our Wharfedale home.

Alike noted, too, as the place from which many of our Wharfedale worthies spring—Dr. Stackhouse, who wrote the "History of the Bible," Dr. Whitaker, the historian, etc., etc. And also noted for some who have excelled in the art of change-ringing, likewise—

That the dale, all dales surpasses,
For cheerie boys and bonnie las-es.

The art of change-ringing, however, through some little misunderstanding or disagreement amongst the members of the St. Wilfrid's company, has been in abeyance for some time past. Saturday week, however, being the historic

"Gunpowder Plot, is never forgot"

two of the old company of ringing repute—J. Birch and C. Inman—had managed to get together the required number of six, to ring the "plot peal," who assembled in the ancient tower of St. Wilfrid's at the appointed hour, 7.30 in the evening. Though the first of those mentioned below had ceased to be a ringer some forty-three years ago, his love for change-ringing, or bell music is not in the slightest degree abated, and he at once with his two sons willingly consented to take part, as it "would not do" for the peal to be omitted in this the year of jubilee. They took to the ropes in the following order: J. A. Bland, 1; J. Birch, 2; W. A. Bland, 3; J. Wilkinson, 4; C. Inman, 5; R. Bland, 6.

Who rose the bells in famous style,
That might be heard for many a mile;
And then as well as they were able,
Struck up so gaily Oxford Treble.

And then to celebrate the "Plot,"
With truthful aim the bells they shot;
Resolved to let the people hear,
The "Plot Peal" rung another year.

In the intervals of rest Mr. Bland gave a recital of his learning and exercising the delightful art of change-ringing in his boyish days, telling how he with five others met together in the tower of St. Wilfrid's, one Sunday evening, in October, 1841, to try at a treble lead of Grandsire or Bob Minor, having previously learned to manage a bell, which they accomplished, each striking his bell in good time. That peal was ultimately mastered. The next peal attempted was Oxford Treble Bob, Violet, Duke of York, and Kent Treble Bob, and on Christmas morning, 1843, they rung 2520 changes in the above Treble Bob methods, in good style and time, in 1 hr. 33 mins. The ringers were stationed as follows: J. A. Bland, 1; S. Bland, 2; M. Pullan, 3; J. Horner, 4; R. Clark, 5; J. Pullan, 6. Conducted by J. A. Bland. This was the longest touch that had been rung on the bells (hung in 1793). Shortly after this the company's ranks were broken by some of its members leaving the village. Mr. Bland, who took up his abode in Leeds, occasionally rung with the St. Peter's company, at the parish church, of whom at that time were Wm. and J. Groves, J. Lockwood, Gawkrudgers, C. Iles, Pullan (tenor), and young Pawson, learner, now Mr. Pawson, handbell founder. He assisted in ringing on the occasion of the Repeal of the Corn Laws. The company recently dissolved at Burnsall, when in the prime of change-ringing, a few years ago accomplished the feat of ringing 5040 changes in seven different methods of Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 15 mins., the longest rung on the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday the 5th inst. Touches in various methods were rung on the peals of eight at St. Modwen's and St. Paul's. At 5.30 some forty members sat down to a most substantial tea, which, thanks to the excellent administrative powers of the local Hon. Sec., Mr. John Jaggar, was provided at 1s. per head. The following gentlemen were elected honorary members of the Association: The Very Rev. the Dean of Lichfield, the Rev. F. H. Beaven, the Rev. T. H. Freer, the Rev. Geo. Woodyatt, the Rev. T. V. Evans, and W. E. B. Farnham, Esq., Quorndon House. Two life members and two ringing members were also elected.

The President (A. P. Heywood, Esq.) congratulated the Association on the large accession of clergy to its ranks, adding that he felt sure that the work of the Society only required to become known to ensure the support of all those incumbents whose churches contained peals of bells, a support than which none was more valuable to the progress of ringing. He then recapitulated the peals rung during the quarter, noting with especial pleasure the arrival of their hosts, the St. Paul's Society, at the summit of eight-bell ringing by their achievement of a peal of London Surprise. He urged those companies who had not already done so to endeavour to score a peal of some kind before the close of the Jubilee Year, and concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the clergy, whose bells had been so kindly placed at their disposal during the day, expressing also the gratification it gave him to welcome the new Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. F. H. Beaven) among them.

The Rev. F. H. Beaven in replying said how wishful he was to do all in his power to promote the well being of the Association, and offered an ever ready welcome to its members.

The next meeting has been fixed to take place at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, January 7th, 1888, and all notices as to any proposed "alterations of rules, etc." must reach the Hon. Sec., Mr. Joseph Griffin, 5, St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent, at least one month before the meeting.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

About three miles from Rotherfield (a pleasant walk) is the interesting old village of Mayfield. Visitors will scarcely fail to notice the ancient timbered house in the main street, the restored monastic buildings close to the church, and, lastly, the fine old church itself with its mixture of Early English and Decorated architecture. The Church is in excellent order. It contains several slabs and tables to the Baker family, also one or two mementos of the old Sussex ironworks, in the shape of iron memorial slabs, rather roughly cast. The tower is the usual Sussex low, spacious, structure, with shingle spire, the lower part having lancet windows which are, unfortunately, closed up with red bricks. The belfry is partly shut off from the church, and is, seemingly, used as a sort of lumber-room. Signs of reform are however apparent, in the shape of a new floor to the clock-room, fresh clock face, &c., and we are pleased to learn that new chimes to supersede the old apparatus were talked of. Though, before having chimes fixed, the parishioners would do well to get their bells re-hung and put in proper order, for they need it very much. There is a heavy peal of six with a tenor measuring 50 inches across the mouth, and weighing possibly about 23 cwt. The bells bear the following dates:—Treble, 1724; Second, 1724; Third, 1602; Fourth, 1629; Fifth, 1712; Tenor, 1630.

The tenor was cast by a founder named Eldredge. At some time or other it has had a good-sized piece knocked out of its lip on the clock-hammer side.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.

A large clock and chimes have just been erected in the parish church of Hope, in the peak of Derby. It strikes the hours upon a large bell, and chimes the Westminster quarters upon four bells, and is fitted with all the latest improvements. The work has been carried out by the celebrated firm of John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

THE COLLEGE BELLS OF OXFORD.—MERTON.

MERTON tower contains a peal of eight bells. The tenor is said to weigh 36 cwt., key of E flat, diameter 54 inches. These bells are thus inscribed:—

Treble.—"Christopher Hodson made me, 1680."

Second.—"D: Hen: Abyndon, S. T. D. Coll: Hvivs Cvst: R. R: H. R. C. N: Christopher Hodson Instavratvm, A.D. 1680."

Third.—"Ex Dono Thoma Milbovrn, A.M. et Coll: Hvivs nvyer Socii. Christopher Hodson made me, 1680."

Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh.—"Christopher Hodson made me, 1680."

Tenor.—"D: Hen: Abyndon, S. T. D. Coll: Hvivs Cvst: R. R: H. R. C. N: Christopher Hodson Instavratvm, A.D. 1680."

The last five bells have each the arms of Merton College on them, viz., three chevrons on a shield.

The following history of these bells is given in the "Life of Anthony a Wood": "Anthony Wood, his mother, and his two brothers, Rob. and Christopher Wood, gave 5 li. to Merton Coll. towards the casting of their five bells into eight. These five were antient bells, and had been put up into the tower at the first building thereof, in the time of Dr. Hen. Abendon, Warden of Merton Coll., who began to be Warden in 1421. The tenor or great bell (on which the name of the said Abendon was put) was supposed to be the best bell in England, being, as 'twas said, of fine mettall silver found. The generality of people were much against the altering of that bell, and were for a treble to be put to five, and so make them six; and old Sarjeant Charles Holloway, who was a very covetous man, would have given money to save it, and to make the five, six bells, that is to put a treble to them. But by the knavery of Thom. Jones, the subwarden (the warden being then absent) and Derby (i.e. Michael Darbie) the bellfounder, they were made eight. Dr. Joh. Wilson, Dr of Musick, had a fee from the College to take order about their tuning."

"May 14. 1657. All the eight bells of Merton Coll. did begin to ring: and he heard them ring very well at his approach to Oxon in the evening, after he had taken his rambles all that day about the country to collect monuments. The bells did not at all please the curious and critical hearer. However he plucked at them often with some of his fellow colleagues for recreation sake. They were all afterwards recast" (by Christopher Hodson, in 1680, the present peal.)

Concerning Michael Darbie, the founder of the former peal of eight, Dr. Raven, in his "Church Bells of Cambs," says, "Michael was a rolling stone that gathered no moss, while John, his brother's travels were confined to East Anglia. Michael's wretched bells are to be found in many districts, for one specimen of his casting appears to have been enough for a neighbourhood."

The present peal at Merton are hung two on each of the four sides of the tower. There is a large vacant space in the centre of the bell-chamber, large enough to hang another peal of eight in. The ringing is performed from a gallery below, which extends along each of the four sides of the tower, two ropes descending on each side. This gallery is little more than three feet wide, and the space between is quite thirty feet, through which one may look down into the chapel below. The distance across, and also from rope to rope, is so great that it is difficult to get a good sight of the ropes all round when ringing. When I visited the belfry in September last, the bells were sadly out of order for want of a little attention in the way of screwing up, etc. We started for a peal, but were glad to desist after ringing for about ten minutes.

J. R. JERRAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the above has been postponed until Saturday, November 19th. The meeting will take place at Manchester. Those intending to be present are requested to meet at Mr. Woolley's, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars Street, at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Subscriptions can be paid and new members elected at this meeting. The cathedral bells will be at liberty for the use of the members at the close of the meeting.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ANNUAL DINNER.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE unparalleled success of the many rejoicings during the Jubilee year will doubtless form an important epoch in the nation's history. for in every instance nothing but success has attended whatever has been attempted in this direction. It will be allowed that within this Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, it is a peculiar coincidence that one of our most noted and oldest ringing societies should be enabled to celebrate its fifth Jubilee after a long historical record certainly not without its vicissitudes. Our editorial comment of a fortnight ago, will have shown the uninitiated that it was 250 last Saturday week that the Ancient Society of College Youths was founded, and that the holding of the last annual dinner upon that particular day was in some respects a "new departure." The revival of old, and at one time regular custom has proved such a grand success that it is well deserving of being recorded as an important event during Her Majesty's reign.

In accordance with the announcements made previously, arrangements were made for ringing, and during the afternoon the following touches were rung:—

AT ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL, a 323 of Grandsire Caters. J. Davidson, 1; G. T. McLaughlin, 2; J. Bonny, 3; J. Comb, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; E. Horrex, 6; J. Pettitt, 7; R. T. Woodley, 8; W. L. Catchpole, 9; E. H. Wilson. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Davidson, 1; W. L. Catchpole, 2; W. Wadey, 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 4; J. Pettitt, 5; E. Horrex, 6; R. T. Woodley, 7; E. H. Wilson, 8. Both touches conducted by W. L. Catchpole.

AT ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, a 395 of Grandsire Caters. J. Bonney, 1; J. Comb, 2; C. Relton, 3; R. T. Woodley, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; F. L. Davies (Waterloo Society), 7; H. R. Newton, 8; W. L. Catchpole, 9; S. How, 10. And a 418 of Stedman Caters. W. L. Catchpole, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; R. Woodley, 3; W. Cooter, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; F. L. Davies, 7; S. E. Joyce, 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; J. Davidson, 10.

The Dinner took place at 7 p.m., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, and was under the management of a dinner committee consisting of Messrs. G. T. McLaughlin (Master), J. Pettitt (Treasurer), S. Joyce and E. C. Clark (Stewards), R. T. Woodley, C. F. Winny, W. Tyack, and G. Mash. The arrangements for the comfort and convenience of those attending were everything that could be desired. The Master of the Society—Mr. McLaughlin—presided, and among the metropolitan members present were:—Messrs. G. T. McLaughlin, J. Pettitt, G. Mash, G. A. Muskett, S. E. Joyce, E. C. Clark, C. F. Winny, W. Tyack, W. Making, J. R. Haworth, A. Murphy, W. Greenleaf, E. E. Vinen, F. E. Dawe, W. H. Judd, S. Hayes, Y. Green, H. R. Newton, T. Jackson, Hughes (Mears and Company), W. Prime, T. Coxhead, J. Digby, W. Digby, A. Rea, J. M. Hayes, T. R. Bell, J. Willshire, A. F. Ingerfield, W. Cropley, J. N. Oxborrow, W. Carter, G. C. Mash, W. Cecil, J. Bonney, E. Wallage, H. Langdon, S. How, J. W. Driver, J. Davidson, E. Horrex, J. W. Rowbotham.

The country members comprised Messrs. W. L. Catchpole, Ipswich; E. Debenham, W. H. L. Buckingham, G. Cartmel, J. C. Mitchell, St. Albans; R. Sewell, E. Davies, Barking; H. Pearce, Maidstone; W. Wadey, Billingshurst; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Croydon. The following members of the Royal Cumberland Society were present: H. S. Thomas, Esq., A. G. Thomas, Esq., W. Baron, H. A. Hopkins, W. H. D. Porter, W. Ambrose, E. Chapman, W. Jones, G. Wild, Mr. Baker, Mr. Swetman. Among other visitors were T. Dale Hart, Esq., L.L.B. and Dr. Spilsbury, of Ontario, Canada, and party; Mr. Edgar Manning, of Plymouth; Messrs. F. L. Davies, H. Partington, E. H. Wilson, Waterloo Society of change-ringers; Mr. R. Keeble, Essex Association; Messrs. H. Burgess, J. Prior, E. Duff, St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

Ample justice having been done to the excellent dinner provided, the pleasant proceedings which followed were commenced by Mr. Tyack with a pianoforte selection, after which

The CHAIRMAN said—Mr. Vice-Chairman and gentlemen, the first toast upon the list is one that is always well received, and I am sure will be heartily received by you this evening as loyal subjects. It is "The health of Her Majesty the Queen and Royal Family." Gentlemen, I have great pleasure in proposing this toast. As you are aware this is Her Majesty's Jubilee year, and it is also our 250th anniversary, therefore we have a double event.

Song, "Queen of my heart," Mr. R. T. Woodley. Song, "The Tipperary Christening," Mr. A. Murphy.

The CHAIRMAN: The next toast is one which I hardly know if I can do credit to. It is "Prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths." Wherever Englishmen are known, the Ancient

Society of College Youths is represented. I consider it gentlemen a great honour to occupy the chair this evening, and to be supported by so many ringers and friends. I have collected one or two facts which have been recorded by this society during the past year. I find first of all that we have enrolled fifty-two new members. The next item is an interesting one; it relates to the number of peals that have been rung. I consider that as a society it stands at the top of the list. We have rang one peal of Treble Bob Maximus, one of Stedman Cinques, two of Double Norwich Royal, four of Stedman Caters, two of Superlative Surprise Major, one of Cambridge Surprise Major, one of Double Norwich Court Major, three of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Bob Major, sixteen of Grandsire Triples, thirteen of Stedman Triples; also two of Kent Treble Bob Royal upon handbells, which were rung by our Ipswich friends, and nine of Grandsire Triples, two of which were non-conducted peals, the Original and the ten-part. I can say but little more than to ask you to drink to the prosperity of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and with that toast I will couple the name of Mr. Haworth, who is the oldest living member present with us this evening. The toast was duly pledged with musical honours.

Song, "Dream of the Albert Hall," Mr. S. Joyce.

Mr. J. R. HAWORTH: I consider you have done me a great honour in placing my name upon the programme and coupling it with the toast. It is I suppose because as the Chairman has said that I am the oldest member present that you have done me this honour. Well I became a member of this Society in 1839, so if all goes well you see I shall soon have a jubilee. I rang my first peal in 1842—you'll excuse me speaking about myself for a minute—we rang a peal of Treble Bob, and a Mr. Mills gave each of the band a medal—either the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman has got mine—there were eight medals given, and Mr. Mills said he would give ten medals if we rang a peal of Royal; this Mr. Mills was Master of the Society, he was was a tobacconist in a large way of business, and often came amongst us. Our Master has reminded us that this is Her Majesty's Jubilee Year, we know that; but we have five of them, we have five jubilees. This is our 250th anniversary, so it is our fifth jubilee. As you are aware it was established in 1637, and it is now 1887, so if you add 250 to 1637 it makes 1887. The Ancient Society of College Youths was founded November 5th, 1637, in the reign of Charles I.; its name is derived from the first members, Lord Brereton, and Sir Cliff Clifton, Knt., and meeting at St. Martin's, College Hill, Upper Thames Street, to practice ringing. For some time only rounds and call changes were rung, but at length about 1642, 120 of Bob Doubles were achieved. Slow progress was made till 1677, when Mr. Fabian Stedman, a native of Cambridge, and a printer by profession, published his "*Campanalogia*." About this time Stedman's method was first rung at St. Benet's, Cambridge, by the College Youths, who paid a visit to that town. Two other members are deserving of mention, Mr. Benjamin Annable and Mr. John Holt. To the former is due the merit of throwing Caters and Cinques into the Tittum position, and composing the first peal of Grandsire Triples. To Mr. Holt the credit is due of producing the greatest number of changes with bobs only, now universally known as Holt's Original. The first great performance that we have any account of was at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on the six large bells, November 18th, 1684, when the College Youths rang three 720's, the first time so many changes were rung without stopping. Since January 19th, 1724, at which time it became the practice to record peals of 5000 changes and upwards, to May 7th, 1887, the members of the society had accomplished in various towers in the United Kingdom placed at their disposal, 1111 peals. The society has on its time honoured roll of members, many names of eminence, amongst whom may be cited Sir Richard Everard, Sir Hy. Tulse, Brian Eldridge, Sir John Bollis, Bart., Sir W. Culpepper, Hon. R. Cecil, Hon. C. Cecil, Slingsby Bethell (afterwards Alderman of the City, and Lord Mayor), Abraham Rudhall, Sir Watkin William Wynne, Sir Hy. Hicks, John Patrick, John Hardham, a celebrated ringer and an extensive tobacconist in Fleet Street, the inventor of the snuff called "Hardham," Francis Geary (afterwards Admiral), who rang in the first peal of Bob Maximus, Sir Watkins Lewis, Knt., Alderman and Lord Mayor, Samuel Birch, Esq., Lord Mayor in 1815, John Powell Powell, Esq., who erected in his park a tower in which he placed a peal of twelve bells; W. Maunsell, Esq., Recorder of Stamford, Mr. R. Mills, who presented some members with silver medals for a peal of Treble Bob; C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., J. E. Troyte, Esq., Rev. Canon Cattley, Sir Bartle Frere, K.C.B., G.C.S.I., Messrs. Thomas, Charles and George Mears, Robert Stainbank, Esq., John William Taylor, Esq., Alfred Sylvia Lawson, Esq., Dr. John Stainer (organist of St. Paul's Cathedral), A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and J. W. R. Rees, Esq., of the Bengal Civil Service.

Song, "The Skipper," Mr. Making.

Mr. R. T. WOODLEY: I have a toast to propose, which to me is a pleasure, it is that of "The Master and Officers of the Society." The duties of our Master are arduous indeed, especially to keep a company

like this in order. Gentlemen, the Ancient Society of College Youths is extended throughout the country, there is a large area over which it is extended. Those who come to our meetings cannot have failed to observe the thorough business manner in which everything is transacted by the Master and Officers of the Society whose health I ask you to drink with full musical honours.

Song, "Beautiful Isle of the Sea," Mr. W. Greenleaf.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank Mr. Woodley for the manner in which he proposed the toast of the "Master and Officers of the Society," and you, gentlemen, for the hearty manner in which you responded to his call. What we have done has been a matter of love to us. Each time that we have met—and we have met many times—it has always been a pleasure for us to meet. Gentlemen, I can only express the hope that I shall have the pleasure of meeting the officers for many years to come.

Handbell performance, a course of Stedman Triples. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; G. Cartmel, 7-8. Pianoforte Selections, Mr. E. E. Vinen.

Mr. W. H. JUDD: It falls to my lot to propose the next toast, and I do so with pleasure, it is the "Health of the Dinner Committee," which I am sure you will heartily drink. Anyone who has anything to do in organising a show like this, must know that there is a deal of work to do. This has been well carried out, or we should not have had such a capital show as this, or so large a gathering. Well, gentlemen I have been up to some of the meetings, there has been a deal of talk, a deal of writing, a deal of work, but they have got through it all. I ask you to drink to the Health of the Dinner Committee, they are McLaughlin, Pettit, Joyce, Mash, Clarke, Woodley and Winny, and this I ask you to drink with musical honours.

Song, "Peggy o' Yarmouth Town," Mr. W. Porter.

Mr. G. MASH: I rise to thank you on behalf of the Dinner Committee, for the very hearty manner in which you have responded to the toast so ably proposed by Mr. Judd. We have done our best in making the arrangements for this evening's festivities, and if we have given you satisfaction it has given us a pleasure to see so many kind friends present. It is somewhere about thirty years since I became a member of the Society, I have been in harness by passing through the chair several times, and that which was considered to be in the interest of the Society has always been done. My father was a member of the Society, and there are those that can testify to his having worked hard in the interest of the Society, in fact he was called the recruiting sergeant. When anyone came up from the country or anyone wanted coaching up, he would always take them in hand, and having got them on would naturally introduce them as members to the Society which he had the honour of belonging to. Gentlemen, I again thank you on behalf of the Committee for the toast.

Duet, "The Army and Navy," Messrs. Judd and Tyack.

The CHAIRMAN: The next toast I have the honour of asking you to drink as that of the "Provincial Members." We are all very pleased to see Mr. Catchpole here this evening, he is sent by the members of our Society at Ipswich, to represent them at this meeting. I trust it will be put upon record that we gave him a hearty welcome, and that we should have been pleased to have seen more of the company that he represents, of which he is so worthy a member. We have also gentlemen present this evening, some representatives from St. Albans, who are young members of this Society, but they are ornaments to it. The performances which they have accomplished speak wonderfully for their ability. I have no doubt but that they will do yet more, and that their names will shine in the records of the Society. It is a great pleasure for me to propose the toast of the "Provincial Members of the Society," and with it I couple the name of Mr. Catchpole.

Song, "Ringing Reminiscences," Mr. W. H. Judd. By some original hits combined with a fluent and facetious style of delivery, Mr. Judd was rapturously applauded, and on being encored gave "The real old Irish gentleman."

Mr. CATCHPOLE, who on rising met with a hearty reception, said—I think you have made a mistake in placing my name down upon the programme to respond to this toast, as there are some provincial members present who have done more than I have. I may mention that my own company were to start this evening at about five o'clock for a peal of Royal in honour of this event, and if successful I was to receive a telegram, but it has not come, and therefore I am afraid they have not met with success. I can assure you, gentlemen, that the provincial members of the society are as much interested in the College Youths as those who reside in the metropolis. Speaking on behalf of my own company, I may say that if at any time any of you or the members of any company like to pay us a visit, a hearty welcome will be given them. We have a capital ring of bells that go like tops, and whenever you like to come you will be welcomed. I always look in "THE BELL NEWS" each week, and any performances we see we take a deep interest in, and we take a deep interest in anything that is done by this society. As in everything in change-ringing, there is sure to be bars of discord, but we have to get over them, and meet-

ings like this do much good. I am sure that no one will leave this meeting to night with the slightest animosity to any one.

Mr. DEBENHAM: On behalf of the St. Albans contingent I beg to thank you for the kind way in which you received the toast last proposed by the Chairman. We had tried to do our best to make progress, and have succeeded as far as we can. You, Mr. Chairman, referred to the non-conducted peals of Grandsire Triples. I think it should be mentioned that you took part in them, and no doubt it was your modesty that you did not put more stress upon such extraordinary performances; these were peals that two of the St. Albans men took part in. I had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Cartmel and Mr. Buckingham, and Mr. Winny, and got through a 5000. I consider it is rather remarkable that there should have been two non-conducted peals, and this dinner take place in the 250th year of the society.

Song, "I am waiting," Mr. W. L. Catchpole.

Mr. J. PETTIT: The toast entrusted to me is "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies," and is one which I have great pleasure in proposing. We have the honour of the presence of some of the members of the other London societies here to night, to help us to celebrate this the fifth jubilee of the society. With regard to the provincial ringing societies, I am sure we must all feel a pleasure to see so many societies springing up to promote the art, we are so fond of, and with this toast I shall couple the name of Mr. Thomas, of Battersea. I do not think there is any ringer in the room who reads "THE BELL NEWS," who is unacquainted with the name of that gentleman, who has been so much amongst change-ringers in the society to which he belongs, therefore gentlemen, it gives me very great pleasure to couple his name with this toast of "The other London and Provincial Ringing Societies."

Song, "The Cottage and Mill," Mr. S. Hayes.

Song, "The Hole in the Shutter," Mr. H. Hopkins.

Mr. THOMAS: First of all I must thank you, or rather thank the Committee, for so kindly sending an invitation to us at Battersea; and I am pleased to say that nine of our members are here this evening. I am sure it has given me very great pleasure myself to be present, and I have thoroughly enjoyed myself, and I shall never forget your 250th anniversary. On behalf of the other Societies that Mr. Pettit so kindly mentioned, the other London and Provincial Ringing Societies, I thank you very heartily indeed, and I can only say that many of you have been down to Battersea, and many more have not; but at any time that you think proper to journey down to see us, we will be pleased to make you very welcome. I may tell you that next year I want to try and arrange a little outing down to Birchington, in Kent, for I am very anxious to see a peal rung by six of your company and six of the company to which I belong; and I should like to see a peal rung on the twelve, I have seen an eight bell peal carried through, and also a ten bell peal, and I have it in my mind to see the thing carried out next year. I thank you very kindly for inviting my brother members and myself this evening, and I will repeat that I should like you to come to Battersea. Our meetings are on Tuesday evenings, and also on Sunday mornings. One of the members of your Society has asked permission to come for a peal at Battersea, and we shall be pleased to see you there; but at the present time our bells are in a defective state, two or three wheels and such like want repairing, but no doubt that will all be done by Christmas, and after then if you will arrange a convenient date, I shall have very great pleasure in meeting you. Gentlemen, I thank you.

Song, "Balaclava," Mr. J. Prior.

Mr. JONES, who saw some active service in 1853 and at other periods, gave a few details of his connection with the army, and how he was twice wounded and finally invalided home. Some said he was a ringer, they put him down as such, but that he must leave to those present. He had spent a very pleasant evening.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen—Owing to the difficulties to be surmounted in preparing this programme so as to suit the various tastes of the company, a most important toast was omitted to be put down. I refer to the toast of "The Clergy." Unfortunately, we have no rev. representative of the Church of England here to respond, but I am sure that a toast which finds an appropriate place at every ringers' meeting will meet with a fitting reception at your hands.

Song, "The Village Blacksmith," Mr. E. Duff.

The CHAIRMAN: There is one other toast which was omitted from the list, and that is that of "The Visitors." We are honoured with the presence of several gentlemen this evening, and with the toast I will couple the name of Mr. Hart.

Song, "The Rose of Allandale," Mr. T. Jackson.

Mr. HART: I am inclined to quarrel with you Mr. Chairman, for having called upon me to respond to this toast, but I must thank you all for the hearty way in which you received it. It has given me great pleasure to have come among you this evening. Dr. Spilsbury comes from that great country which is one with us, I mean Canada, and when he returns, he will have pleasant recollections to carry to his home. As ringers, you may know that at Stroud in Gloucestershire,

there is one who is ninety-five years of age. You will know his claim as the Prince of Ringers when I tell you that he once took part in a peal of 12,900. Upon his ninety-fifth birthday a band paid the old man a visit, and notwithstanding his feeble condition he rang a couple of bells held in his hands, so enraptured was the veteran, that during the night he frequently kept making signs of still ringing. The best wish I can make you is that you may all have ninety-five years, and enjoy them with the same honour as Giles Mansfield does. We know in our national history how important a part bells have played. No event of importance takes place but what the bells are rung. They have called to arms our warriors, and in the time of war added solemnity to sorrow, but with peace have added to our rejoicing. Some of us have had our births welcomed by a peal; we hear the welcome message upon the Sunday morning, and the merry peal at our weddings, while they have added solemnity to the occasion when we have carried those we loved to the grave. I would remind you that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well. Your Society has a work to teach people, so that there is not a discord to those that hear them. I congratulate you upon the fact that the Society has in a chain a history extending over 250 years, and that despite the trials and troubles, you may go on in harmony. Gentlemen, I wish you in your corporate capacity long life, health, and success.

In complimentary terms, the CHAIRMAN proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Tyack, Vinen, and Porter, who had officiated during the evening at the pianoforte, and the company having sang "Auld Lang Syne" the proceedings terminated. We observed with pleasure the presence of Mr. F. E. Dawe, who after his long illness was again looking himself.

A neatly-printed programme of the evenings proceedings was circulated among the guests. The absence of the toast of "The Press" was however remarked upon.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15TH, 1887:—

By the Billingshurst branch at Billingshurst.—On Sunday, November 13th, two 720s of Warnham Court Bob, each in 25 mins. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; W. Wadey, 5; J. S. Chantler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob, in 25 mins. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Chantler, 5; W. Wadey (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's church.—On Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. J. Reilly, 1; G. Thwaite, 2; — Worsell, 3; J. Collison (Crawley), 4; G. A. King, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; J. Jay, 8. And at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Tuesday, November 15th, a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Gatland, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; G. A. King, 4; W. Palmer, 5; J. Reilly, 6; J. Searle, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Tuesday, November 8th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Gatland, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, November 10th, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor. J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 13th, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; E. Brackley, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Worth branch at Worth.—On Saturday, November 5th, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Yorkshire Court. W. Owden, 1; E. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, November 9th, a 720 in 7 different methods in 23 mins. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 6th, for morning service a 720 of Oxford Single Bob in 23 mins. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Owden, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; W. Denman, 5; G. Illman, 6. And for afternoon service a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 23 mins. F. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter, 6.

By the Worth and Balcombe branches, at Worth.—On Sunday, November 6th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23½ mins. E. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; G. Illman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Warnham Court, in 23 mins. E. Streeter, 1; J. Newman, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; F. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Yorkshire Court. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; E. Streeter, 3; F. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. G. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1887.

PRESSURE upon our space has prevented us having our usual comment both this week and last. Several reports of meetings and a number of touches are thus unavoidably left over till next week. The correspondence upon the question known as the Tottenham peal appears to grow week by week; we should like to give a hint to the writers to practise brevity when putting their ideas relating to this matter on paper. A hint may be also taken that we cannot allow the discussion to be prolonged, in fact it would have been closed this week but for the desire to give "the other side" an opportunity of making any statement if they wished to do so. Our desire is not only to feel that we do act fairly to all disputants upon any question, but that our readers shall have a sincere conviction of our impartiality. This we say because we are informed that one or two noisy turbulent spirits who have been hit by the recent statements of correspondents assert the contrary.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

Handbell Peal.

On Thursday, November 3, 1887, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE GOOSE AND GRIDIRON, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH YARD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WM. BARON, SEN.* .. 1-2. | CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 5-6.
 W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.. 3-4. | *GEORGE WILD .. 7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire: Mr. John M. Hayes.

* First peal on handbells.

THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 12, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

CHARLES CHAPLIN*Treble. | HENRY L. PARTINGTON .. 5.
 STEPHEN G. DAVIES 2. | *WILLIAM BROADBENT .. 6.
 WALTER PARTINGTON 3. | FRANCIS L. DAVIS 7.
 REV. ARTHUR W. JEPHSON* 4. | HARRY PINNEGARTenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS L. DAVIES.

*First peal. This is the first peal in the Society. It is also the first peal by a local company on the bells. Great credit is due to the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Jephson, who taught all the band the art of change-ringing.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, November 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSONTreble. | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
 BENJAMIN FOSKETT* 2. | ERNEST PITSTOW 7.
 ALFRED C. FUSSELL* 3. | ARTHUR R. JACOB 8.
 JAMES HANNINGTON 4. | HENRY DAINS 9.
 THOMAS TITCHENER 5. | FREDERICK PITSTOW ..Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by
 FREDERICK PITSTOW.

*First peal of Royal. The above peal was rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. A. R. Jacob, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. This peal has the fifth and sixth the extent home.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM COAKHAMTreble. | R. T. MAYNARD 5.
 THOMAS MAYNARD 2. | J. HUGH WILKINS 6.
 GEORGE GRIMWADE 3. | A. S. BARRELL 7.
 A. KEIT.. 4. | WILLIAM CROCKFORD ..Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by THOMAS MAYNARD.

A. S. Barrell was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths before starting for the peal. This is the first peal in the method by all the above ringers, and the first upon the bells, hung in the year 1778, and the first by the Essex Association.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, BROOKFIELD, HIGHGATE RISE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PAGETreble. | THOMAS TITCHENER .. 5.
 BENJAMIN FOSKETT 2. | EDWARD CHAPMAN 6.
 ARTHUR JACOB 3. | HENRY DAINS 7.
 JAMES HANNINGTON 4. | GEORGE NEWSONTenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. NEWSON.

This peal is in two parts, and has the 6th the extent home at last twelve course-ends of each part. The 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at the course-end. It is a jubilee composition, and was rung to celebrate the 41st birthday of Mr. Benjamin Foskett, and his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

The Provinces.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE
 ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 14, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN AUSTINTreble. | HARRY WAKLEY 5.
 EDWARD ISAAC STONE 2. | A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 6.
 ARTHUR WAKLEY 3. | THOMAS HOLMES 7.
 REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 4. | WILLIAM WAKLEYTenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by
 WILLIAM WAKLEY.

This peal, which is in three parts, has the fourth twelve times, and the sixth nine times in 6th's place.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Jubilee and Birthday Peal.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. H. BROWN* Treble.	J. HEWITT 6.
W. MESSAM† 2.	W. MARKS 7.
H. WOOD 3.	E. HULL 8.
C. WANT 4.	S. BROOKER 9.
H. NEWNHAM 5.	J. LISNEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by S. BROOKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters on a bob bell. This peal was rung to commemorate the jubilee year of our Queen, and the birthday of the composer and conductor. All the above belong to the Leatherhead band.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Wednesday, November, 9, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following Surprise methods:—

Cambridge, London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester, and Chichester.

J. CLARKSON Treble.	T. W. WALLER 4.
W. NEWTON 2.	T. STEPHENSON 5.
W. STEPHENSON 3.	G. J. CLARKSON 6.

Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

Tenor the observation throughout.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S 12-PART. Tenor 32 cwt. in Eb.

URBAN HOLMAN Treble.	WILLIAM STATES 6.
HENRY C. HALEY 2.	ALFRED BRUCE 7.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 3.	WILLIAM HILL Tenor.
WILLIAM BURKIN 4.	WILLIAM TODD
THOMAS VERRALL* 5.	

Conducted by DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

This is the first peal in the method by any of the band. W. Burkin hails from Beddington, the rest are local men.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, November 14, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 14lb.

FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	JOHN WELSBY 5.
GEORGE LEE* 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
JOSEPH RIDYARD 3.	JOHN BAGULEY 7.
JOSEPH DERBYSHIRE 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON of Mottram, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal in the method. This peal is the first on page 23 of Snowdon's Treatise on Treble Bob, and was rung in honour of the fifteenth birthday of Lord Brackley, eldest son of the Earl of Ellesmere. There was formerly only three bells in the tower, Nos. 3, 4 and 5 in present ring; these were augmented to eight on the birth of the above Lord Brackley, the Earl of Ellesmere presenting the three largest bells, and the parishioners the two trebles.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On St. Martin's Day, Friday, November 11, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR W. BARKUS* .. Treble.	JAMES R. JERRAM 5.
HENRY D. ADAMS 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN* .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	JOHN JUDD Tenor.

Conducted by T. BLACKBOURN.

*First peal. This is the first peal in Salisbury rung by entirely local men. The above was rung to commemorate the dedication festival of the church.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 27 cwt. in Eb.

ERNEST J. MITCHELL .. Treble.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 5.
JOHN C. MITCHELL 2.	WALTER BATTLE 6.
E. PERCY DEBENHAM .. 3.	THOMAS WALLER 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	THOMAS GATHARD Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung. Mr. Gathard, who was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal, belongs to Hatfield; the rest hail from St. Alban's.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION (DUFFIELD BRANCH).

On Saturday, November 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

J. C. DICKEN Treble.	W. BILLINGHURST 6.
JOHN HOWE 2.	GEORGE HINGLEY 7.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 8.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 9.
WILLIAM HICKLING 5.	JOHN SEAL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th each twenty-three courses behind the 9th.

EPSOM.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Monday, November 14, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED EDWARD BASSETT Treble.	JAMES EASTON 5.
THOMAS MILES 2.	WILLIAM SANDERS 6.
GEORGE WYATT* 3.	JESSE HAWKINS 7.
HENRY FEDERICK 4.	G. FEDERICK Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

*First peal.

GREAT BENTLEY.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, ON FIVE BELLS, Being Forty-two Six-Scores of Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR* .. Treble.	JOSEPH TAYLOR 3.
ARTHUR J. KING* 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.
*GEORGE HUM Tenor.	

Conducted by WILLIAM JAMES NEVARD.

*First peal. †First peal on five bells. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the opening of a Mission Chapel on Anigers Green, in the above parish, by the Lord Bishop of St. Alban's. J. Taylor belongs to Great Bromley; the rest are of the local company.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday November 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 6.
JOHN HOWE 2.	GEORGE HINGLEY 7.
SEAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	REV. CHAS. DAVIES 8.
EVAN MORETON 4.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 9.
WILLIAM HICKLING 5.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, ESQ.,

This peal contains the 6th the extent home in twenty-four consecutive changes.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15th, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE BROWN Treble.	JOHN BASHFORD SEN. .. 5.
JOHN BURKIN 2.	THOMAS BONIFACE 6.
FREDERICK SMITH 3.	WALTER HAWKINS 7.
JOHN BASHFORD 4.	WILLIAM MAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAWKINS.

Mr. John Burkin is in his 68th year.

Date Touches.

LINCOLN.—On Tuesday evening, November 8th, at St. Peter o Gowts church, the local company rang for practice a date touch of 1887 changes in the following methods: 720 of Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), and 447 of Plain Bob Minor (seventeen bobs and one single), in 1 hr. 7 mins. T. Walker, 1; F. Cotton, 2; H. Hoyes, 3; H. Palmer, 4; P. Herrick, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Wednesday, November 9th, at the Cathedral, in commemoration of the dual event of the Prince of Wales birthday, and the re-election of the esteemed Mayor, Jno. Baynes, Esq., now elected for the third year in succession, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 14 mins. W. Pick, 1; J. Baines, 2; Jno. Strodger, jun., 3; A. H. Clark, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; Jno. Flower, 6; T. Clark (composer and conductor), 7; H. Rumbold, 8. And two courses of Stedman Triples. Tenor 21 cwt in E.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 13th, at St. Stephen's church Westminster, for Divine Service in the evening, a 1386 of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins. J. Pryer, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; J. N. Oxborrow (conductor), 3; J. M. Hayes, 4; W. Carter, 5; R. Kilby, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; F. Ingerfield, 8. * Longest touch.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DURHAM.—On Monday, October 31st, at St. Oswald's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. J. W. Forster (Shotley Bridge), 1; W. Oliver (Shotley Bridge), 2; F. Barrow (Shotley Bridge), 3; J. W. Cleminson (Bishop Auckland), 4; T. Burdon (Stockton), 5; T. Stephenson (conductor; Stockton), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor. W. H. Craggs (first 720; Durham), 1; E. Pitt (Bishop Auckland), 2; D. Shipp (Staindrop; conductor), 3; F. Charlton (Bishop Auckland), 4; L. Newton (Durham), 5; J. W. Cleminson, 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. English (Jarrow), 1; H. S. Taylor (Darlington), 2; G. J. Clarkson (Stockton), 3; W. Newton (Stockton), 4; T. Stephenson (Stockton), 5; F. Harrison (conductor; Jarrow), 6. And at the Cathedral, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Newton, 1; R. S. Story (Newcastle), 2; W. Story (Newcastle), 3; F. Harrison, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; C. J. Butterworth (conductor; Durham), 6; F. Lees (Newcastle), 7; G. J. Clarkson, 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday morning, November 6th, at St. Hilda's parish church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Nicholson, 1; R. Borrows, 2; J. McAdams, 3; C. Wilkinson, 4;

H. McAdams, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, November 9th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27½ mins., with 7-8 covering. * E. Edwardson, 1; R. Borrows, 2; J. McAdams, 3; S. Walker, jun., 4; H. McAdams, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6; S. Walker, 7; J. Nicholson, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. in G. * Late of Warrington.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On All Saints Day, November 1st, at SS. Mary and Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. J. Peek (first quarter peal), 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; G. Ladd, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; R. Jarvis, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. S. Wright, 7; E. Jarvis, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MIDDLETON STONEY.—On Saturday, November 5th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. H. Ryman, 1; G. Beckinsop, 2; F. Bowers, 3; J. Tuffry, 4; T. Wacknell, 5; J. R. Gibbard (conductor), 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Monday, November 7th, at St. Mary's parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. A. Andrews, 1; T. W. Udell, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; A. C. Fussell (conductor), 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. The above was rung upon the back six with the bells half-muffled, in respectful memory of the late George Marriott, of the Royal Cumberland Youths. And a touch of Grandsire Triples. W. Leader (steeplekeeper), 1; W. Fussell, 2; W. Wilder, 3; T. W. Udell, 4; A. Andrews, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; A. C. Fussell (conductor), 7; J. Perryman, 8. Tenor 9 cwt. This is the first touch of Triples rung in Slough by a local band. All the above are members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH.—On Wednesday, November 9th, at St. Nicholas Church, was rung (upon the election of the Mayor), among other touches, 320 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. J. Brewster, 1; W. Easter (conductor), 2; T. Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; G. Knock, W. Green, 8. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples. A. Knights, 1; J. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; G. Knock, 4; A. Peachey, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; W. Easter (conductor), 7; G. Knock, 8. Also a 1008, and two 504's in the same method. And 250 of Plain Bob Triples. A. Knights, 1; J. Brewster, 2; T. Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; G. Knock, 5; C. Ramplin, 6; W. Easter (conductor), 7; G. Barclay, 8.

RAYLEIGH (Essex).—On Friday, October 14th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Johnson, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; F. Strugnell, 3; J. Collin, 4; H. Deal (conductor), 5; F. H. Brewer, 6. On Friday, October 21st, after practice, Mr. F. W. Haslam presented Mr. F. H. Brewer with a handsome clock with the best wishes of his brother-ringers for his approaching wedding, and as a token of their esteem. On Monday, October 24th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Smith, 1; F. W. Haslam, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; H. Deal (conductor), 5; F. H. Brewer, 6. And on Friday, October 28th, a 720 of College Single, in 25 mins. H. Deal (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. W. Haslam, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; F. Strugnell, 6.

SHALFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, November 5th, at the parish church, the Stebbing company rang a 720 of Doubles in the six following methods. New Doubles, St. Simon's Doubles, Stedman Slow Course, Grandsire, Antelope, and Canterbury Doubles, in 25 mins. W. Emery, 1; H. Gowers, 2; E. Claydon (conductor), 3; E. Hynds, 4; J. T. Barker, 5. And a 360 of Plain Doubles. A. Barker, 1; J. D. Barker (conductor), 2; W. Bearman (Bocking), 3; E. Claydon, 4; E. Hynds, 5. Tenor 13½ cwt. This is the first change-ringing on these bells since they have been rehung, the "go" of them being very good.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Monday, November 7th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, three 6-scores of Doubles, Antelope, Plain Bob, and St. Dunstan's Doubles. Also a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. A. Barker, 1; W. Emery, 2; E. Claydon, 3-4; J. T. Barker, 5-6; E. Hynds, 7-8.

WETHERSFIELD (Essex).—On Saturday, November 5th, the Stebbing company attempted a 720 of Plain Bob, but after ringing 480 changes it came to grief. A. Spurge (Bocking), 1; H. Gowers, 2; W. Bearman, 3; E. Hynds, 4; E. Claydon (conductor), 5.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUXTON (Near Rochester).—On Monday, October 31st, at St. Michael's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 25 mins. D. Winsor, 1; E. Collard, 2; A. Ring, 3; G.

Hutchings, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 10½ cwt. All of the above ringers belong to All Saints', Frindsbury. Also several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles with the local band.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, October 30th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor. G. Edwards, 1; A. G. Williams, 2; J. Woods, 3; W. Ringer, 4; F. Eagling, 5; J. Mordey (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, November 1st, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, 1; A. G. Williams, 2; J. Woods, 3; W. Ringer, 4; F. Eagling, 5; J. Mordey (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, November 3rd, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, 1; A. G. Williams, 2; H. Eagling, 3; W. Ringer, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Mordey (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, November 8th, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, 1; W. Ringer, 2; H. Eagling, 3; J. Mordey, 4; F. Eagling, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, November 10th, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Woods, 1; A. G. Williams, 2; H. Eagling, 3; W. Ringer, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Mordey (conductor), 6.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Tuesday, November 1st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. J. Clarke, 1; J. Briggs, 2; H. Haigh, 3; W. Drake (conductor), 4; N. Hunt, 5; G. Skelton, 6; S. Hunt, 7; S. Joynes, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service in the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. L. Griffiths, 1; A. Whatmore, 2; D. Garbett, 3; R. Perkins, 4; H. Hartshorne, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 6.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Thursday evening, November 10th, for practice, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. T. Webb, 1; Jno. Cawdell, 2; Jno. Smith, 3; Geo. Spicer, 4; Richard Jackson, 5; G. Waylett, 6; Robert Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. (6-7-8 covering). Also 244 of Bob Minor. Robt. Jackson, 1; Geo. Spicer, 2; Jno. Cawdell, 3; Jno. Phillips, 4; Richard Jackson (conductor), 5; Jno. Smith, 6. Also a 350 of Grandsire Triples. T. Webb (conductor), 1; Geo. Spicer, 2; Jno. Cawdell, 3; Jno. Phillips, 4; Jno. Smith, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; Robert Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Also two 120s of Stedman Doubles. T. Webb (conductor), 1; G. Spicer, 2; Jno. Cawdell, 3; Robert Jackson, 4; Richard Jackson, 5; Jno. Smith, 6. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. Handbell Ringing.—Also on handbells, a 112 of Bob Major. W. Bidnell, 1; T. Webb, 2; Jno. Cawdell, 3; Geo. Spicer, 4; Jno. Smith, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; Jno. Phillips, 7; Robt. Jackson, 8.

BARLOW MOOR (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 30th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a 448 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. Wilde. And on Sunday evening, November 6th, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw (conductor), 1; W. Holbrook, 2; G. Pearson, 3; W. Mellor, 4; J. Wilde, 5; T. Brickell, 6; J. Darbyshire, 7; J. Gadd, 8.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, October 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; W. Sadler, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. Fred Sanders, 1; F. Bridger, 2; F. Arnold, 3; R. Arnold, 4; F. Sanders, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6.

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, November 7th, at St. John's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. F. Perrin, 1; A. Anderson, 2; H. Price, 3; J. Bawn, 4; E. Beake, 5; G. Daltry (conductor), 6. *First 720.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday evening last, at the parish church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. W. Taylor, 1; A. Folkes, 2; C. Daniels, 3; C. Beasley, 4; G. A. Hatton, 5; F. Davis (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method, also first time as conductor. Messrs. Davis, Folkes, Hatton, and Taylor hail from Lye; the others are local. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late William Sidiway, who was aringer for eight or nine years at the above church.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 6th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for Divine Service in the evening, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Price, 1; J. Goucher, 2; W. Biggins, 3; J. Atkin, 4; H. Madin (conductor), 5; G. Marsden, 6. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; J. Goucher, 2; W. Biggins, 3; J. Atkin, 4; H. Madin (conductor), 5; T. Lund, 6. And a 360 of Violet. J. Goucher, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Marsden, 3; J. Atkin, 4; H. Madin (conductor), 5; T. Lund, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lbs. Messrs. Atkin, Biggins, and Goucher hail from Norton; and H. Madin from Staveley.

HARLOW (Essex).—Recently for practice, at St. Mary's church, 600 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and four singles). H. Perrin, jun., 1

R. Tabor, 2; H. Jerney, 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 6. Also 240 in the same method (six bobs and two singles), standing in the same order. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. This is the longest touch on the bells.

HAUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, November 5th, being the Induction of the Rev. H. W. How, as Rector of St. Anne's, before service, a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 13½ mins. *Wm. Wilde, jun., 1; *John Bardsley, 2; John Howard, 3; *James A. Thomas, 4; *Wm. Wilde, sen. (conductor), 6; *Peter Smith, 6. Also after service, a 720 in the same method, in 26 mins. *Wm. Wilde, jun., 1; *John Bardsley, 2; *Wm. Wilde, sen. (conductor), 3; *James A. Thomas, 4; *Peter Smith, 5; Frank Hoyland, 6. This was rung to celebrate the 22nd birthday of W. Wilde, jun., his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. H. Hoyland hails from Silkstone, Yorkshire, and is now a member of the St. Anne's Society. *Members of the Lancashire Association.

HEMPSTEAD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 13th, at St. Swithin's church, the local company rang a different 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. A. Pegler, 1; W. J. Sever (conductor), 2; W. Pegler, 3; F. White, 4; G. Taylor, 5; A. Harris (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

HULL.—On Wednesday, November 9th, at St. James's church, several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor to celebrate the election of Alderman Toozes as Mayor, also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. †G. T. Miller, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; G. M. Brownrigg, 3; W. Verity, 4; R. Chaffer, 5; C. Bennett, 6; J. W. Stickney, (conductor), 7; *F. Sharpe, 8. The above quarter-peal contains the twenty-four 6-7's. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

LEICESTER.—On Monday, November 14th, at St. Mark's church, eight members of the Midland Counties' and North Goscote Associations rang the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (518 changes). W. Challoner, 1; J. Jarvis, 2; H. Clayton, 3; G. Burrows (conductor), 4; Rev. R. Copeman, 5; J. Pole, 6; J. Cooper, 7; C. Biddles, 8. The above was rung as a compliment to the seasons "resume."

LIVERSEDGE (Yorks).—On Thursday, November 3rd, the local company rang at Christ Church, for practice, 1152 changes of Cumberland Exercise Major. On Sunday, November 6th, 1024 changes for morning service, and 1024 changes for evening service. J. W. Lang, 1; J. Knott, 2; L. Illingworth, 3; S. Goodall, 4; H. Brook, 5; M. Ramsden, 6; A. Briggs, 7; W. Collins, 8. Conducted by Luke Illingworth.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, November 2nd, the local company met at 2.30 p.m. and rang as a welcome touch to the Vicar, Canon Bellairs, who returned to the Vicarage on that date, after an absence of eighteen months, a 600 of Grandsire Doubles, called differently, with 4-6-8 behind. W. Adler, 1; J. Clarke, 2; T. Lingard, 3; E. Rowley, 4; H. Horwood, 5; G. Winter, 6; T. Bates, 7; T. Chapman, 8. On Thursday, November 3rd, for practice, ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins., each called differently, with 4-6-8 behind. J. Ballard, 1; J. Clarke, 2; T. Chapman, 3; J. George (coventry), 4; H. Horwood (conductor), 5; G. Winter, 6; J. Bates, 7; E. Rowley, 8.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, November 1st, the local band with John Buffery and C. Fluck, of Birmingham, started for a peal of Union Triples, but after ringing 2200 changes, the 4th clapper flew out and broke the slider.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, November 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. W. B. Lloyd, 1; T. Watts, 2; W. J. Taylor, 3; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 4; C. Sharples, 5; W. Ellis, 6; G. Prestcott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. T. Watts hails from Upholland, and this is his longest touch.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, November 2nd, on the occasion of the dedication of a peal of eight (augmented from five), a plain course of Grandsire Triples in the service. H. Mason, C. W. Bassano, R. Bird, W. Bird, A. H. Bassano, J. Palmer, H. Cartwright, W. Green. After the dedication service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins., being the first touch on the eight. H. Mason, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; R. Bird, 3; H. Cartwright, 4; W. Bird, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 7; W. Green, 8. On Friday, November 4th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Union Triples, but after ringing 4200 changes a shift-course occurred, and the bells were rung round. The above were rung by members of the Holy Trinity company, Old Hill, and their best thanks are given to the vicar, Rev. C. W. Barnard, for honour of opening the bells, and for permission to ring the first peal on them.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—At St. Thomas's Church for practice, on All Saints' Day, November 1st, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Short, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; A. W. Barquis, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; C. A. Clements (conductor) 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. On Mayor's Day, November 9th, at St. Thomas's Church, 700 Grandsire Triples, A. Goddard 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; C. A. Clements (conductor) 3; A. W. Barquis, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. Also at St. Martin's Church, 720 Bob Minor, 27 mins. J. Short, 1; A. W. Barquis, 2; H. D. Adams, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 6; rung on the back six bells. Tenor 15 cwt. On Saturday, November 12th, at St. Martin's Church, for practice 720 of Bob Minor. *A. Goddard 1; A. W. Barquis, 2; H. D. Adams, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6. *First 720. And on Sunday, November 13th, for morning service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. *A. Goddard 1; A. W. Barquis, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Tryhorn, 8. Conducted by T. Blackburn, and after evening service another quarter-peal by the same company conducted by C. A. Clements. *First quarter peal.

SHRAWLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 6th, five members of the Grimley company paid a visit to Shrawley, and were met at the church by Messrs. T. Poultny, of Shrawley, and W. Turner, Ombersley, and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. E. Wainwright, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Freeman, 3; A. Callow, 4; T. Bullock (conductor), 5; W. Turner, 6. Also two six-scores. W. Turner, 1; G. Taylor, 2; T. Bullock (conductor), 3; A. Callow, 4; W. Freeman, 5; T. Poultny, 6. And another 6-score. E. Wainwright, 1; T. Bullock (conductor), 2; G. Taylor, 3; A. Callow, 4; W. Freeman, 5; W. Turner, 6. Finishing with a 6-score. W. Turner, 1; W. Freeman, 2; G. Taylor, 3; A. Callow, 4; T. Bullock (conductor), 5; T. Poultny, 6. These are a nice light ring of six bells, tenor about 12 cwt., and the striking throughout was excellent.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, October 2nd, for morning service a 360 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Davidson, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., (conductor), 2; T. C. Grove, 3; W. Pye English, 4; H. A. Barnett 5; G. Lucas, 6. And for evening service, a 252 of Stedman Triples. A. Hubbard, 1; J. Waghorn, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; W. Pye English, 6; G. B. Lucas, 7; C. J. Davidson, 8. On Tuesday, October 18th, for practice, a 504 of Union Triples. J. Davidson, 1; A. Fox, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Pye English, 8. And on Saturday, October 22nd, the above band started for a peal of Union Triples, but after an hours' good ringing it suddenly collapsed. On Tuesday, October 25th, for practice, a 266 of Grandsire Triples. T. Hughes, 1; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 2; A. Fox, 3; T. C. Grove, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; W. Pye English, 7; J. Waghorn, jun., 8. Also a 504 of Union Triples. H. A. Barnett (conductor), 1; A. Fox, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; W. Pye English, 7; T. Hughes, 8. On Sunday, October 30th, for evening service, a 336 of Plain Bob Major. H. A. Barnett, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; A. Jacob, 6; G. Griffin, 7; W. Pye English, 8. On Tuesday, November 8th, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. Marriott. A. Hubbard, 1; T. Hughes, 2; Grove, 3; J. W. Barrs, 4; A. Fox, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; J. Waghorn, jun., 8.

WITHAM (Essex).—On Saturday, October 29th, the Coggeshall ringers paid a visit to this place, and rang at St. Nicholas's church a 720 of Bob Minor. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; W. Nichols, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Court Bob. Jas. Sadler, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; W. Nichols, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. *W. G. Richards, 1; W. Dyer, 2; *A. Fryatt, 3; *E. Garnett, 4; W. Nichols, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. *Belong to the Witham company.

WOLLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 7th, at St. James' church, a muffled peal, containing 720 changes of Grandsire Minor, in 28½ mins., as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Emanuel Cookson, who for some years past has been churchwarden. W. Sutton, 1; J. H. Parkes, 2; J. Parsons (first 720), 3; C. Baggot, 4; J. Lewis 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Master, Samuel E. Joyce; Honorary Secretary, Richard T. Woodley; Treasurer, James Pettit; Senior Steward, Edgar E. Clark; Junior Steward, Henry Springhall; Auditors, Messrs. F. E. Dawe and W. Tyack.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, November 12th, a Committee Meeting was held in the vestry of St. Mary's church, Kidderminster, and was presided over by the Rev. Sydney Phillips, Vicar. The following towers were represented: Bromsgrove, Bellbroughton, Chad-desley Corbett, Cradley, Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Stourbridge, etc. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the usual business was transacted. Ten new performing members were proposed for election, and the rev. chairman was admitted an Hon. Member. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the tower, the rev. gentleman said in response that it gave him very great pleasure to preside over such an important branch of church workers, and should at all times be very pleased when called upon to do all in his power to assist the movement, which he was sure was worthy of support, and a step in the right direction. He welcomed the members most heartily to Kidderminster, and should always receive them with the same kindness whenever they wished to hold a meeting there. The business being over, the members adjourned to the house of Mr. J. Crane (one of the Kidderminster company) the "Rose and Crown" inn, where a good substantial tea had been provided for the inner man, and to which ample justice was done, this being a new feature in the Association, and was much admired by all present. After the removal of the cloth, songs and touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung upon the handbells, and thus brought one of the most pleasant and enjoyable evenings to a close. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung upon the tower bells during the afternoon and evening.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Tuesday, November 8th, some members of the Old St. James's Society, Bristol, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey, of Bitton, met at Keynsham with the intention of ringing a date-touch of Grandsire Triples on the fine peal of eight at the parish church, tenor about 27 cwt. (diam. 52½ inches) in E flat. The bells were rehung in the early part of this year, but the tenor goes so badly that two men were unable to ring her for more than twenty-five minutes. The ringers stood as follows:—C. Gordon, 1; T. Salter, 2; A. Anderson, Esq., 3; J. Davies, 4; A. Parish, 5; C. Boutflower, Esq., 6th; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor) 7th; H. Schusler and J. Tompkins, 8. Touches of 112 and 504 were afterwards rung, the former with the ringers in the same order, the latter with A. Parish on the 3rd, and R. Knill on the 5th.

BATCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

Batcombe is a village in a very remote part of Somersetshire, about three and half miles from Evercreech station, on the Somerset and Dorset Railway. The tower of the parish church contains a ring of six bells, the tenor of which was cracked, and as a jubilee memorial to Her Majesty's reign has been recast. On Wednesday, October 26th, a party of the St. James' Society, Bristol, who were engaged, came down to ring the bells, when upon raising them in peal the new bell was pronounced to be exquisite in tone, and in perfect harmony with the rest of the peal. During the afternoon six 6-scores of various methods were rung. For evening service a six-score of each of the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman. G. Pearse, 1; H. Tucker, 2; H. Porch (conductor), 3; W. W. Porch, 4; F. J. Porch, 5; J. York, 6. After the service a six-score of Grandsire Doubles and one of Stedman Doubles were rung, and the bells were lowered in peal. The weight of the tenor is 19½ cwt., and bears the following inscription:

"For fifty years a bright example seen,

We praise our God for giving us such a Queen.

W. C. Baker, Rector, T. Brown, T. James, Churchwardens."

A large clock with three dials each four feet six inches across, has just been completed at Bladon church, near Blenheim, Oxfordshire, by John Smith, Midland Clock Works, Derby. It was started by the rector and churchwardens on the 10th instant.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

CURFEW.—The ancient custom of ringing Curfew at eight o'clock each evening has been revived at Wellingborough during the past month. Formerly the old fourth bell (now the sixth), was used for the purpose, but it will now be rung on the present fourth bell (the old second), the senior bell of the peal. Cast by Newcombe, of Leicester, in the reign of James I., A.D. 1604, it has remained in the tower for over 280 years uninjured, but bearing many a dint from clapper and chime-hammer. The ringing of Curfew is supposed to have been instituted by King Alfred; but was, as is well known, enforced by William the Conqueror.

FROME, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The churchwardens of the parish church of St. John-the-Baptist, Frome, Selwood, Somersetshire, having decided to have the tower bells thoroughly overhauled, have entrusted the work to Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, who commenced, and will no doubt do his very best to make the bells pealable; they being a rather heavy ring of eight, tenor 36 cwt. It is to be hoped that at the completion of the necessary repairs Mr. Blackburn will bring a competent band of change-ringers and start for a peal, seeing that there has never been such a thing attempted in Frome, and thus show the parishioners that the bells are not too heavy for change-ringing as some of them imagine, especially as there has been such a deal of correspondence going on of late in the local papers about the formation of a Guild of change-ringers for the diocese of Bath and Wells.

THE TOWN HALL BELLS, MANCHESTER.

On Saturday, November 12th, the Ashton-under-Lyne society visited Manchester, and having previously obtained permission, started for a peal of Grandsire Caters on the above heavy peal of bells. But through some misunderstanding after ringing for 1 hr. 45 mins., a note was sent into the tower from the Chief Constable ordering the bells to be stopped, and the conductor called the bells round in 1 hr. 55 mins., after ringing 2610 changes, which is by far the longest touch on these bells. The Ashton company hope to have the pleasure before long of making another attempt for the peal. T. Taylor, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; T. Wroe, 3; J. Wood, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; J. Mellor, 6; S. Andrew, 7; J. Thorp, 8; S. Wood (conductor), 9; G. Longden and J. Harrison, 10. Tenor 52 cwt. Composed by the late J. Wood.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A ringing meeting of the above branch took place on Saturday, November 12th, at Haslingden parish church, when a good muster of ringers attended, over 30 ringers being present from the following towers, viz.: Christ Church and St. Saviour's, Bacup Parish Church, New Church, St. James's, Waterfoot; St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, and the Haslingden Parish Church. Several touches were rung by mixed bands during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Bob Minor, College Single, and Grandsire Triples. At the meeting following it was resolved to ring a date touch as soon as possible, the first practice to be on Saturday, November 19th, at New Church. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the tower, to the Chairman, Mr. Nutter, for presiding, and the Local Secretary for his services brought one of the best meetings of the branch to a close, all returning home well pleased with their visit to Haslingden.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE TOTTENHAM PEAL.

SIR,—The discussion upon this question is getting painful. I am strongly of opinion that a point has been stretched too far in refusing the entry of this peal. The disclosures which have been made in this

correspondence will not be the means of adding to the respect in which the St. James' Society is held. When three members ring a peal under circumstances I would for their sake rather not repeat, and then object to a good and somewhat difficult performance, there is a tremendous flavour of inconsistency, which if persisted in shows dogged obstinacy, some people would call it pig-headedness. The more courageous behaviour would be to give way and let the peal be booked, and thus avoid the perpetuation of that rancour which the affair has begotten. To heal the breach instead of widening it would be a splendid task for the retiring Master of the College Youths, and, no one would rejoice more than I if he would undertake it. His name would then be handed down to posterity in a much more desirable manner than if this bitter but simple contention proceeds. From the tenour of the correspondence and the allegations made therein, it is too plain that the principal objectors regret the course they took, and would now gladly stop the ball rolling any further. Then why not behave as men, and have acted too hastily? I would counsel them to be magnanimous, and give way. Never jeers of the ignoramus or two, who at the meeting the other night indulged in language which is never seen in print. They will be glad in the long run that they withdrew their opposition, even though it be at the eleventh hour.

CENTRIFUGAL FORCE.

SIR,—'T'aint often I trouble you with any ideas of my own, but I should like just now, through you, to thank Mr. Whinney, Mr. Murry Haze, Maclockling, French, Hayword, Woodleigh, and a few other dear old friends of mine for the very manly and spirited way in which they have vindicated the position of a valuable portion of the ringing community. I have been a ringer nearly fifty years, and I have seen some strange changes in that time. In our parish there has been a band of young ringers established, who do things quite different from what I used to see. Our Vicar, he says to me, "Roper," says he, "Why don't you join the new band, and go in for the Standard Methods, instead of hanging on behind?" "Vicar," I says to him "the tenor is the backbone of all ringing. If you takes your leads off the tenor, and looks out for your course bell you can't go wrong; don't talk to me about inside bells, it's in the tenor where the science comes in." Well, the other ringers all laughed, but I took a rise out of them last week, Vicar and all, when I showed them that all the great London Societies say "there is more in ringing the tenor than there is in all the others"; and they have passed an act of parliament to say that "there shan't be any peals booked unless there is a tenor behind." Well, that fairly fetched 'em, and now our ringers are arranging to ring a peal of 5040 rounds, with the tenor behind, and they are going to call it "Murry Haze's Original," and if we get it, we shall send it up to the St. James' Society, and get it booked on the page where the Tottenham men want their peal booked. And I hope this will be a lesson to them for the future, as I am told they don't think nearly as much of the importance of the tenor behind as they ought. I think it is like their presumption to start ringing a peal with seven bells. Such a thing has never been done before, and therefore why should it be countenanced now. They say they met for a peal of Bob Major, but meeting one short they rang a peal of Bob Triples on the seven. What I says is this: "When they found they was one short, why did they not go to the public house and improve their minds by genial conversation, same as ringers, what are ringers, have always been in the habit of doing?" I don't agree with these new fangled notions, which are turning ringing upside down. Why up to now lately, our belfry was the comfortablest spot on earth; it was all snug and to itself, nobody ever came up there, in fact they couldn't well get up, and we could smoke, and enjoy ourselves over our pot of beer, and we used to ring Tombstone Bob in all its variations, as true as ever you heard it in your life. But now all this is changed, the belfry was all cleaned out, and the walls all painted, and matting put down for the floor, and all that sort of thing. Tombstone Bob is banished, they wont allow no smoking, not even to finish your pipe, no beer, no matter what the weather may be, while if you spit about on the floor they make as much fuss as if you were in the church. And worst of all they don't think no account of their tenor ringer, and I am real thankful to the gentlemen what took the pains to let the people know that the tenor behind is of a deal more importance than they think it is, whatever the Tottenham men may have to say about it to the contrary. And if our friends only persevere in the course they have taken they will soon bring back the good old times, when "beer and bells" went hand in hand, and county associations and Tottenham bands were unknown, and Tombstone Bob, with the tenor behind, was reckoned real science. And now I will tell you how I would serve those Tottenham men for making such a fuss about this peal. I would have all their names struck off the books of the St. James' Society. I know you will say they can't do that, because there is no rule which gives the power; but let me tell you that does not matter a bit. Just get one of them (say Mr. Haze, he is a good one at that sort of thing), to move a resolution one night when there are none of

the Tottenham men present that they be struck off the books, never mind what for, and the thing is done. There is no need to tell them about it, and the Society can go on taking their subscriptions for booking peals, etc., and quietly put it into their own pockets, the same as they have done with the booking fees for the now famous Tottenham peal. And serve them right too, says I. Once more thanking the kind gentlemen who have taken such pains to bring about so desirable a state of things, and trusting that their names may not be allowed to sink into obscurity, but be handed down as they deserve, as shining lights in the Exercise, I remain yours truly,

BOB ROPER, TENOR BELL RINGER, HIS + MARK.

SIR,—I have hesitated somewhat in writing to you on the subject of the Tottenham peal of Triples; hoping that you might receive a full account of the transaction from some other source. As however among the many separate points raised, this seems to have been over your readers' heads, I have been obliged to ask the judgment of your readers on the whole case. The peal was rung in July last, and was reported to the society for booking in the ordinary course, the sum due being paid in. Then, without any previous notice being given to ensure the attendance of one of the ringers concerned, a resolution was passed at a small meeting that the peal should not be booked. No notice of this decision was sent to the Tottenham society or any one connected with it. The matter being accidentally discovered some months after, the band naturally desired a chance of justifying themselves to the society, and notice of a resolution to rescind the minutes of a previous meeting was given at the earliest possible date, and came on in due course at the last meeting with the well-known result. There are however one or two things about this meeting worth remarking. One, the composition of the majority has already been noticed; no one denying the legal right of the six young ringers of the St. Stephen's society to vote as their conductor told them; that's what they came for. But no one has noticed the treatment experienced by the Tottenham men at the meeting. Before any resolution was before the meeting, Mr. McLaughlin (from whose general moderation I should have expected better things), objected at some length to the matter being gone into; and also to the action of the Tottenham society in placing the case in the hands of your readers before it had come before the society. Please note that the "Society" had disposed of it, as they thought, several months before. His speech was listened to with respect, the only interruption—of no consequence—being an expression by a well-known ringer, which called forth an ironical retort that such ringer was "a gentleman," an accusation it must be confessed he did not appear to understand. When, however, Mr. English came to lay the other side of the matter before the meeting, he was obstructed in every possible way, it being only allowed to go to a division in response from a word or two from Mr. McLaughlin, who I suppose saw that he then had enough votes. I should say that the Master had previously in answer to questions from myself, explicitly declined to receive the resolution, holding that the meeting was not competent to deal with it, the secretary not having been authorised to insert the special notices convening it which appeared in the ringing papers. A point which seemed to have some weight, was the question whether the society could rescind its own minutes. On that I would point out that we had in our favour the opinion of one of the oldest and most consistent supporters of the St. James' society—Mr. Chew; and that within the last month the Court of Common Council has rescinded a previous resolution relating to the appointment of City Architect, a good precedent enough surely. I doubt if the matter is to end here. The Chairman ought not to have presumed to settle it without more careful consideration; and it now appears that the opinion of the country members is strong against his vote. If the resolution does stand, it will stand for ever as an example of narrow-minded personal feeling and jealousy; and as a sign post to warn young ringers against joining the society which harbours such feeling.

EDWARD F. STRANGE.

SIR,—The action taken by a few members of the St. James' Society respecting the booking of the above peal appears to be a direct opposition to rule IX. of the Society: "That a book be kept exclusively for the insertion of peals accomplished by members only." As the above was a bona fide peal of Bob Triples, rang by members, I maintain that the Tottenham members are justified in demanding that their peal should be booked accordingly.

ALF. FOX.

SIR,—In your last week's issue, Mr. Bell makes some remarks about coaxing our members to attend the St. James' meeting, held on the 31st ult. Allow me to inform him that we did not require any of that. We went there to protest against (what every ringer with common sense terms) a very creditable performance being boycotted—it is nothing more or less—and it was extremely unfortunate for us that some four or five more of our members could not attend, owing to circumstances over which they had no control. Speaking of performances, I

suppose the last peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Clement Danes will be booked in the usual manner, because the head of the clique called it. Nevertheless it was one of the worst struck peals rung on those bells for some years, in fact I am informed it ranks not very far behind the peal of Stedman Caters fired out on the same bells a few years back. Mr. Bell seems to think that he and his company have more right to vote at a St. James' meeting than we have. If he will just peruse the following, I think he will alter his mind. Suppose his company attend the meetings regularly, as he says they do, they pay about 1s. 6d. into the funds yearly, whilst the majority of us have to pay 4s., and one of us 5s., besides occasional steeples. Last Monday (14th inst.), the ordinary fortnightly meeting of the company took place, and at this meeting the minutes of the special meeting of the 31st ult. were confirmed. Then a new rule is proposed, seconded and put to the meeting in spite of the strong protests lodged against such procedure; but it was useless protesting, as the above mentioned clique (Messrs. Hayes, Winny, Woodley, and Co.) have everything their own way, and do just as they please; and as they are ignorant of the simplest rules of procedure, your readers will readily imagine the ridiculous manner in which the affairs of the St. James' Society are got through. Another bright specimen of the way in which the Society's affairs are "worked" is to be found in your correspondent Aleph's letter of a week or two back, respecting the election of a member and ringing a handbell peal in a public house on Sunday. The new rule, which will appear on the Society's books, was proposed and seconded by Messrs. J. M. Hayes and C. F. Winny, and is to the following effect: "That no peal be recognised by the St. James' Society unless, 8, 10, or 12 bells are rung." I should like to know what they are going to do with six-bell peals. Seven different methods on six bells is infinitely more creditable to the performers than a peal of Treble 8, 10, or 12. I must apologise for the length of my letter, and in conclusion remark that the most surprising feature in the proceedings of the St. James' Society is, that some ringers of fair repute should lend their support to such a clique of bigots.

J. WAGHORN, JUN.

Member of All Hallows' Society, Tottenham.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Bell, seems a very innocent sort of person. He says the St. Stephen's Society of Westminster meet the St. James' Company regularly. When it was proposed and carried that our peal should not be booked, there were only about 9 or 10 members present, so that with J. M. Hayes and Winny the members of the St. Stephen's company transacted the job, led by their teacher as I again assert. Mr. Bell thinks his party have more right to vote than we have, but I don't think so, as I myself have taken part in 13 peals since January, 10 of which are St. James' peals, and I have to pay 6d. for each, which means 5s., so I think that is paying more for my vote than he will do in 12 months. Messrs. Hayes, Winny and Co., are good ringers beyond doubt, and it has been their fortune of late to become associated with a few gentlemen from various parts of the country on their visits to London for ringing purposes, but that is no reason why they should try to overrule others. I must sympathise with them in the altered opinions some of these gentlemen will form of them, through their straining a gnat in objecting to our peal, but swallowing a camel in ringing a peal upon handbells in a public-house on a Sunday.

H. A. BARNETT.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

SIR,—In answering the two letters on this subject in last week's issue, I am afraid the member of the Y. A. C. R. has got the illtemper only on his own account, I have none in this matter. Facts are stubborn things, and if he has any difficulty in grasping the meaning of my letters, I can only say I am sorry for his dullness in that respect. How does he know which way the course ends turned in the 247 performance? and if conducted as George Bolland said it was, the course ends he forwarded would not be seen. If he chooses to arrange a peal, I will endeavour to show him how they should turn up in a different manner than probably he is aware of. I say there's no insinuation in asking a man to give his proper name. The patronymic he has chosen has caused me no difficulty in making him out (I will not ask you, Mr. Editor, to applaud anything I may have said on this subject). If it is, as Mr. Bolland says, more pleasing to the conductor to read "this peal which was now rung for the first time by the society," that has been sent once too often by me, and I hope to be excused. I shall not attempt to say it's a printer's error, but this is the excuse they put forward for the calling of the 247th performance in the ninth report, which I shall not believe after what one said at Pudsey. Any suggestions Mr. Bolland or the member of the Y. A. C. R. may make in getting a more accurate report in future (one being a vice-president and the other a member) they can make without my assistance. I assure you the complaint was more needed than the officers might like to be reminded of.

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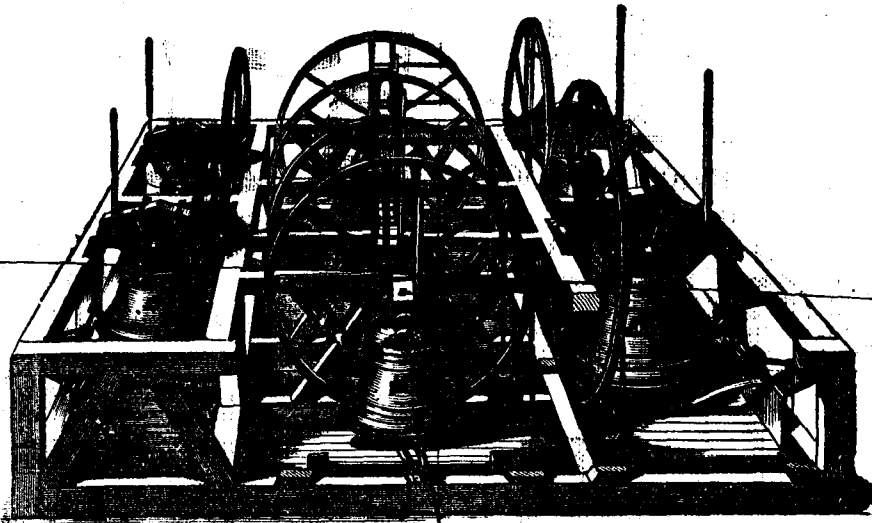


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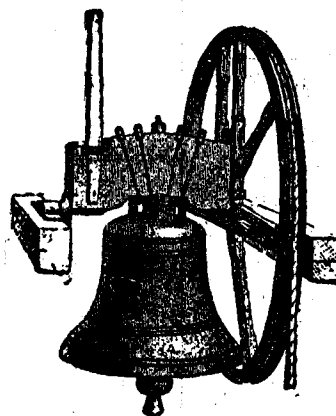
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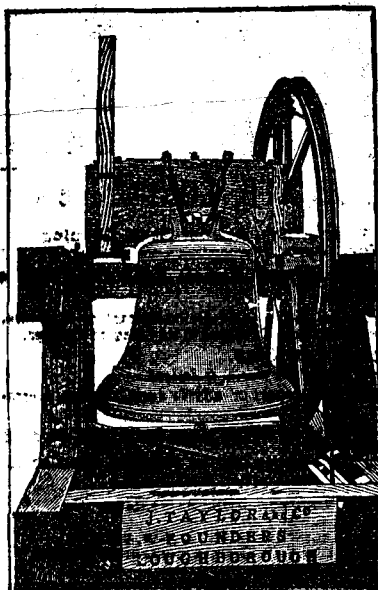
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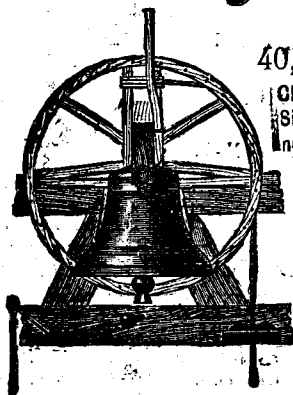
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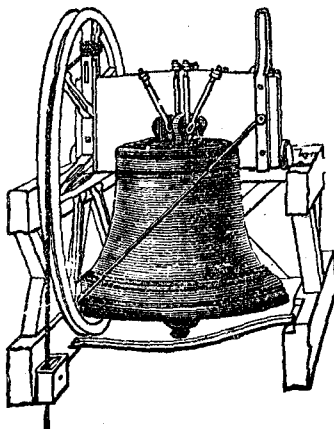
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To fulfil their daily mission,
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

The following was the order of the procession, which was made from the east side of the church:—Clergy: Rev. Canon Pelham (Lambeth), Rev. S. J. Marriott (Netherton), Rev. C. Manby (Quinton), Rev. C. W. Barnard, and the Rev. A. E. Farrar. Churchwardens and Sidesmen: Messrs Danks, Beasley, White, Blades, Owen, Richards, Pewtress, Allen, G. Williams, Merris, Hand, and Hickman. Representatives of the bell founder: Messrs. Godden, Flock, Miller, and Buffery. Bell-ringers: Messrs. Oakley, D. Woodhouse, J. Oakley, Bennett, J. Woodhouse, T. Brocks, Ingram, and Lowe. The form of dedication used in the belfry and also repeated in the church, was as follows: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we humbly offer and dedicate these bells to the glory of God, and the uses of the church of Rowley Regis." The three new bells were then rung thrice, and after the dedicatory prayers had been gone through, a touch was rung. The procession then returned to the church, when the hymn, "Songs of praise the Angels sang" was sung, after which Canon Pelham preached, taking for his text the third verse of the first chapter of the first epistle of St. John, "That ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." At the conclusion of the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells by the ringers of Old Hill parish church. All those connected in a practical way with the scheme for providing the bells, together with the ringers and others, then adjourned to the Mission Room close by, where a capital supper was provided, at the conclusion of which the Rev. C. W. Barnard proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Pelham for coming to preach that night. He said it was a very great thing on an occasion like that, when an addition was being made to their church, that the event should be made as interesting as possible, and they were fortunate in securing the services of one so widely known as Canon Pelham. It was not often that they could get a minister from the other side of the Thames to come all the way to Rowley to preach to them, and when he received Canon Pelham's acceptance to be present with them that evening he considered that they had much cause for congratulation on being so fortunate. Referring to Canon Pelham's sermon, he said he had expressed their views exactly, and if they could get some

more of that broad, loving, sympathetic, practical Christianity of which he had been speaking to them about that evening, it would be a good day for them.

Mr. DANKS, in seconding the vote of thanks, said he was thankful that they were able to have ministers from such distances. They had greater assistance in their church work than they had ever had in the past; and he thought that the event of that day was the beginning of better days at Rowley.

CANON PELHAM, in responding, said he had been caught in a trap, for he thought that he had been brought there merely to admire that room and to see some people enjoy themselves, and never anticipated being called upon to make a speech. He thanked them very heartily for the kind expressions that had been made on his behalf. He was glad to have the opportunity of coming down that day in answer to the request of his old friend, the vicar, who he was pleased to see was receiving much encouragement from them in that work, which appeared to be going on with so much success in Rowley. So far as he could judge he should think they had a very good peal of bells, and that they had been very well rung. There was a time when belfries were not thought to be part of the church, nor the place where seemly conduct was to be found; but whatever had happened of a disreputable character in belfries fifty or sixty years ago it certainly did not exist now, for the belfry was considered to be part of the church, and should be only used for sacred purposes. Bellringers had not only a great amount of responsibility resting upon them, so far as calling the people to church, but they took part in the actual service, and if they took pains and rang the bells skilfully they were really doing church work. Amongst the things that he had seen that day, which showed to him that they were doing a good work, he should not forget that beautiful room which he had seen for the first time.

THE REV. A. E. FARRAR proposed a vote of thanks to the ringers of Old Hill for coming to ring that evening, and coupled with it the name of Mr. A. H. Bassano. He said that almost everyone could appreciate the music of bells when they were well rung, and they certainly had had a treat that evening, thanks to their friends from Old Hill, who they would be able to compete with now that three bells had been added. He agreed with Canon Pelham that bellringers in calling people to church did a great work.

Mr. PEWTRESS, in seconding, said that the infection of increasing the number of bells in those churches that had not a full octave had greatly spread of late, for Oldbury amongst other towns had been affected. He hoped that the spread of the infection would be general throughout the country. He thought the Old Hill bellringers ought to consider it a great honour to have had the privilege of being the first to ring the new bells. There could be no doubt that a good work was going on in Rowley, but he hoped that they would do much more than they had done yet.

Mr. A. H. BASSANO thanked them most heartily on behalf of the Old Hill bellringers for the warm vote of thanks that had been passed, and whilst doing so he could not refrain from congratulating them for the splendid ring they had and upon the efficient manner in which they were hung. They had been pleased to find how nicely they went. It was to them a great pleasure and honour to have had the privilege of ringing the bells first, and ever since the scheme was inaugurated they had had a great desire to do so. That desire had been gratified, and they thanked them for conferring upon them the honour of being allowed to ring the bells first. He was very glad to see that there was a society of change-ringers being formed at Rowley. They might devote an unlimited amount of time to change ringing, but there was still something fresh to learn. In conclusion he expressed a hope that a great deal of friendly rivalry would exist between them and the Rowley bellringers.

Mr. WHITE moved a vote of thanks to the bell founder, Mr. Barwell, and coupled with it Mr. Godden, the manager, and the others who had assisted in the work of hanging the bells. He said that when the tenders came in he was strongly against accepting that of Mr. Barwell, but seeing the excellent manner in which the work had been carried out, he only regretted that he had ever entertained any doubt as to the efficiency of the person to whom they had entrusted it. He was highly pleased

with the work, and he considered that they now had a peal of bells second to none in the district.

MR. H. BENNETT, leader of the bell ringers, in supporting the remarks of the previous speaker, said that so far as he could see, the whole of the work done in the tower was an excellent job, and it only rested with the bell ringers to do their work in an efficient manner. The Vicar said he endorsed all that had been said as to the efficiency of the work, and although he was not an expert he had had a little experience with bell ringing, and it was his opinion that the physical work of ringing the bell was now reduced to a minimum by the excellent manner in which the bells were hung.

MR. GODDEN, said that as the representative of the bellfounder he had to apologise for Mr. Barwell's absence through illness, but he should not forget to tell him of the complimentary remarks that had been made in reference to the bells. He could assure them that they had done what they could to make the peal a success, and thought they had now as beautiful a peal of eight bells as were to be found anywhere.

The VICAR said that Mr. Barwell had sent a contribution of one sovereign towards the bell fund. In moving a vote of thanks to the committee he said that as Vicar of the parish he had had as a matter of course a great deal to do with the committee, but he did not wish them to think that he was at all referring to himself, but he wanted to express his pleasure at the amount of enthusiasm which had been displayed on the part of the committee. They had been a very hard working committee, but he should couple with the vote the names of two or three other persons who had also laboured most assiduously in the movement, namely, those of Dr. Beasley, treasurer; Mr. White, who had acted as lieutenant; and Mr. Allen, secretary. When they took the matter in hand the great difficulty was how to raise the required amount of money. The question of providing additional bells to the church was not a new one; it had been mooted a long time ago. They thought that they would make a desperate effort amongst the bellringers, and the arrangement was that if they went round and succeeded in getting £50, he was to obtain the other £100; but this scheme did not meet with much success because they had only just completed building that room, the raising of the funds for which had drawn rather extensively on the generosity of the parishioners. But this jubilee year the scheme took a final shape by an offer from Mr. Thomas Jones, of Oakham, of £50, which was afterwards increased to £70. They had raised considerably over £200 altogether, and it was a marvel to him that they had got so much. They had had a great deal of begging to do to carry out the scheme, and in connection with this hard begging and carrying out of the work, the persons names he had coupled with the proposition had done a great deal. He thanked the churchwardens, who were always willing to come to the front when anything was taken in hand in Rowley, for the assistance they had rendered; and he hoped that when the next scheme for improving the church was taken up that it would be received with a similar amount of enthusiasm.

MR. GRIFFITHS responded on behalf of the committee, and in the course of his remarks said that a pleasing feature in connection with the movement was the fact that out of the whole of the people they had asked to subscribe towards the fund, they could count the refusals on their five fingers.

MR. ALLEN also responded, and in doing so expressed the pleasure he had derived in doing what he could to assist in carrying out the scheme successfully.

The assembly having been addressed by others the proceedings terminated. Special services in connection with the dedication of the bells was held on Sunday.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above Association will hold their next monthly meeting on Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Philip's (10 bells). Should any ringer be in Birmingham on that date they will receive a hearty welcome, and will be sure of a touch, be he member or not. Time of meeting 5.45. As the time is limited it is necessary that all should be punctual. It is also hoped country members will avail themselves of this opportunity of meeting their brother strings.

JOHN WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

Crump's Cottages, Silver Street, King's Heath.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to Sep.	Oct.	Total.
Yorkshire Association	47	4	51
Ancient Society of College Youths	47	4	51
Oxford Diocesan Guild	38	4	42
Sussex County Association	33	3	36
Midland Counties' Association	29	4	33
Lancashire Association	22	5	27
St. James's Society, London	23	2	25
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	21	1	22
Norwich Diocesan Association	17	3	20
United Counties' Association	16	0	16
Kent County Association	12	4	16
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	13	0	13
Essex Association	13	0	13
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	10	2	12
Surrey Association	8	2	10
Winchester Diocesan Guild	8	1	9
St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	6	1	7
Worcester and adjoining Districts Assocn.	6	1	7
Hertford Association	6	0	6
Bedford Association	5	1	6
The Holt Society	5	0	5
Waterloo Society, London	5	0	5
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	3	0	3
Devonshire Guild	2	0	2
Liverpool Youths' Society	2	0	2
Birmingham Amalgamated Society	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Guild	1	0	1
North Lincolnshire Association	1	0	1
West Riding of Yorkshire	1	0	1
Durham and Newcastle Association	1	0	1
The Salop Association	1	0	1
Independent Societies... ..	59	10	69
	462	52	514
Less peals entered under two Associations	40	0	40
Total	422	52	474

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Albion Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; London Surprise Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 8; Stedman Cinques, 3; Stedman Caters, 14; Stedman Triples, 40; Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Treble Bob Royal, 9; Treble Bob Major, 77; Grandsire Cinques, 3; Grandsire Caters, 22; Grandsire Triples, 191; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 2; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 35; Bob Triples, 10; Violet Treble Bob Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Rose of England Major, 1; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; in 21 Minor methods, on six bells, 1; in fourteen ditto, 1; in seven ditto, 28; in 1 ditto, 1; in 21 methods, on five bells, 1; in 16 ditto, 1. Total, 474. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 10,176. Quickest peal on church bells, 2 hrs. and 31 mins. The following Associations have not scored a peal this year:—Cambridge, Ely, Rochdale and District, South Lincoln, and Stoke-upon-Trent.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—RE-OPENING OF ELHAM BELLS.

On Monday, November 7th, the Folkestone branch of the Kent County Association journeyed to Elham to re-open the bells, after a silence of twelve years. The proceedings commenced with a dedication service, during which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung, and at the conclusion of the service a 840 in the same method. F. Finn, 1; S. Binfield, 2; J. Fisher, 3; F. Rolfe, 4; H. Croucher, 5; S. Barker (conductor), 6; F. Slingsby, 7; W. Booth, 8. Ringing was continued during the afternoon until 5, when an adjournment was made for dinner. After doing justice to the good fare provided, a very pleasant evening was passed, interspersed with songs and hand-bell music; also courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The bells are a nice handy peal in F, tenor about 18 cwt. They have been quartered and rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons in their usual efficient manner.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

The Mossley Church people and friends have raised money and built a new church near the site of the old parish church. It is a very commodious and handsome building, and has a beautiful square tower surmounted by four pinnacles, sufficient space being allowed for a peal of eight bells upon one level. The parishioners have worked hard and earnest for several years to this end, and during the next twelve months they hope to crown their labours with the opening of a peal of bells and an organ, the former of which will be a great acquisition to the town, as the inhabitants have not yet been able to boast of possessing a peal.

"We are pleased to hear that we are now within a measurable distance of having a peal of bells at Mossley Church. Five of the eight bells have already been promised, and a contract has been entered into with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London, to supply a peal of eight. The five bells presented are by the following gentlemen, who are each giving one: the Mayor (Councillor John Mayall, J.P.), Councillor Andrew Beswick, the Vicar of Mossley (the Rev. Anthony Hall, M.A.), Mr. John Knott, and the young men of St. George's school. We expect that there will now be a rush of ladies and gentlemen to immortalise themselves by giving the remaining three bells. We do not consider that in giving these bells to St. George's, that they will in any way be the exclusive property of that church. Their sweet melody will be enjoyed by all, and thus this is a work in which men of all creeds can join."

On the 7th inst., under the patronage of the worshipful the Mayor of Mossley, a Grand Concert in aid of the bells and organ fund was given by the Liversedge Albert handbell prize ringers, and the Huddersfield Arion Prize Quartette, in the Mechanics' Institution. The ringers gave several selections, and were well received. The members of the quartet party were in excellent voice, the prominent characteristics of their performance being admirable balance, artistic and unanimity of phrasing, and the intelligent interpretation of the several selections which they had chosen. The concert was promoted by the Bell and Organ Committee, and realized a profit of £16 13s. 0d., which was handed over to the Bell and Organ Fund. The committee have, as already stated, entered into a contract with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to supply a peal of eight bells, and intend to have them hung and ready for opening next Easter.

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.

The ringers of the above-named church assembled for practice, on Thursday evening last, November 17th, and rung on their melodious peal of bells a date touch of Plain Bob Triples, assisted by T. Clark and Son, from the Ripon Society, in 1 hr. and 9 mins. T. Clark, 1; H. Brown, 2; Geo. Wright, 3; A. H. Clark, 4; Kirby Dales, 5; Geo. Wrightson, 6; Joseph Wrightson, 7; and David Long, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. Composed by T. Clark, and conducted by Joseph Wrightson, president of the Thirsk Society, whose indefatigable exertions are worthy of imitation, when a couple of years previous the society could ring only call changes, and none of them could ever ring in any method; he also having greatly improved the "go" of the bells, fixing improvements, thereby rendering the belfry less noisy from the sound of the bells, which was very bad, and has made the ringing room more comfortable and convenient than heretofore. He also hopes of having the long looked-for pleasure, before the present year expires, in having to record a jubilee peal, in which the writer of this paragraph wishes him every success.

J. C.

THE TEWKESBURY ABBEY SOCIETY.

Monday, the 14th ult., being Mr. L. Longney's birthday, the above society met at the abbey, and after wishing him many happy returns, rang the following touches:—A 518 of Grandshire Triples. H. Brown, 1; S. Cleal, 2; L. Longley (conductor), 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen, 7; W. Haines, 8. A 168 of Stedman Triples. L. Longney, 1; R. Witherington, 2; F. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Walker (conductor), 7; C. W. Dyson, 8. And a 504 of Union Triples. R. Witherington, 1; L. Longney, 2; F. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; S. Cleal, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; C. W. Dyson, 8. After ringing, the

ringers (twelve in number) sat down to an excellent supper, to which, it needs hardly be said, full justice was done. The cloth being removed, the handbells were brought into use, and tune and change-ringing, interspersed with songs, was indulged in during the remainder of the evening, Mr. Longley rendering in capital style, "The Midshipmite," "The Old Brigade," and "Staunch and True." At a late (or rather early) hour the company separated, one and all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Church News.

On Tuesday, Canon Trevor was elected without opposition Proctor for the clergy of the archdeaconry of the East Riding.

The Rev. Richard Joynes, Hon. Canon of St. Albans, has resigned the rectory of Great Holland, Essex, to which he was presented by Corpus Christi College, Oxford, in 1861.

It is understood that the committee of the Church Missionary Society have been unable to accept Bishop Blyth's proposal that they should contribute a sum of £2000 for one year to aid in the establishment by Mrs. Meredith of a Woman's Mission-house at Jerusalem.

The Rev. Thomas Greenlaw, late rector of Raithby, who was recently inhibited by the Bishop of London for preaching at the Reformed Episcopal chapel at Harlesden, has seceded from the Church of England.

Canon Jarratt, rector of North Cave, Yorkshire, and his wife, who are both over ninety years of age, are seriously ill, the former having fallen down in a procession at the consecration of a church and the latter from fright at seeing her husband brought home ill.

The adjourned meeting for the election of Proctor for the Archdeaconry of Sheffield, in place of the late Canon Ware, took place on Friday. The candidates were the Rev. T. Rigby (vicar of Laughton-en-le-Morthen) and the Rev. E. C. Oldfield (vicar of Harthill). When the adjournment took place Mr. Rigby had received 31 votes and Mr. Oldfield 11. The result of the final poll was as follows:—Mr. Rigby 42. Mr. Oldfield 32.

A meeting of the committee of the Leeds General Infirmary appointed by the subscribers to the chaplain's fund was held on Saturday. The chaplaincy was unanimously offered to the Rev. F. J. Jayne, vicar of Leeds, and has been accepted. The stipend will be used by Mr. Jayne for the engagement of another curate, and one or more of his large staff will take special charge of the infirmary work, the vicar himself retaining general supervision and being responsible to the committee.

We hear that the Rev. Ambrose Sneyd Cave-Browne-Cave, of Brigeton, has been received into the Roman Catholic Church by the society of Jesuits. Mr. Cave graduated from Corpus Christi, Oxford, in 1856, and was ordained the next year. He was curate of Deddington 1857-9, and rector of Strensham 1859-1860. In 1869 he was presented to the rectory of Stretton-en-le-Feld; but his name has disappeared from the last edition of *Crookford*.

On Monday the Bishop of Rochester presided at a meeting of his Diocesan Society, when the following grants were made.—£250 for a church for the St. John's College, Cambridge, Mission district, in the parish of St. John's, Walworth; £150 for a church at Sutton; £325 for various Mission buildings; £250 for a parsonage for the parish of Christ Church, Rotherhithe; £50 towards the expenses of the Sunday evening services in the Victoria Hall, Lambeth; and £1,080 for the salaries of living agents for the Christmas quarter.

The Bishop of Worcester (Dr. Philpott), completed his eightieth year on Thursday, and the event was made the occasion of an interesting celebration. The Bishop planted a jubilee oak, and especial interest attached to this, as the young tree was descended from the famous Mitre oak at Hartlebury. Tradition asserts that St. Augustine's conference with the British bishops of his time took place on the spot where the Mitre oak stands. The Rev. D. Robertson, rector of Hartlebury, stated that twenty years ago one of their oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Chellingworth, set an acorn from the old Mitre oak. This grew and produced acorns, and five years ago some of these were sown. The little tree which the Bishop was asked to plant as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee was one which had been thus grown, and it was grandchild of the old Mitre oak. The Bishop gave an address, in which he narrated how he had rescued the ancient oak from being cut down, and the land was now held on the condition that the tree was not to be touched. The Bishop then planted the young oak, and a second oak, and Mrs. Philpott, the Bishop's wife, planted a memorial yew tree in the burial-ground of St Mary's Church.

THE PARISH CHURCH, BRADFORD, YORKS.

ON Saturday afternoon, November 12th, ten members of the Yorkshire Association rang in this tower a 5000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, particulars of which are to be found in the usual place. The peal was well struck throughout, and at its conclusion, Mr. W. Snowdon, accompanied by a goodly number of members and friends, entered the belfry and congratulated the ringers on their performance. After the bells had been lowered, Mr. Snowdon at the request of the Bradford company mounted a platform and uncovered a memorial board recording two muffled peals which had been rung on those bells: the first in respect to the memory of the late Jasper W. Snowdon, the other to the memory of the late G. R. Mossman, for many years Magistrates' Clerk of the borough, a gentleman who was much esteemed in the town, a true-hearted Churchman. Mr. Snowdon in performing the ceremony spoke briefly, expressing the pleasure—melancholy though it was—he felt in being asked to undertake that duty; the existence of that board shewed that the name of his brother would not die out, at all events among Yorkshire ringers.

The company then adjourned to the lodge room of the "Ring of Bells," where the worthy host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fowlds), had prepared an excellent and substantial dinner, the various courses of which were brought round and completed in a masterly fashion. This portion of the proceedings being over, the tables were cleared.

Mr. B. T. Copley was then voted to the chair, being supported by Mr. W. Snowdon, President of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. G. Bolland (vice-president), Messrs. T. Haigh, John McKell, and J. H. Hardcastle (committee men), there being also present a large assembly of members and friends.

THE CHAIRMAN, in opening the proceedings, acknowledged the compliment they had paid him in calling upon him to preside, and then proposed the health of "The Queen and Royal Family," which toast was duly honoured. He then proposed "Success to Change-ringing, particularly to the Yorkshire Association," coupling with the toast the name of the President, who he thanked in the name of the company for the honour he had done them in being present, and who had won such golden opinions in the Association since he took the place of his lamented brother. This toast was drank very heartily and amid loud applause.

Mr. SNOWDON, who on rising to respond was received with cheers, after thanking them for the very kind manner in which they had honoured the toast, referred to the growth of the Yorkshire Association, and the consequent large amount of work which devolved upon the officers in conducting that work efficiently. It was, he said, impossible to carry on the work without some mistake or slight mishap occurring here and there, but when the extent of that work was considered, and taking into account the scarcity of complaints which were made, coupled also with the fact that the action of the officers had invariably met with the approval of the members, he claimed that the officers had fully deserved that confidence which the Association generally had placed in them.

Mr. JOHN HODGSON then gave the toast of "The conductor and ringers of the peal to-day," which was honoured in proper fashion, and responded to by Mr. J. H. Hardcastle.

Mr. JAMES ANGUS next proposed the health of "Our Visiting Friends," which was duly drunk and responded to by Mr. Jesse Naylor.

The health of the host and hostess was likewise drunk, Mr. Fowlds replying. During the evening Mr. Snowdon presented a certificate of membership to Joe Hardcastle, at the same time giving the new member some kind words of advice and encouragement. Several courses of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung at intervals, and the hour of eleven brought to a close a gathering which had been most agreeable and interesting to all present.

THE "JAMES RUDD" FUND.

Mr. Ireland acknowledges the receipt of the undermentioned sums for this fund:

Mr. Geo. and Mr. W. Maxim, Foxearth, Essex	0	2	0
The Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Ladds, West Keal Rectory, Spilsby, Lincs.	0	10	0
The St. Peter Mancroft Society of Norwich Scholars	1	1	0

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received by Mr. W. Ireland, Victoria Road, Diss, and will be acknowledged in this paper.

RINGERS' SUPPER AT ST. ALBANS.

ON Monday evening, November 7th, the local handbell ringers held a supper at Mr. Orpin's, George Street, St. Albans. The Chairman was Mr. E. P. Debenham, and Mr. Henry Lewis occupied the vice-chair, and they were supported by Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, J. C. Mitchell, G. W. Cartmel, A. Barnes, W. Battle, T. Waller, and R. M. Pratt. After the first course had been accomplished to the satisfaction of all present, the programme was opened with a 42 of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Barnes, Mitchell, Buckingham, and Waller. A course of Stedman Triples was then rung by Messrs. Mitchell, Debenham, Cartmel, and Battle, and one of Caters by Messrs. Lewis, Mitchell, Cartmel, Buckingham, and Battle; 168 of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Waller, Buckingham, Debenham, and Pratt, and 78 of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Lewis, Cartmel, Buckingham, Debenham, and Battle: a short touch of Bob Major by Messrs. Mitchell, Debenham, Cartmel, and Buckingham; plain courses of Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, College Single, and Grandsire Minor, by Messrs. Mitchell, Cartmel, and Buckingham; a course of Grandsire Cinques by Messrs. Waller, Mitchell, Buckingham, Debenham, Cartmel, and Battle: 97 of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Mitchell, Cartmel, Buckingham, and Pratt; and a plain lead of Bob Maximus by Messrs. Lewis, Mitchell, Cartmel, Buckingham, Debenham, and Waller. It should be mentioned that Mr. Barnes was obliged to leave early which accounts for his name only appearing in connection with the first touch. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. Debenham, Cartmel, Buckingham, Battle, and Waller. The company separated at midnight, after having spent a most enjoyable evening, and hoped before long to have another gathering similar to this. The ringers desire to acknowledge the very excellent supper provided by Mr. and Mrs. Orpin, and the admirable manner in which their other creature comforts were looked after; likewise to record their thanks to Mr. Buckingham for the pains he took to render the meeting a success.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

ON Thursday, October 10th, the Dunster Guild had an outing by the invitation of the Rev. J. U. Todd, who was conductor of the Guild, and who still takes a lively interest in their proceedings, and never omits to pay the tower a visit when in the neighbourhood; the place chosen being Taunton, to have a ring upon the peal of ten at St. Mary's church. Having arrived there about 9.30, a move was at once made for the beautiful tower, and permission to ring was soon granted. After raising the bells in peal, a few short touches were rung, also after the arrival of the Rev. H. A. Cockey from Bitton, a touch or two more was rung, when they all repaired to the Castle Hotel for dinner. Dinner being over, a start was made for Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, and all went well up to 2,300 changes when a shift occurred which brought the bells round at 2365, the striking being good, also the raising in peal was exceedingly good. E. Hole, 1; Rev. J. U. Todd, 2; R. Hole, 3; J. Tudball, 4; J. Grabham, 5; C. B. Craze, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; J. Payne and W. Thrush, 8. After having a substantial tea at the Coffee Tavern, a move was made for the station. Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells during the journey home, and the expression of all was that it had been one of the pleasantest days spent by the Guild, thanks being due to the Rev. J. U. Todd for his great kindness. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Doble for his kindness.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE.—On Friday evening, November 18th, the members of the local band walked to Hadlow (about four miles), in a dense fog, and rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the parish church bells. Afterwards the members had tea at the "Greyhound," and after a few songs, started on their return journey to Tonbridge, arriving there about 11.30 p.m., having spent a very enjoyable evening. The Tonbridge band beg to thank the Hadlow band for their courtesy in allowing them the use of their bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS.

In response to the notice calling a meeting of the above, about thirty members attended representing the following places: Manchester, Walkden, Worsley, Eccles, Ramsbottom, Heywood, Oldham (Moorside), Whitfield, Northenden, and Bolton. Mr. H. H. Nutter (Ramsbottom), was unanimously elected chairman, and after a few introductory remarks, A. E. Wreaks (Manchester), explained the object he had in view of making the Association more successful in the future than it had been in the past. He then proposed—"That the county should be split up into small branches or divisions," which was seconded by R. Ridyard (Worsley), and carried unanimously. The next motion was also proposed by Mr. Wreaks, viz.,—"That the boundaries of this branch be Rochdale on the north, Yorkshire on the east, Cheshire on the south, and Flexton to Worsley on the west," seconded by F. Birtwistle (Rochdale), and after considerable discussion was agreed to, subject to the approval of the committee. Mr. E. Cash (Manchester), proposed Mr. J. E. Pollitt (Manchester), as local secretary, who was seconded by Mr. Barratt (Eccles), and carried. Three new members from St. John's church, Deansgate, Manchester, were then admitted into the Association. Mr. Harrison proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Nutter for the excellent manner in which he had acted as chairman, which was seconded and carried unanimously. Mr. Nutter thanked the members for their vote of thanks, expressing the hope that all meetings would be conducted in the same friendly spirit as that had been. A vote of thanks to Mr. Woolley for the use of the room, and to which Mr. Woolley briefly responded, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. The members then adjourned to the Cathedral, where touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round. The rest of the evening was spent in ringing various courses on the handbells. The next meeting of the above will be held at Eccles on Saturday, December 10th.

CHILMARK, WILTS.

On Sunday, November 20th, in response to an invitation from their Chilmark friends, several ringers from Salisbury, viz., Messrs. Short, Highman, Devonport, Gaisford, Lush, Barkus, Tydeman, Goddard, and Gifford, visited this place and spent a very enjoyable afternoon. Ringing commenced with some rounds and call changes, and six 120's of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Short, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; A. Goddard, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 5; C. Gaisford, 6. Tenor 18 cwt. Then some very good call changes were rung in which some of the Chilmark gentlemen took part, and after several more six-scores, the bells were lowered. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Viney and their other Chilmark friends for the trouble they took to make the meeting a success. On the way to the station the ringers called on their old friend Mr. Tom Wright, of Dinton, who, with his usual kindness quickly had everything in readiness for a ring at this church. Here only four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and the bells lowered, as time would not allow of more being done. Few places can boast of such excellent rings of six bells as Chilmark and Dinton.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting will be held at Basingstoke, Hants, on Wednesday, December 14th. The Belfry of St. Michael's will be open from 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Chapter Room near the Church at 6.30. All ringers will be welcome. Those who wish to be present at the Tea must send notice to the Rev. H. A. Spyers, Purbrook, Cosham, Hants., before Saturday, December 10th. H. A. SPYERS, *Hon. Sec.*

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the members of the above Association was held at Luton on Saturday afternoon, November 12th. There was a moderate attendance of members present from Bedford, Bromham, and Woburn; several ringers attended from St. Albans, but owing to the deplorable condition of the bells but little work could be done. With much labour however, a number of touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22ND:—

By the Balcombe branch at Balcombe.—On Thursday, November 10th, a 720 in seven different methods. T. Streeter, 1; R. Bourne, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. R. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; E. Streeter, 3; R. Bourn, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. R. Bourn, 1; R. Streeter, 2; A. Stoner, 3; G. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson, 6. And on Thursday, November 17th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. R. Bourn, 1; A. Stoner, 2; T. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Streeter, 1; A. Stoner, 2; J. Gasson, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton branch at Southover.—On Saturday, November 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's bob-and-single), which failed through a shift-course, after ringing 2 hrs. and 20 mins. J. Searle, 1; ———, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; C. Golds, 5; G. A. King, 6; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. And at St. Nicholas's, Brighton, on Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. Jesse Neves, 1; J. Searle, 2; W. Palmer, 3; W. J. Fisher (member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), 4; J. Foy, 5; C. Tyler, 6; G. A. King (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. And at St. Paul's, on Thursday, November 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43½ mins. H. Eves, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; W. Palmer, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; G. Hill, 5; J. Reilly (conductor), 6; A. Bennett, 7; J. Mockett, 8. And at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Sunday afternoon, November 20th, a 504 of Stedman Triples, in 18 mins. H. Weston, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; J. Reilly, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; H. Cornwall, 8. Also on Monday, November 21st, a 504 of Stedman Triples, in 18½ mins. J. Jay, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. By a mixed band (five from Brighton, two from Bolney, and one from Cuckfield) at Bolney, 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. For particulars see peal column.

By a mixed band at Petworth, Surrey.—On Saturday, November 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which came to grief after ringing 2100 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. E. Jordan, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; J. Hewett, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Huggett, 8.

By the Henfield branch, at Henfield.—On Sunday morning, November 20th, before service, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins. H. Ward, 1; W. Pearce, 2; W. Stringer, 3; T. Stringer, 4; H. F. Freeman (conductor), 5; Thos. West, 6. And on Monday, November 21st, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins., the band standing as above. The bells were also rung deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late E. N. Hall, Esq., of Barrow Hill, Henfield.

By the Ringmer branch at Ringmer.—On Sunday, November 20th, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Painter, 1; A. E. Paris, 2; A. Starks, 3; H. Jones (first 6-score with a bob bell), 4; G. Hammond (conductor), 5; G. Taylor, 6. Also several courses of Bob Doubles, standing as before.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Thursday, November 17th, a 720 of Double Oxford. J. Smart, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And on Friday, November 18th, a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, in 3 hrs. 5 mins., for particulars see peal column.

By the Warnham branch at Warnham.—On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Frederick Luxford, 1; Walter Charman (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 2; Walter Wadey, 3; Edward Brackley, 4; Henry Chandler, 5; Charles Blackman, 6; George Smart (conductor), 7; William Short, 8. In the afternoon an attempt was made for Reeves's peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost in making the half-way single. Frederick Luxford, 1; Henry Chandler (conductor), 2; Walter Wadey, 3; Thomas Andrews, 4; Edward Brackley, 5; Charles Brackman, 6; George Smart, 7; William Short, 8. And for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Henry Chandler, 1; Walter Charman, 2; Walter Wadey, 3; Frederick Luxford, 4; Edward Brackley, 5; George Smart, 6; Charles Blackman (conductor), 7; William Short, 8. Smart and Brackley hail from Steyning, Blackman and Luxford from Arundel. GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1887.

THE subject of Prize-Ringing has ever been a hard nut to crack. The most eminent among the Exercise have regarded it as a difficulty, and one to be left alone, or at any rate not to be attacked, on account of the terrible opposition which would from certain quarters be displayed. It has been held to be, in fact, a matter purely for the clergy; where they see no reason to interfere for its prevention it is hardly proper for ringers to attempt to teach them their duties either way. This of course, is a capital mode of shelving the discussion of the question. We think what objections can in the present day be advanced against Prize-ringing, will not be lessened as time rolls on.

A letter upon this subject from Mr. JAMES WILDE appears this week upon another page. He puts the matter very fairly from, of course, his point of view. But the advocates for Prize-ringing generally manage to elude the principal point in connection with it. As far as Prize-ringing—in the abstract—is concerned, no one could say anything against it when managed under such conditions as are arranged by Mr. WILDE and his friends. But the real gist of the thing is "Is the competing for prizes in the House of God right or wrong?" If right, then it is right to have a singing competition, or a preaching competition, or any other tournament held in the church. Even a game of bowls, as harmless as any other recreation, could be had in the naves of many of our churches, and many a noble transept could be made available for that innocent recreation known as "skittles." Perhaps the advocates of Prize-ringing would hardly go so far as this. Where then is their consistency?

That Prize-ringing under approved conditions would have a great tendency to improve the Art and its interests, we do not deny for one moment. But the difficulty remains. The churches of our land, with their furniture and appendages are to be treated with solemn reverence. They are sacred to the worship of God alone, and the holding of secular amusement or entertainment within them are acts of profanity. Among all places of public worship, the Church of England has kept till now her

edifices undefiled by objects which are foreign and distinct from that purpose. We think that the practice of Prize-ringing—praiseworthy though it may be under different circumstances—will never make universal head-way.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

Birthday Peal.

On Saturday, November 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY W. GROUT Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS 2.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN 6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 3.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT 4.	WALTER J. WILLIAMSON Tenor.

Conducted by WM. H. FREEMAN.

This peal was rung on the birthday of W. H. Freeman, and was his first peal as conductor.

The Provinces.

BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt. in C.

J. ANGUS Treble.	THOMAS POLLITT 6.
J. H. FISHER 2.	J. H. HARDCASTLE 7.
H. RAISTRICK 3.	*J. MCKELL 8.
T. HAIGH 4.	*F. LONDON 9.
G. BOLLAND* 5.	W. DARBEY Tenor.

Composed by THOS. POLLITT, and Conducted by J. H. HARDCASTLE.

* First peal of Royal. This is the first time this peal has been rung. G. Bolland hails from Tong; T. Haigh from Huddersfield; J. McKell from Gargrave; F. London from Shipley; the rest belong to Bradford.

ST. ALBAN'S, HERTS.

THE ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Peal.

On Saturday, November 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY NATIONAL INFANTS' SCHOOL, SPICER STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN C. MITCHELL 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5-6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL 3-4.	ALFRED BARNES 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAM CARTMEL.

First peal on handbells by A. Barnes.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Thursday, November 17, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 20 cwt.

ELIJAH CRUMP Treble.	WALTER REA 5.
GEORGE BOURNE 2.	GEORGE MORRIS 6.
OLIVER JAMES 3.	GEORGE HAYWARD 7.
WILLIAM JAMES 4.	JAMES PARRY Tenor.

Composed by the late CHARLES RAVENSCROFT, of Bromsgrove, and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of the Lord Bishop of Worcester, and the ringers wish him many happy returns of the day. It is supposed to be the first peal in the method ever rang on the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 14, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHIPWAY'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

THOMAS WRAGG* Treble.	WILLIAM GILSON 5.
RICHARD HICKTON 2.	JOSEPH BARROW 6.
GEORGE BRADLEY 3.	JOHN CHARLES DICKEN .. 7.
SAMUEL CLARKE 4.	*THOMAS COPE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CHARLES DICKEN.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

STAPLEHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, November 14, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 21½ cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM COLLISON Treble.	HENRY G. POPE 5.
WALTER POPE 2.	EDGAR POPE 6.
JOSEPH TILLMON 3.	A. EDGAR NUNN 7.
WILLIAM E. POPE 4.	THOMAS G. COLVIN Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. NUNN.

The above peal was rung on the birthday of Mr. Tillmon, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 17, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' COMPOSITION (REVERSED). Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR HAWES* Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
FREDERICK FIELD 2.	HARRY COBB 6.
CHARLES TRINDER 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
H. D. BETTERIDGE 4.	WILLIAM COBB Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

GLOSSOP, WHITFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—WHITFIELD BRANCH.

Jubilee Peal.

On Thursday, November 17, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH MARSDEN* Treble.	WILLIAM MARSDEN 5.
JESSE B. HIBBERT* 2.	*JOHN JAMES 6.
THOMAS JACKSON* 3.	*ELI GARSIDE 7.
EDWARD O. ROSTRON† .. 4.	*JOHN LAWTON Tenor.

Composed by W. H. HARDY, and Conducted by E. O. ROSTRON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, November 19th, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. 6.
HENRY BASTABLE 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	ALFRED THOMAS Tenor.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the silent peal of Stedman Triples, rung on November 20th, 1886, the performers being the same, with the exception of Mr. A. F. Heywood, who on this occasion took the place of Mr. J. Jaggard. The first three courses of the peal were conducted by Mr. Hattersley, each ringer in turn calling the same number of courses until the peal was completed.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

HEBER E. BRIGHT* Treble.	†HAROLD HUMFREY 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 2.	*ERNEST E. NAPPER 7.
ALBERT J. KIMBREY* .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 8.
WILLIAM J. VINER* 4.	TOM HIBBERT 9.
THOMAS SHORT 5.	DENNIS NAPPER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

The above peal (which is now rung for the first time) has the 5th and 6th each twenty-three courses consecutively behind the 9th. *First peal on ten bells. †First peal with a bob bell.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—STEYNING BRANCH.

On Friday, November 18, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court Bob, College Single and Plain Bob Minor.

F. MORRIS Treble.	G. SMART 4.
G. GATLAND 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
C. CHAMBERS 3.	C. TYLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHAS. TYLER.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 18, 1887, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS,
ON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:—

Violet, Superlative, Cambridge, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE JENKINS* Treble.	MARK JENKINS 4.
ROBERT JORDAN 2.	EDWIN JORDAN 5.
THOMAS M. STEDMAN .. 3.	DAVID JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by DAVID JORDAN.

*First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

Handbell Ringing.

On Thursday, November 17, 1887 (no time mentioned),

AT THE SOCIETY'S MEETING HOUSE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM MOTTS 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS 5-6.
CHARLES MEE 3-4.	FREDERICK MEE 7-8.

Composed and conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Referees: Samuel Tillett, Frederick Tillett, Alfred Durrant and several others. S. Tillett and Mr. Durrant had the peal, and marked off the leads as they were rung.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 19, 1887, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

G. O. DIXON Treble.	H. MADIN 5.
H. MOTTERSHALL 2.	*W. BIGGIN 6.
J. ATKIN* 3.	†G. HOLMES 7.
J. GOUCHER* 4.	*G. TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOLMES.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First peal as conductor. This is a six-par peal, with the third at home every three leads.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN JAY, SEN. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	CHARLES TYLER 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 3.	*GEORGE WALDER, JUN. .. 7.
FREDERICK HOUNSELL* .. 4.	*ALFRED PARSONS Tenor.

Conducted by GEO. F. ATTREE.

*First peal. Messrs. Walder and Parsons are of Bolney; F. Hounsell hails from Cuckfield; the rest from Brighton.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUDBURY SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 21st, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

JAMES CAMPIN Treble.	WALTER GRIGGS 5.
WILLIAM HOWELL 2.	ARTHUR SCOTT 6.
WILLIAM BACON 3.	CHARLES SILLITOE 7.
WALTER CROSS 4.	HARRY HARPER Tenor.

Composed by B. FRANCIS, of Diss, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The above peal is in three parts and contains the sixth nine times each way in 5-6, and the fifth the extent wrong. It is also the first peal ever rung upon these bells.

Date Touches.

EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIBSEY.—On Saturday afternoon, November 19th, some members of the above Association visited St. Margaret's church, and rang on the back six, a date touch of Bob Minor (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. F. Harwood, 1; G. Clark, 2; A. Barber, 3; J. Mawer, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. Also in the evening 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), standing the same as before.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 13th, at the parish church, a date touch (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 4 mins., in the following methods: 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Bob Minor, and 87 Grandsire Minor. W. Watling, 1; *F. Watling, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; R. Stannard (conductor), 5; A. Lincoln, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. *Longest touch. Messrs. Watling belong to the local company, the rest hail from Leiston.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, November 19th, at SS. Thomas and Edmund's, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins. C. Fellows, 1; W. A. Baldwin, 2; M. Murphy, 3; W. Stringer, 4; P. Conlon, 5; J. Murphy, 6; J. Plant (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 8. Composed by John Carter.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, November 21st, the local company assembled for their usual practice, and rang a date touch of 1887 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Gooderham, 1; G. Day, 2; G. Bird, 3; F. Day, 4; W. Bumpstead, 5; G. Ford, 6; J. Bumpstead, 7; H. Torble (conductor), 8.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, November 12th, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 18 mins. W. Clayton, 1; J. W. Wilson (composer and conductor), 2; T. Wilson, 3; J. Walton, 4; J. Needham, 5; G. Cleal, 6; A. Millis, 7; J. Marlow, 8. Tenor 27 cwt. in E. G. Cleal hails from Worcester.

HALIFAX (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service at All Souls church, a date touch (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. H. Payne, 1; T. Parker, 2; G. D. E. Mercer, 3; †G. H. C. Copping, 4; A. Parker, 5; C. E. Stewart, 6; A. F. Nicholl, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D. †First date touch.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Laurence's church, for evening service, a date touch of 1887 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 20½ mins. H. M. Bawden, 1; C. Hounslow (Oxford), 2; W. Johnson, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; W. H. Holloway, 5; G. Talbot, 6; J.

Potter, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell, 9; T. Harvey, 10. Composed by W. Kent, of Aston-juxta-Birmingham, and conducted by W. J. Williams.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, November 12th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), with Queen's, Tittums, Whittington's, and the twenty-four 6-7's, in 1 hr. 6 mins. C. Sparkes, 1; E. Boylin, 2; J. Wright, 3; J. Carter (composer), 4; C. Carmell, 5; J. T. Perry (conductor), 6; E. Bryant, 7; T. Lewis, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, November 20th, for Divine Service at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, 1376 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 54 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; H. Springall, 4; E. Wallage, 5; E. Horrex, 6; E. Carter, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. The above is the longest length in the method rung on the bells since they have been hung in the tower.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, November 14th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 and 216 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 30 mins. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. Messrs. Sargent and Bearman hail from Bocking.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, November 19th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, six courses (648 changes) of Grandsire Caters. W. Harvey, 1; A. Edwards, 2; W. Rowland, 3; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 4; W. J. Piper, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; W. Hawkes, 7; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 8; W. Lincoln (conductor), 9; J. Parmenter, 10. Only two of the above (3rd and tenor) belong to the Chelmsford company, which still confines its attention to call changes. The rest are a mixed band from Galleywood, Springfield, Widford, and Writtle.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday evening, November 7th, for practice, on the back six, 720 of New London Pleasure. J. Sadler, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Nichol, 3; D. Elliott, 4; W. Nichol, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6.

WIDFORD (Essex).—Recently, at the parish church a 720 of New London Pleasure. E. Dains, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Harvey, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; A. Tarbun (conductor), 6. Also on Friday, November 18th, 720 in the same method. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; *A. Edwards, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; A. Tarbun (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. And on Sunday, November 20th, for afternoon service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 24½ mins. *A. Edwards, 1; J. Dains (conductor), 2; *A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; *A. Tarbun, 5; *W. Lincoln, 6. *First 720 in the method.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 16th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal, 352 of Bob Major (Tittum position). W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Edwards, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; A. Tarbun, 5; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 6; W. J. Piper, 7; W. Lincoln (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 20th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Troyte), in 45 mins. W. Brazier, 1; J. Everard, 2; A. Edwards, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; W. J. Piper, 5; H. F. de Lisle, Esq., 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

SPALDING.—On Tuesday, November 8th, at the parish church, 1008 Court Bob Triples. J. Wright, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; G. Ladd, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; G. Skeef, 7; R. Jarvis, 8. And on Wednesday, November 9th, being the Prince of Wales' birthday, at 7 a.m., 120 Grandsire Doubles; and at noon, 360 of Plain Bob, and in the evening, 518 of Grandsire Triples. Also for Divine Service on Sunday, November 13th, 462 Court Bob Triples, and after service, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), with the tenor covering. J. R. Mackman, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; R. Jarvis, 5; R. Mackman, 6; G. L. Richardson, 7; R. Jarvis, 8. On Sunday, November 20th, at the parish church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, for evening service, 528 of Grandsire Triples. J. Peck, 1; G. Skeef (conductor), 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; R. Jarvis, 7; E. Jarvis, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. Practice on Tuesday evenings, at 7.15 p.m. throughout the year.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM (Berks).—On Sunday, October 13th, at the parish church, for morning service, a 360 of Grandsire Minor, in 12 mins. T. Greetham, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Hatto, 5; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. Also for evening service a 360 of Plain

Bob Minor, in 13 mins. T. Greetham, 1; H. Hatto, 2; T. Bidmead, 3; A. Richardson, 4; J. Hatto, 5; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. After evening service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. T. Greetham, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Hatto, 2; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, November 13th, at St. Giles' church, the bells were rung before and after evening service muffled, as a token of respect to Mrs. Collis, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, and a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins. H. Smart, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; H. Egby, 3; A. Evans, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; C. Hines, 6. The following rang the 720: H. Smart, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; W. J. Williams, 4; W. Newell, 5; A. Egby (conductor), 6.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Saturday, November 5th, for practice, at the parish church, 360 of Grandsire Minor. O. Gregory, 1; F. Money, 2; C. Page, 3; G. Gregory, 4; A. Bunce, 5; F. May, 6. And on Sunday, November 6th, 360 of Kent Treble Bob. G. Gregory, 1; A. Gregory, 2; C. Page, 3; A. Bunce, 4; H. Smith, 5; F. May, 6. Also on Saturday, November 12th, after the funeral of Mrs. Barker, wife of Dr. Barker, of this town, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Gregory, 1; A. Gregory, 2; J. Gardner, 3; A. Bunce, 4; C. Page, 5; F. May, 6. And on Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. G. Gregory, 1; A. Gregory, 2; J. Gardner, 3; A. Bunce, 4; H. Smith, 5; F. May (conductor), 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 of College Single in 22 mins. E. Glover, 1; J. Wood, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Baddeley (conductor), 4; J. W. Brough, 5; W. Baddeley, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT.—On Sunday morning, November 13th, 240 Bob Doubles. E. Spooner, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; T. Gould (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. Also 240 Bob Minor (six bobs and two singles). H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis, 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. And for service in the evening 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Spooner, 5; W. Harding, 6. Also 240 Bob Doubles. H. Houlton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; E. Spooner (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, September 22, eight members of the above association rang about 1,100 of Bob Major. J. Flegg, 1; A. Rodwell, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; J. Button, 5; A. Lincoln, 6; W. Button, 7; R. Stannard (conductor) 8. Also 1342 of Bob Major. F. Cooper, 1; E. Cooper, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; R. W. Stannard (conductor) 5; W. Button, 6; A. Lincoln, 7; J. Button, 8. Also 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Lincoln, 1; E. Cooper, 2; F. Wilson, 3; R. Stannard (conductor) 4; H. Button, 5; J. Button, 6; W. Button, 7; J. Flegg, 8. On Saturday, October 29th, the company started for peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part) but after 40 minutes, ringing it came to grief. W. Taylor, 1; A. Rodwell, 2; F. Wilson, 3; H. Button, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; W. Button, 6; R. Stannard (conductor) 7; J. Flegg, 8. And on the same evening some of the above visited Saxmundham, and rang touches of Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, etc. On the following day, some of the members of the Saxmundham Company paid a visit to this place, when some very creditable touches of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major were rung. They consisted of J. Edmunds, R. Wells, W. Watling and Son, who came by the 9 o'clock train in the morning, and ringing was commenced about a quarter to ten, and continued to 5 minutes to 11; also from quarter to 2 till 3; and from half-past 5 till 20 minutes past 6. On the Wednesday following, Messrs. G. Day and Son, from Eye, with Mr. F. Thompson, came over when touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Triples were rung. On Tuesday, November 8th, a 720 of Bob Minor. A. Lincoln, 1; F. Argent, 2; F. Wilson, 3; J. Button, 4; H. Button (conductor), 5; R. Stannard, 6. This is the first 720 by F. Argent. Also 720 of Bob Minor. J. Button, 1; F. Argent, 2; F. Wilson, 3; R. Stannard (conductor), 4; H. Button, 5; A. Lincoln, 6.

OAKLEY (Suffolk).—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday evening, November 20th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 19 mins. Alfred Jolly, 1-2; C. H. Scriven, 3-4; James Batram (conductor), 5-6. The above consists of three parts, and is the first 720 double-handed by any of the party.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN (Lancashire).—On the evening of the 11th inst., the bells

of the parish church rang out merrily, the occasion being to celebrate the first birthday anniversary of the only son of the Rev. C. Heath, M.A., Vicar. In addition to Queens and firing, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 25½ mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter (composer and conductor), 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STAPLEHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, November 13th, at the parish church, 714 and 434 of Grandsire Triples. W. Walter, 1; W. Pope, 2; J. Tillmon, 3; W. E. Pope, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. E. Nunn (conductor), 7; T. G. Colvin, 8. Also a 350. W. Walter, 1; W. Collison, 2; W. Pope, 3; W. E. Pope, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; J. Tillmon, 6; E. Pope (conductor), 7; T. G. Colvin, 8.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Tuesday, November 1st, being the fortieth anniversary of the opening of the peal of ten bells at Christ Church, the following members of the above Society met in the belfry. Before starting to ring, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, was elected a member of the Society, after which an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which unfortunately came to grief through one of the ropes breaking. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; C. H. Hattersley (of Sheffield), 3; J. Plant (Birmingham), 4; W. R. Small, 5; R. Hall, 6; T. Reynolds (Birmingham), 7; M. Murphy (Birmingham), 8; S. Reeves (conductor), 9; A. Thomas (Birmingham), 10. Through the kindness of the Vicar, an adjournment was made, and refreshments partaken of, for which they take this opportunity of thanking him.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DARESBUURY (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 23rd, the local company rang for morning service a 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles). T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; P. Hamblett, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. de Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, November 8th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. A. de Prez, 1; the rest standing as before. Conducted by T. Houghton, jun. The treble leads of this 720 are all plain leads, excepting where the singles occur, the bobs being made when the treble is in seconds and thirds places. The above ringers are all now members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, formed on Saturday, November 12th.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Saturday, November 5th, at St. James's church, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (fifteen bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. West, 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. King, 4; T. Hills, 5; W. G. Biggs, 6. Also a 120 of Stedman Doubles. M. Warwick, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; T. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; H. King, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, November 2nd, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs, two singles). J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; M. Warwick (conductor), 4; H. Chapman, 5; T. Hills, 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs); 360 Grandsire Minor (eighteen bobs). J. Spencer, 1; T. Hills, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. Also, on Wednesday, November 9th, on the election of Mayor, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick (conductor), 2; W. Allen, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. Hall, 6. Also, on Thursday, November 10th, for practice, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; T. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; M. Warwick, 4; H. Chapman, 5; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 6. Also four 120's of Stedman Doubles. Also, on November 9th, on the election of Mayor (Mr. J. Hawkins, for the third time), at St. Paul's church, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung by the following:—W. Allen, W. Hall, C. W. Clarke, T. Hills, M. Warwick, J. N. Frossell, H. Chapman, S. J. Cullip, and F. Keech. Also, on Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, a 308 and 168 Grandsire Triples; also, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples (containing twelve 4-6's). F. Keech, 1; H. Chapman, 2; W. G. Biggs, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; T. Hills, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6; C. W. Clark, 7; A. Andrews, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; T. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; F. Keech, 8. Also, on Monday, November 14th, for practice (on the back six), a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (with nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; T. Hills, 3; M. Warwick, 4; H. Chapman, 5; C. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also, on Sunday, November 20th, for morning service, 308 and 224 Grandsire Triples. Also, for evening service, 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Chapman, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; T. Hills, 6; M. Warwick (conductor), 6; W. Allan, 7; A. Andrews, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. Pass, 3; H. Chapman, 4; T. Hills, 5; C. W. Clark, 6; W. G. Biggs (conductor),

7; — Orpin (from Biddenham), 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; W. Allan, 2; C. W. Clark (conductor), 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; H. Chapman, 6; T. Hills, 7; J. Spencer, 8. This was the first touch of Stedman completed by the Bedford company, but they hope shortly to score a 5040 in this musical method. Also, at St. Mary's church, for practice, on Thursday, November 17th, a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (with eighteen bobs and two sfngles). H. Tall, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Violet Double Minor (with nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; T. Hills, 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; F. Keech, 6.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EVERTON.—On Wednesday, November 2nd, for practice, 720 of Duke of York. T. S. Phillips, 1; F. Durdy, 2; J. Holgate, 3; J. Swindin, 4; G. W. Stephenson, 5; J. Swindin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 6th, for Divine Service, in the evening, 720 of Violet. J. Holgate, 1; F. Durdy, 2; G. Pearson (not a member), 3; J. Swindin, 4; G. W. Stevenson (conductor), 5; J. Swindin, 6. And November 9th, for practice, 720 of Woodbine. C. Lindley, 1; F. Durdy, 2; J. Holgate, 3; J. Swindin (conductor), 4; G. W. Stevenson, 5; J. Swindin, 6. On Sunday, November 12th, for practice, 720 of Kent. C. Lindley, 1; F. Durdy, 2; J. Holgate (conductor), 3; J. Swindin, 4; G. W. Stevenson, 5; J. Swindin, 6. On Sunday, November 13th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 of New London Pleasure. C. Lindley, 1; F. Durdy (conductor), 2; J. Holgate, 3; J. Swindin, 4; G. W. Stevenson, 5; G. Brown, 6.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD, AND SOUTH LINCOLN-SHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SPALDING.—On Sunday, November 20th, for afternoon service at the church of SS. Mary and Nicolas, 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. Peck, 1; G. Skeef (conductor), 2; J. W. Jarvis, 3; R. Skeef, 4; C. Quinton, 5; R. Mackman, 6; R. Jarvis, 7; E. Jarvis, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday evening, November 8th, at the parish church, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Little (first 720), 1; H. S. Taylor (first 720), 2; W. Patten, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister (first 720), 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Tuesday, November 1st, for practice at St. Andrew's church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; *H. C. Mayne, 2; F. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. G. Pratt, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6. *First 720 with a bob bell. Also on Sunday morning, November 6th, for Divine Service, 518 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. G. Pratt, 5; F. Castree, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; F. Charlton, 8. And for evening service, 360 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; F. Castree, 8. Also on Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service, 168 of Grandsire Triples. J. G. Pratt, 1; J. Cleminson, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. And for evening service, 1060 of Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. Cleminson, 2; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Mayor's Sunday, at St. Hilda's church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. R. Hopper, 1; J. Moffitt, 2; R. Scafton, 3; J. R. Wheldon, 4; John Moffitt, 5; J. Hopper, 6; J. T. Gibson (conductor), 7; J. Crawford, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WINSHILL (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, November 13th, at St. Mark's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. W. Wylde, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; C. Golder, 3; *R. Logie, 4; J. Jaggar, 5; L. Bullock, 6. Conducted by W. J. Smith. And on Thursday, November 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27½ mins. R. Logie, 1; W. Wylde, 2; J. Jaggar, 3; W. J. Smith, 4; *J. Woodward, 5; L. Bullock (conductor), 6. *First 720.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Monday, November 14th, at St. Clement Danes, ten members of the above society rang the usual half-muffled peal as a mark of respect to the memory of the late George Marriott, of Hackney, an old and respected member of this society. G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; J. Coomb, 3; W.

Weatherstone, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; J. Waghorn, sen., 7; J. Waghorn, jun., 8; H. Swain, 9; G. Wild, 10.

ASHCHURCH (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. D. Done, 1; C. Slater, 2; W. Wellan, 3; W. Davis, 4; J. Bayliss, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Friday, November 11th, at St. Martin's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. E. Dodd, 1; *R. Arnold, 2; *F. Arnold, 3; *T. Sadler, 4; H. Boxall, jun., 5; C. Boxall (composer and conductor), 6; H. Boxall, sen., 7; F. Hudson, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. *First quarter-peal in the method.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Friday, October 11th, at St. George's church for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples, R. Hole (conductor). And on Tuesday, October 18th, 1344 Grandsire Triples, C. B. Craze (conductor). Also on Tuesday, November 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. J. Grabham, 1; T. Elliott, 2; R. Hole, 3; F. Pitts, 4; C. B. Craze, 5; W. W. Thrush, 6; Rev. J. U. Todd (conductor), 7; J. Payne, 8.

EXETER.—On Saturday, November 12th, at St. Sidwell's church, with the bells muffled, 518 of Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd (conductor), 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also 168 standing as before. And on Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy (conductor), 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also in the evening for Divine Service, 1386 of Grandsire Triples (Reeves's), in 47 mins. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

HEYWOOD (Lancashire).—On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service, at St. Luke's Church, 1792 of Grandsire Triples, being up to the tittums in Holt's Original, and round with bobs at 1-4 3-4, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. James Kay, 1; J. Pilkington, 2; John Millet, 3; A. Schofield, 4; Wm. H. Walmsley, 5; Ernest Bishop (Bury, conductor), 6; John Harrison, 7; James Millett, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. Griffin, 1; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 2; J. Waghorn, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; *A. Jacob, 6. Also a 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. A. Jacob, 1; J. Waghorn, sen., 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; G. Griffin (conductor), 4; J. Waghorn, 5; G. B. Lucas, 6. *First 720 in the method. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

INGRAVE (Essex).—On Sunday, November 20th, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. S. Surridge, 1; W. Boosey, 2; C. Sheldon, 3; W. Tyler, 4; C. Harriss (conductor), 5. Tenor 16 cwt.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, November 9th, at St. Mary-le-Tower, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, but after ringing about 4000 changes in 3 hrs. and 5 mins., it came to grief. J. Motts (composer and conductor), 1; R. Hawes, 2; W. P. Garrett, 3; F. Tillett, 4; J. Fosdike (Woodbridge), 5; W. L. Catchpole, 6; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 7; W. Motts, 8; F. Mee, 9; C. Ward (Melton), 10; A. Aldham, 11; T. Steward, 12.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Saturday last, November 19th, on the occasion of a Committee and ringing meeting, three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Crump, 1; W. R. Small, 2; G. Hayward, 3; S. Spittle, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Smith, 6; H. Martin, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. Also 840 of Grandsire Triples (with the second left out). J. Prestidge, 1; W. R. Small, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; R. E. Grove, 6; S. Spittle, 7; H. Martin, 8.

LONDON.—On Thursday, November 10th, at St. James', Clerkenwell, seven members of the Royal Cumberland Society, assisted by one of the Clerkenwell Society, rung a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Geo. Marriott, who had rang at this church several good peals of Stedman, etc., as the tablets in the steeple testify. J. Bismire, 1; J. Nelms, 2; J. D. Knight, 3; W. H. Moore, 4; J. Rumsey, 5; J. Looker, 6; J. Barry, 7; D. Lovett, 8. Conducted by J. Nelms. Tenor 22 cwt. Afterwards several touches were rung, assisted by the following: Messrs. Ward, Boyer, Green, Rayner, Matthews, and Mitchell.

MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday, November 20th, for evening service, at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. C. Truss, 1; H. Gibson, 2; H. Buckingham, 3; C. Smith, 4; W. Badger, 5; H. Yates, 6; H. Collins (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8. Tenor 18 cwt.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, November 17th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins.

B. Townsend, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; *J. Wilson, 5; J. Smith, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 27½ mins., the band standing as before, except the treble, which was rang by F. Hotchkiss. The above was rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of the Right Rev. Henry Philpott, D.D., Bishop of Worcester, his Lordship having been bishop of the diocese since 1861, and is the 102nd occupant of the see of Worcester, a throne which is about a century and a half older than Queen Victoria's. Also on Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 25½ mins. E. Hampton, 1; B. Townsend, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. *Hails from Birmingham.

NEWDIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, October 31st, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; G. Cox, 3; W. Mills, 4; T. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also another 720 in the same method with J. Still at the treble, the rest as before, and 288 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; R. Jordan, 3; A. Mills, 4; T. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

OLD CLEEVE (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, November 13th, for afternoon service at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 29 mins. C. Chapman, 1; J. M. Williams, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; W. H. Gaye, 4; T. Doble (conductor), 5; W. Cridland, 6. T. Doble hails from Taunton, and wishes through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank his Old Cleeve friends for making arrangements for him to have a pull on so sweet a peal, the "go" of which is perfect.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—At the parish church, on Tuesday, November 15th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 29 mins. A. Baldwin, 1; W. Ellis, 2; R. Hill, 3; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 4; A. L. Porter, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; J. Aspinwall, 7; W. Baldwin, 8. Messrs. A. Baldwin, R. Hill, A. L. Porter, and W. Baldwin, hail from Southport; J. Aspinwall, from Liverpool; the rest belong to the local society.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Monday evening, November 14th, the local company rang a 546 of Grandsire Triples, for practice. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; D. Marment, 4; J. Wager, 5; W. Hale (conductor), 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also on Sunday, 20th, previous to Divine Service in the evening, the fifth part of Holt's Ten-part peal (518 changes), standing as before. Also 630 of Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, 1; A. Gwinnet, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; D. Marment, 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; A. Trigg, 8. Also on Monday evening November 21st, two 168's for practice, and two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. A. Trigg, 1; W. Hale (conductor), 2; W. Ryland, 3; D. Marment, 4; G. Smith, 5; J. Powell, 6. First 6-scores by the band.

PETERBOROUGH. —On Tuesday, November 15th, at St. John-the-Baptist church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 51 mins. H. Plowman, 1; R. Beeson, 2; C. W. Holdich, 3; E. F. Read, 4; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 5; T. Measures, 6; J. Hancock, 7; T. J. Binks, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. On Monday, November 14th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of Mr. Churchwarden Southwell's wedding, two 720's of Bob Minor. First 720. *E. Wellerton, 1; *C. Matthews, 2; *S. English, 3; E. F. Read, 4; W. A. Tyler, 5; *C. Brice, 6. Second 720. A. Willerton, 1; C. Matthews, 2; S. English, 3; R. Beeson, 4; C. Brice, 5; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt.

PRESTWICH (Cheshire).—On Sunday, November 20th, at the parish church, 720 of Treble Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. J. Hardman, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Greateorex, 3; J. Brooks, 4; W. Warburton, 5; J. Heywood, 6. Tenor 15½ cwt.

TIDENHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 13th, 1887, for Divine Service in the morning, the local company rang several six scores of Grandsire Doubles, at St. Mary's church. James Jones (conductor), 1; Thomas Cecil, 2; James Williams, 3; Thomas Jones, 4; James Morley, 5; Thomas Clutterbuck, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in A. James Morley hails from Chepstow.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 14th, for practice at St. Martin's church, by the local company, 120 Stedman Doubles. *H. Mills, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; A. Hill, 3; W. R. Small (conductor), 4; G. Hughes, 5; B. Starkey, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. W. R. Small, 1; S. Jesson, 2; A. Hill, 3; *B. Starkey, 4; G. Hughes (conductor), 5; W. Pardoe, 6. Also 504 of Grandsire Triples. B. Starkey, 1; S. Jesson, 2; *H. Mills, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; A. Hill, 5; G. Hughes (conductor), 6; W. R. Small, 7. *First touch.

WATERFOOT (Lancashire).—On Thursday, November 17th, at St. James's church, a 720 of College Single, in 26 mins. *J. Bolton (conductor), 1; *W. Maden, 2; *J. Ashworth, 3; *J. E. Whittaker, 4; J. Smith, 5; *W. Whittaker, 6. *First 720 in the method. J. Smith, hails from Bacup.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]
To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE PROOF OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

SIR,—I should like to ask our Treble Bob composers their opinion on the proof required for Treble Bob Maximus. Mr. Snowdon, in his *Treatise on Treble Bob*, part 1, page 68, says "The general mode of composition on twelve bells is to produce the number on eight that will run to the required number on twelve, as the causes that work to produce false changes on eight are the same against twelve, the treble leads and course-ends requiring to be true as in Major." Now if this statement is correct, it makes several peals in part II. useless, as they will not stand the Major proof, viz., the 7488 on page 111, by J. Miller, and the last five peals on page 113, the two peals of 7008 by Mr. Haley on page 114, and the 4th and 5th peals on page 117. Also the two peals of Maximus in a recent number, by Messrs. Williams and Pritchard, will not stand the Major proof. If all these peals are false, I think the exercise should be made aware of the fact.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

SIR,—It was not my intention to have troubled you further on this subject, but the characteristic letter of Mr. Binns constrains me to write once more. That gentleman seems properly to have got "out of the mud into the quagmire," and his best friends would do him a kindness by bringing him to a proper sense of the situation, and preventing him getting still further in the muddle. His letter of Saturday last substantiates nothing—proves nothing in his favour—and will convince nobody of the correctness of his complaint. It is but the reiteration of "so are you," a policy usually adopted by disputants when real argument fails them. But, for the benefit of your readers, allow me to state the whole matter "in a nut-shell" (as the saying goes). On November 10th, 1883, Mr. Tebbs' peal of 5050 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Drighlington and entered in the year's report, numbered 247. It the printing of the Report a mistake was made by reversing the bobs wrong in the second and third courses. That slight mistake was so palpable to any one with an ordinary knowledge of Treble Bob, that it needed no explanation. On December 4th, 1886, this same peal was rung at Pudsey, consequently, in the last Report, the calling was not repeated, as is the custom with the Yorkshire Association; but a foot-note was appended, stating the number of the Association peal under which it would be found. These as the plain unvarnished facts of the case, and Mr. Binns may write—or get his friends to write for him—until doomsday. I maintain he cannot gain-say the fact that it is one and the same peal which is in the two Reports as having been rung at Drighlington and Pudsey. But, instead of attempting to prove anything to the contrary, he asks (very unwisely, I think) how do I know which way the course-ends turned in the 247th performance? My answer to this is simple. I know precisely in the same way in which I know that the peal was rung at all, viz.: by reference to the Ninth Report. But what does he really mean by this query? Is it an insinuation that the peal numbered 247 was sent for insertion, but was not actually rung, as stated? If so, then why does he not out with it in an honourable manner, instead of hiding his meaning behind abstruse queries and *inappropos* observations? I am obliged to him for his offer to show me how a peal "will turn up in a different manner than probably I am aware of," but he must excuse me if I deny his ability to do anything of the sort, and venture to express the opinion that a man who undertakes to call a peal, without himself first proving its correctness, and then conducts the same for three hours without knowing that a bob has been omitted in the calling, is scarcely competent to instruct me in the matter. A sensible man will first show his ability to teach himself before he presumes to teach others. The question at issue, however, resolves itself into this:—if Mr. Binns means to substantiate his case, he must either prove that the two peals in question are not one and the same (which he certainly has not done yet), or otherwise that the peal numbered 247 in the Report was not actually rang at all. Let us have no side issues, but come to the point. And this matter I cannot refrain from noticing. Mr. Binns concludes his letter with the words, "I assure you the complaint was more needed than the officers might like to be reminded of." This statement is, I have no hesitation in saying, as void of truth as it is ungenerous. From my personal knowledge of the Officers and Committee of the Yorkshire Association, since its formation, I can say that I never found a body of men more anxious to carry on the business entrusted to them in a faithful manner; who have always been extremely anxious to avoid any cause of complaint, and to conduct the affairs of the Association to the satisfaction of the members. In proof of which I challenge Mr. Binns to show a single instance where the action of the Committee has not met with the approval of the members in general meeting assembled. These concluding words of his, however, convince me that his real motive has not been so much to correct a mistake as to create a cause of unpleasantness; in which

object I can assure him he will ignominiously fail. If Mr. Binns will confine himself to real facts and arguments, instead of indulging in so much "off-side play," I will deal further with him; and should he be able to prove his case, will give him all credit for it; but so long as he persists in his present line of action, I shall decline to continue this correspondence, considering it derogatory to myself and the Association to which I have the honour and pleasure to belong.

A MEMBER Y. A. C. R.

THE LATE REMARKABLE ALLEGATION.

SIR,—I usually read your valuable paper with profound tranquility of mind, but now and then I am moved from this lethargic state and induced to intrude my opinions on the readers of "THE BELL NEWS." This, however, is only very rarely and under most extreme provocation, and then only after all others have had the chance of saying what they will. I know not who made that remarkable allegation, neither have I any personal knowledge of the accused, but this much is plain to every reader, that there has been a mistake made somewhere. Either the accuser is speaking what is not true, or the conductor in question did get mixed between Penning's peal and Holt's. To make such a remarkable allegation without proof is in every way calculated to bring our craft into disrepute, and he who would do such is no credit to any association or society. On the other hand, a conductor, never mind what his powers may be, who would publish a peal, knowing it to be false, is anything but an ornament to our craft. Aristotle would argue that he who makes a false accusation, knowing it to be false, is decidedly more base than he who says what is not true to gain honour thereby, for the latter has an eye to virtue and would like to possess it, though he strives to become famous in a mean way. I suppose it is a good thing to call Penning's peal and that it brings honour to call Holt's as many times as possible, therefore the man who says he has done it when he has not, has an eye to what is good and famous, though he cannot at that time attain to it by honourable means, but the man who falsely and knowingly strives to malign another is very despicable. I think Associations would do well to make rules to cover such cases in the future. Associations and societies would do well to have such a rule as the following: "Any member who shall publicly declare a conductor to have knowingly published a false peal as though it were true, shall be called upon at the general meeting to prove the truth of his allegation, and in the event of his failing to do so to the satisfaction of two thirds of the members then assembled, he shall be expelled from the Association, and any conductor proved to have knowingly published a false peal as a true one shall be suspended for the space of two years from taking part in peals rung by the Association."

C. F. C.

[We cannot understand what our correspondent is referring to.—ED.]

THE TOTTENHAM PEAL.

SIR,—I have read the correspondence which has appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" with reference to the above, and am afraid that it is rapidly becoming a personal dispute, which is very much to be regretted. I would like to suggest that the matter in dispute should be referred to the arbitration of some disinterested body (the Committee of the Sussex County Association, for instance). Both parties have a good argument in their favour, and the Tottenham men have a cause of complaint against the Society, probably through a mistake on the part of one of the officers. Hoping that some one will second my proposal, and that it will be carried into effect, I am, sir,

A MEMBER OF THE S. C. A.

PRIZE RINGING.

SIR,—In a recent issue you have an account of a meeting lately held at Ghester, when a discussion took place on the proposed formation of a Guild of Church Bellringers for the Diocese of Chester. I heartily agree with the objects of the proposed Guild as laid down by Archdeacon Barber, the second of which is to improve the art of change-ringing. Mr. J. H. Cook, of Northwich, in seconding the Archdeacon's proposition, referred to the obnoxious practice of prize-ringing, which he averred reduced the belfry to the condition of a bowling-green. Well, Mr. Editor, is there something very wrong in participating in the manly and invigorating game of bowls? I confess I can see no harm in it whatever, and I am equally as short-sighted with respect to prize-ringing. In fact, in common with all my ringing brethren at the east end of this county and its surrounding districts, I sincerely wish there was a great deal more of it, and less of the absurd and nonsensical cry of "down with prize-ringing," a cry I may say that has become quite infectious with most of our associations who, by the way, should be the first to encourage it by giving substantial prizes, thereby gaining that standard of efficiency that is only acquired by steady and constant practice. Who or what Mr. Cook is I have no means of knowing, but if he is desirous of improving the art in this county, I have no doubt he will find plenty of support if he will drop his obnoxious cry, but not otherwise. If it were not too presumptuous on

my part, I would ask him to take the first opportunity that presents itself of attending one, and, in the event of his doing so, I venture to assume he will greatly regret ever having supported the abolition of contesting. It is the intention of the Association to which I have the honour to belong, and whose only object is the promotion of good, sound change-ringing, to give a valuable silver cup for the best three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, the competition for which will take place at Leesfield, near Oldham, about the middle of January next, of which due notice will be given. If there be no other prize-ringing in the meantime, let those who, like Mr. Cook, are prejudiced against prize-ringing, come and listen to this one. I can assure you, sir, we do not fear the severest criticism. In conclusion, let me impress upon the minds of the officials (if there be any) of the proposed Guild that the only way to secure constant good ringing is by frequently holding prize-ringing meetings.

JAMES S. WILDE,

Hon. Sec. of the United Counties' Association.

REPLY TO THE REV. P. JACKSON.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS," No. 294, Mr. Jackson writes for advice on church towers, louvres, etc. Having had some experience in this matter, I venture to write a few lines, which I trust may be beneficial to those who have complaints about the noise of the bells. The tower of St. Lawrence, Reading, where I have the honour to be captain, stand in the market place, and is surrounded with shops and offices, and we found that the noise of the bells was more than the inhabitants cared for, and as we were very anxious to make progress in the art of change-ringing, and wishing to avoid any unpleasantness, we got twelve doors to fit between the mullions of the windows (in addition to the wooden louvres already there). They were hung on hinges, and fastened with a bolt into the stone. The effect is admirable, the bells sound as if they were some distance away. If it is not practicable to hang doors as above, sliding doors would answer as well, which ought not to be less than one inch in thickness. Of course they may be closed for practice, and opened for public rejoicings. If our church architects would consult some experienced ringers when they are going to build a church tower for bells, many defects and blunders would be avoided. I believe long slabs of slate or iron are the very worst kind of louvres that can be used, as they conduct the sound down about people's ears. Nothing is better than wood, and the louvres put as close together as possible, say about 2½ or 3 inches apart, the sound will then get away into the air, and appear more sweet below. I think tower windows or louvres ought not to be made lower than the mouth of the bells when they are up; also I believe that bells sound more sweet from a flat roof tower, than from a long pointed spire. The bells of St. Giles, of this town, used to be considered a sweet peal when in the old tower with wood louvres, but now in the new tower with the long slabs of slate, the noise is unbearable below. I noticed the same nuisance at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, also at St. Thomas, Belfast, and there are several new towers in this neighbourhood without bells at present, that have the tower windows lower than the roof of the church. Surely this must be a great mistake on the part of the architects, as I understand the towers are intended for bells. My opinion is that bells ought to be kept up quite clear of any other building. I think it would be a good plan, if when ringers knew that a church tower was going to be built for a ring of bells, they would make themselves acquainted with the architect and point out any improvement, or offer any suggestions which may prevent many inconveniences which ringers have to endure, because it is too late to make alterations, as the architect will no doubt say. W. NEWELL.

THE FROME BELLS.

SIR,—In your last issue of "THE BELL NEWS" I observed an editorial paragraph, suggesting that after the completion of the laborious task, Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, has undertaken in restoring and strengthening the framework, etc. of the bells of the parish church of St. John-the-Baptist, Frome, Somersetshire, they should be opened by a competent band of change-ringers. Could not one of the Bristol Societies or any other company be found to volunteer to go for a peal? Surely it would be an honour, whoever succeeded in the attempt. Nothing of the kind has ever been accomplished on the grand old ring of eight as yet, other than churchyard Surprise. Considering the new Vicar of the above church, the Hon. and Rev. Hanbury Tracy, only a year ago hailed from Bristol, perhaps it would appear more appropriate and interesting for a Bristol Society to achieve the first honour. Should this elicit any favourable consideration from the Bristol gentlemen, I feel sure the Frome ringers would give the visitors a hearty reception.

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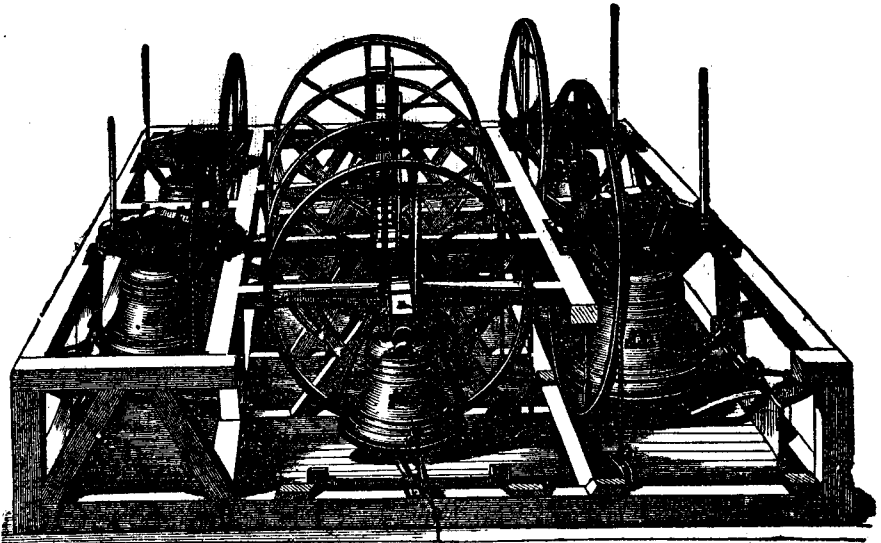


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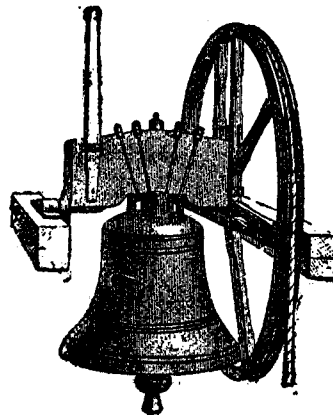
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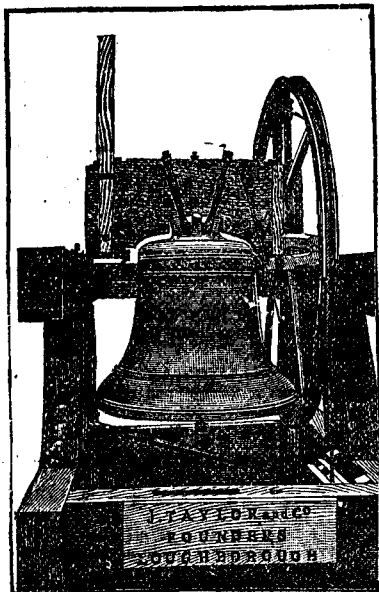
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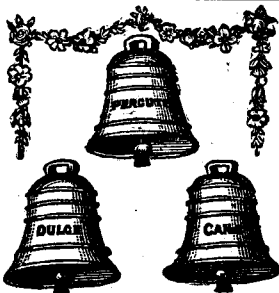
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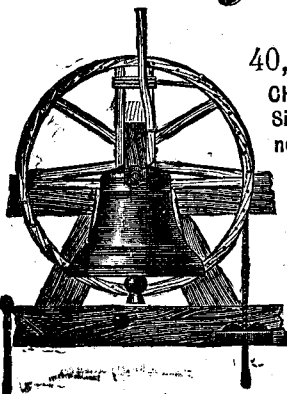
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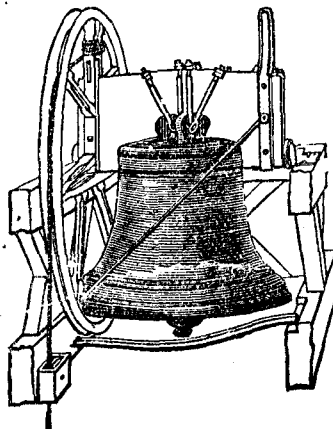
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THE COLLEGE BELLS OF OXFORD.—ST. MARY-
THE-VIRGIN.

I shall conclude my account of the College bells of Oxford with a description of the peal of six at St. Mary-the-Virgin, the University church. I do not propose to give an account of the numerous peals of six at the various parish churches in the town.

The steeple of St. Mary-the-Virgin contains, as I said before, a peal of six bells, tenor 53½ inches diameter, note D, weight about 32 cwt.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—“Prosperity to the Church of England. A.R. 1731.”

Second.—“Gloria Deo in excelsis. F.S: G.A: H.O: T.H: 1623.”

Third.—“A.P.R. 1641. R.E: F.B: Churchwardens.”

Fourth. (This bell I shall notice below. It is the only one in England with such an inscription).

Fifth.—“Be yt knowne to all that doth me see: That Newcombe of Leicester made mee. Tho. L: Ellesmere L: High Chancellor of England and Chancellor of the Vniversitye of Oxon, Anno 1612. Thomas Singleton Doct: in Divinitye and Vice-Chancellor. Thomas Sellor, Senior Proctor, Richard Corbett, Junior Proctor.”

Tenor.—“M.L: L.B: Churchwardens 1639. LOVE GOD.” (Engraved on the waist) “Roger Bracegirdle, Matthew Chub, Gent.

The fourth bell is one of the greatest curiosities in bells, as regards the inscription, which I have heard of. The legend commences like the fifth with “+Be yt knowne to all that doth me see, that Newcombe of Leicester made mee 1612.” Above and below this is a wavy pattern of leaves and flowers which Newcombe often used. Below this are *two lines of music*, the upper one going all round the bell, and the lower one part of the way. The notes are lozenge shaped, like Gregorian music, and there are five lines to the staff as in modern music. The staves measure about 1½ inches across. There are no bars except a double one at the end of each strain, the C clef is used for the three upper parts, and the F clef for the bass, and all the parts have the signature of B flat. It would be impossible for me here to give an engraving of the music, but one is given by the late. Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, in his “*Bells of the Church*,” page 266. At the beginning of each of the four parts is a medallion 2½ inches diameter. These medallions represent men in the costume of the period (all four different), and surrounded by the following inscriptions: “+The last strayne is good,”—“+Keep tyme. in anye case.”—“Then lett vs singe it againe,”—and “+Well songe my harts excelent.”

What this music is and why it was placed upon the bell is a mystery. No record about it can be found in the parish archives, nor is there any other bell cast by Newcombe or anyone else with music on it. I am no musician myself, nor can I read music, but for the most part the notes appear to me simply to run up and down the scale with a few variations. I got an organist to play the piece over to me some years ago, but I could make no tune of it, nor could he. Mr. Fowler remarks upon this music: “It is very much in the madrigal style, and like such compositions as ‘In going to my lonesome bed,’ which is often sung as an anthem to words from the Psalms. It seems as well adapted to sacred words as to secular words of a sober or pathetic character. It may however have been meant solely as an exercise in what we now call ‘vocalization,’ or solmization,’ according to circumstances. It has also been suggested that it may have been meant to be performed on four viols, on which it would sound exceedingly well.”

J. R. JERRAM.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Would any ringer kindly inform me if any peals of Bob Triples have been obtained and published with a call at every m w n throughout, before the one which appeared in this paper on July 2nd, 1887, containing these properties. A RINGER.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

We chronicled in our columns a few weeks ago the dedication of a ring of six bells in the tower of St. Martin, Fenny Stratford. The ring consists of five new bells, and the old one, which together make a first-class ring of six, and a fitting memorial of Her Majesty's Jubilee in the town of Fenny Stratford. The Church of St. Martin was erected in 1724 and six succeeding years, chiefly through the exertions of Dr. Browne Willis, the antiquary, on the site of a chapel dedicated to St. Margaret, which was destroyed, and its burial ground desecrated during the Civil War. Dr. Willis died on the 5th February, 1760, aged 78, and was buried in the chancel of this church beneath a slab of white marble inscribed with an epitaph written by himself. The celebration of St. Martin's day, November 11th, regularly maintained by Browne Willis during his life, is still observed here, Divine Service, with a sermon being held in the chapel in the morning, and in the afternoon a dinner takes place at the “Bull Inn,” the occasion being also marked by repeated salvoes from six little pieces of ordnance of curious size and shape, used from time immemorial, and known as the Fenny Poppers. The observance of the dedication day of the present year was marked by the ringing of the new bells, and showed a marked improvement over that of the old two bells, which were always rung on the like occasions.

The Vicar of Fenny (the Rev. A. H. Barrow) kindly invited the change-ringers of the neighbouring towers of Aspley Guise and Woburn, to assist in the demonstration by the ringing of the church bells. As many as were able to attend did so, and kept the bells going at intervals, from 3 till 9 p.m. A number of touches in six bell methods were nicely struck, including a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 22 minutes. G. Usher, 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Norman, 3; J. Carwell Cooke, 4; W. Mynard, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. Also another (with 34 bobs and 2 singles) in the same time, the men standing as before. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (9 bobs), in 22 minutes. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell Cooke, 4; W. Chibnall, 5; Mark Lane (conductor), 6.

The ringers in the evening, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, had supper at the “Bull Inn,” which was well served, and thoroughly enjoyed by all the party. The Vicar is making efforts to establish a company of change-ringers, the belfry is in every respect a pattern one, the appointments wisely made under the direction of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, being all that can be desired. The Vicar, the Curate, and a number of young men have already enrolled themselves as ringers, and their ringing neighbours in Aspley Guise and Woburn will cheerfully help them on to attain proficiency in the well-beloved craft of change-ringing.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The subscriptions of some members of the Association for the year 1886-7 (ending at Whitsuntide last), are still in arrear; and I hereby give notice that unless these arrears are paid by December 31st inst., it will be assumed that the members in question do not wish their names to remain any longer upon our books. I may also remind members of the Association that the subscription for the current year, 1887-8, was due last Whit Monday, and should be paid as soon as possible by those who have not already forwarded it. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec. Writtle, Chelmsford.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The above Association will hold their next monthly meeting on Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Philip's (10 bells). Should any ringer be in Birmingham on that date they will receive a hearty welcome, and will be sure of a touch, be he member or not. Time of meeting 3.45. As the time is limited it is necessary that all should be punctual. It is also hoped country members will avail themselves of this opportunity of meeting their brother strings. JOHN WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

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TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By THOMAS POLLITT, *Bradford.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
5 6 3 4 2	1	2	2
6 5 2 4 3	2		2
4 2 5 6 3		2	2
4 5 6 2 3		1	2
5 3 6 2 4	1		2
2 6 3 5 4		2	2
2 3 5 6 4		1	2
3 2 4 6 5	2		2
6 4 2 3 5		2	2
6 2 3 4 5		1	2
6 3 4 2 5		1	2
3 5 4 2 6	1		2
2 4 5 3 6		2	2
2 5 3 4 6		1	2
2 3 4 5 6		1	2

5088.

2 3 4 5 6	B	H
3 5 2 6 4	1	
6 3 5 4 2	1	2
3 4 6 2 5	1	
4 2 3 5 6	1	
5 4 2 6 3	1	2
4 6 5 3 2	1	
6 3 4 2 5	1	

Twice repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5120.

By JAMES MOTTS, *Ipswich.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
2 5 6 3 4	2	1	1
2 6 3 5 4		1	2
2 3 5 6 4		1	2
6 5 3 2 4		2	2
6 2 4 5 3	2	1	1
6 4 5 2 3		1	2
6 5 2 4 3		1	2
4 6 5 3 2	2	2	2
4 3 2 6 5	2	1	1
4 2 6 3 5		1	2
4 6 3 2 5		1	2
2 3 6 4 5		2	2
2 4 5 3 6	2	1	1
5 4 3 2 6		2	1
2 3 4 5 6		2	2

This peal was first rung at Ipswich, on hand-bells, on Thursday, November 17th, and was conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5120.

By WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

2 3 4 5 6	W	B	H
5 2 3 6 4	1	1	1
3 5 2 6 4		1	
5 3 5 6 4		1	
5 6 2 3 4	1		1
2 5 6 3 4		1	
6 3 2 5 4	1		1
2 6 3 5 4		1	
3 2 6 5 4		1	
6 5 3 2 4	1		1

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

5088.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

1 2 3 4 5	I	O
5 1 3 4 2	-	
2 5 3 4 1	-	
1 4 3 2 5	s	-
5 1 3 2 4	-	
4 3 2 5 1	-	
1 2 5 4 3	-	
3 5 4 1 2	-	
2 4 1 3 5	-	
5 2 1 3 4	-	
4 1 3 5 2	-	
2 3 5 4 1	-	
1 5 4 2 3	-	
3 4 2 1 5	-	
5 3 2 1 4	-	
4 2 1 5 3	-	
3 1 5 4 2	-	
2 5 4 3 1	-	
1 2 4 3 5	-	
5 1 4 3 2	-	
2 4 3 5 1	-	
1 3 5 2 4	-	
4 5 2 1 3	-	
3 2 1 4 5	-	
5 3 1 4 2	-	
2 1 4 5 3	-	
3 4 5 2 1	-	
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4 1 2 3 5	-	

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

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

5088.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	W	H
2 3 5 6 4	2	2	1
6 2 3 4 5	2	2	2
5 4 3 2 6	1	1	1
4 2 5 6 3	2	2	
2 6 4 3 5	2	2	
6 3 5 4 2	1	2	
2 3 4 5 6	1	2	1

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

5019.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, *Sheffield.*

2 3 1 4 5 6	Bob on 9, 10, 11.
3 1 6 4 2 5	5 6 7
2 1 6 5 3 4	5 6 19
2 1 4 6 3 5	-
2 1 5 4 3 6	-
5 1 2 6 3 4	-
5 1 4 2 3 6	-
5 1 6 4 3 2	-
6 1 5 2 3 4	-
6 1 4 5 3 2	-
4 1 2 5 3 6	-

These nine courses three times repeated with the exception of calling a single instead of a bob at 19 in the fifth course in the last part, produces:—

2 1 4 3 6 5 7 8 0 9 x
B 1 3 5 8 2 9 4 7 6 x 0
S 5 9 4 3 1 x 0 7 2 6 8
S 9 x 5 7 3 6 4 0 1 2 8

Round at hand at seven sixes and one change, with the least number of calls possible in the coming round course.

Rang at Sheffield on November 26th, 1887. Conducted by Thomas Hattersley.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5216.

By JOHN SIDEBOTHAM, *Mottram-in-Longdendale.*

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
5 2 3 6 4	-		2	
4 5 6 2 3	-	2	2	
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A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR.

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By T. HOLDCTOFT, *Hanley, Staffordshire.*

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Contains sixty calls only.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday the 26th inst., a largely-attended meeting was held in the Old King's School, Chester, for the purpose of forming a Diocesan Association of Church Bell-ringers similar to that which already exists in many dioceses throughout England. The Ven. Archdeacon Barber presided, and the attendance included Rev. Canon Greenall, Rev. Canon Upperton, Rev. Canon Blencowe, Rev. Canon Atkinson, Revs. J. H. Acheson, G. A. Robins, E. D. Green, R. J. Fairclough, W. Lowe, J. F. Buckler, E. O. Rawson, J. Godson, A. M. Wood, — Miller, G. Egerton Warburton; Messrs. H. Hattcock, Gamlin, John Tinsley, A. Heywood, Freeman Ball, &c., and representing Chester Cathedral, and St. Mary's, St. Peter's, and St. Michael's Chester; Eastham, Grappenhall, Tarvin, Audlem, Davenham, Eccleston, Holmes Chapel, West Kirby, Bidston, Witton (Norwich), Mottram, Tattenhall, Daresbury, Neston, Gawsworth, Waverton, Bunbury, Bromborough, Great Budworth, and Rhyl. The Chairman congratulated those present on having such a representative gathering, and especially on the attendance of so many of their excellent friends, the ringers themselves, shewing by their presence their personal interest in the formation of an association or guild of bell-ringers, and he hoped giving them very good augury of a successful commencement. At the outset he might state the objects of the association, a point that was touched upon at the recent Chester Diocesan Conference. Its first object was to give Church bell-ringers due recognition as officers of the Church, and to endeavour to raise and improve their status as such. He felt sure he would carry the ringers with him when he said that their second object was to improve, as far as possible, the art of change-ringing. Particularly they should do what they could to raise the tone of their belfries, and he was thankful to say, and the ringers would agree in that thankfulness, that a very great improvement in that respect within the last quarter of a century had occurred. The belfries were now very much more recognised as parts of the House of God than they were, and there were in many a belfry a tone which they would not wish to raise or improve, and which was sufficiently high already, but what they wanted to see was that their belfries were in every respect worthy of that position which they occupied as really part of God's House. Lastly, he ventured to suggest that an association like that would be a very valuable means of giving information to those who desired it relating to the improvement of their belfries, the enlargement of their peals, the repair of their bells, and work such as that. When they had established, as he hoped soon to be able to announce, a fully accredited society on such lines as these, those persons in need of advice would be able to get it from qualified men, and thus avoid what had taken place too often in the past, letting many peals of bells be spoiled for want of timely attention or capable workmanship when renovation or repair was necessary. Under the influence exercised by the Association they hoped to see an improvement both in the *personnel* of the ringers and of the belfries themselves. He might also add that letters had been received from distant parts of the diocese expressing approval of the objects of the Association and sympathy with the movement altogether.—Canon Upperton, in the course of a few remarks supporting the Association, pointed out where its work would be of special service in instructing ringers in the treatment of bells and preventing them from being injured by unskilful practices. Resolutions were unanimously passed that the association be called "The Chester Diocesan Association of Church Bell-ringers," appointing the Bishop president, the Dean and Archdeacons Barber and Gore vice-presidents, and a representative committee and framing a code of rules.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting will be held at Basingstoke, Hants, on Wednesday, December 14th. The belfry of St. Michael's will be open from 3-30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Old Angel Cafe in the market place at 6.30. Those who wish for an order to travel at reduced fares must send notice to the Rev. H. A. Spyers, Purbrook, Cosham, Hants, before Thursday, December 8th, stating number and station. Tickets for the tea, 1s. each, may be had on application before Saturday, December 10th. All ringers will be welcome. H. A. SPYERS, *Hon. Sec.*

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., the following members succeeded in ringing Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5640 changes, in three hours and one minute: George B. Walker (conductor), 1; Samuel C. C. Turner, 2; James Leyland, 3; George Turner, 4; Jonathan F. Hall, 5; Samuel Hall, 6; Robert Fisher and Alexander Shaw, 7; John E. Gomerson and John Meadow, 8. First peal as conductor by G. B. Walker, and first peal by John Meadow. Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

The above peal being recorded on a tablet (presented to the company for such purposes in 1879 by the Rev. D. S. Murray), on the following Thursday, having met for their usual practice, they were content with a short touch only, as by arrangement they were due at the house of Mr. Gilbert C. Hall, an ex-ringer, where a repast was awaiting them. After partaking of the good things provided, and the cloth removed, Mr. T. Halliwell was called to the chair, and Mr. Harrison to the vice-chair.

The toast of the "Queen" was proposed by the Chairman, and heartily responded to. The toast of the "Lord Bishop of Liverpool and the Clergy of the Diocese," coupling with it the health of their worthy friend and ringer, the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, who in responding, spoke in warm terms of congratulation on their success, and at the same time, on behalf of the ringers, presented the chairman with an elaborate silver pendant, bearing on the front a bell, with the monogram "T. H." on the back, "Presented to Mr. Halliwell by the All Saints' Ringers, as a mark of their esteem. Wigan, November 24th, 1887."

Mr. Halliwell, on accepting the present, an altogether agreeable surprise, upon recovering himself expressed a hope that other of his pupils then present would follow the example set them, and do their best to promote the science.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association will be held at Streatham Common (by the kind permission of the Vicar), on Saturday, December 10th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4.30 p.m. A Committee Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. to consider the sketches which have been drawn for the proposed certificate of membership. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon Sec.*

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL.

An altar desk of perforated brass, executed by Messrs. Singer, of Frome, has been given to the Cathedral by those chorists who have acted as "Bishop's Boy" during the episcopate of the late Bishop Moberley. The following inscription is engraved thereon. "In honorem Dei & mem Georgii Moberley, S.T.D. epi sarum omnes qui olim choristæ patri eidem inservierunt parvulum hoc monumentum dedicaverunt.—A. S., MDCCCLXXXVII."

DEATH OF THE "KING MAKER."—The battle of Barnet commenced at four o'clock in the morning, and lasted till ten. The rage of the combatants was terrible, and the slaughter was proportionate, for Edward, exasperated at the commons, who had shown such favour to Warwick on all occasions, had, contrary to usual custom, issued order to spare none of them, and to kill all the leaders if possible. The conflict was terminated by a singular mistake. The device of the Earl of Oxford, who was fighting for Warwick, was a star with rays, emblazoned both on the front and back of his soldiers' coats. The device of Edward's own soldiers on this occasion was a sun with rays. Oxford had beaten his opponents in the field, and was returning to assist Warwick, when Warwick's troops, mistaking through the mist the stars of Oxford for the sun of Edward, fell upon Oxford's followers, supposing them to be Yorkists, and put them to flight. Oxford fled with 800 of his soldiers, supposing himself the object of some fatal treachery, while, on the other hand, Warwick, weakened by his apparent defection of Oxford, and his troops thrown into confusion, rushed desperately into the thickest of the enemy, trusting thus to revive the courage of his troops, and was thus slain, fighting. No sooner was the body of Warwick, stripped of its armour and covered with wounds, discovered on the field, than his forces gave way, and fled amain. Thus fell the great "king-maker," who so long had kept alive the spirit of contention, placing the crown first on one head and then on another. With him perished the power of his faction and the prosperity of his family.—From "Cassell's Illustrated History of England" for December.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.

Mr. Goodeneough Taylor, the Master of this society, presided at the annual banquet held at the Montague Hotel, Bristol, on Thursday night, November 24th, and was supported by an influential company. The usual toasts list was gone through, and it was announced that the collection amounted to £223. Music and songs were contributed by ringers, colts, and visitors. The menu card was very attractive. It was in the shape of a bell, the front of which bore three bells, the centre one bearing the date 1620, and the portraits of Queen Bess and Queen Victoria; and on the reverse side was an illustration of the tower of St. Stephen. It may be interesting to state that during the present Master's year of office, the re-seating of the church has been entirely completed, and additional lighting has been provided in the north and south aisles. Provision also is now being made for the ventilation of the church, which will be completed in a few days. The carving of the seats has been beautifully carried out by the well-known artist, Mr. Harry Hems, of Exeter, and the work to the lighting and ventilating by Messrs. Jones and Hudson, the whole under the direction of the architects to the Restoration Committee (Messrs. Pope and Paul). It is hoped that before long steps will be taken for opening up the western door, and so forming a much-needed access to the church.

The members of this society paid their annual visit on Sunday morning, November 20th, to St. Stephen's church, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. C. E. Cornish, vicar of St. Mary Redcliff. There was a large congregation present, and amongst those who attended were the Master (Mr. Goodeneough Taylor), the Junior Warden (Mr. William Henderson), the Warden-elect, Mr. Alfred B. James), Mr. Alderman Cope-Proctor, and Mr. E. Beadon Colthurst (Senior Warden Merchant Venturers).

RINGERS' SUPPER.

The local ringers belonging to St. Martin's, Tipton, Staffordshire, having accomplished with the assistance of Mr. Samuel Reeves, of West Bromwich, a peal of Grandsire Triples a few weeks ago, determined upon having a supper in honour of the event, which was partaken of on Saturday, November 26th, at York House, Whitehall Road, Great Bridge, the residence of the tower keeper, Mr. W. R. Small. After supper the chair was taken by Mr. Samuel Reeves, Hon. Sec. of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, supported by Mr. William Micklewright, jun., of Dudley, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. John Smith, of Netherton, Hon. Secretary of the Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association, supported by Mr. W. R. Small. The evening was spent with song, toast, and sentiment, songs by the chairman, recitation by the vice-chairman, and songs by Messrs. Small, Micklewright, Hughes, etc., with plain courses on the handbells of Grandsire Major and Triples, Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman Doubles, by various ringers present. The chairman and vice-chairman also spoke of the advantages of change-ringing societies, by which members of such societies could meet together for the mutual enjoyment and assistance to one another in the art of change-ringing, for which their associations were formed. Mr. A. Hill spoke of the advantages of having a practical change-ringer in their tower-keeper, which had been the means of their ringing in so short a time the peal for which they were met together for at the present time. Time getting on, a vote of thanks was given to the ladies, Mrs. Small and Mrs. Hill, for the very able manner in which they had provided for the company, to which ample justice was done, a very enjoyable evening being spent by all present.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the first ringing meeting in connection with the above newly formed district will take place on Saturday, December 10th, at St. Mary's church, Eccles. Members are requested to assemble at the "Oddfellows Arms" at 4 p.m., where ringing companies will be arranged.

JOHN E. POLLITT, Local Sec.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIR,—Seeing in your last issue, under three Societies' names, a report of a peal rung on handbells at St. Albans, and no umpire being given, I should like to know if the peal was rung without being watched by anyone as a guarantee to the Exercise of its correctness, especially as there appears from reports in your paper, to be a number of good ringers in St. Albans. Surely some one could have been found to act. Perhaps it was so, and is an omission on the part of the sender of the report. If there was no umpire, and it is entered in the society's books, it will be setting a bad precedent, for any four persons could meet and arrange among themselves to start for a peal, which may not come out true, and send it to be entered, thus filling the books with false peals, or peals never rung at all. Surely Messrs. Hayes, Winny, and clique, who want to be cocks of the walk of the College Youths, after their recent action in regard to the Tottenham peal and the St. James' Society, will not consent to this being entered in the College Youths book, as it would be encouraging peals to be rung in any hole and corner place without a guarantee of correctness. I cannot attend the meetings of the College Youths, or I should certainly oppose the entry of any handbell peals unless watched by two or more competent persons, for the satisfaction of the ringing community, especially as we hear so much now-a-days of false and wretchedly rung peals. I think too, sir, that when handbell peals are sent for insertion in "THE BELL NEWS" without an umpire, they should be placed among the touches, and not the peals, as without an umpire they would be considered very doubtful performances.

COLLEGE YOUTH.

PRIZE-RINGING CONTESTS.

SIR,—I read the letter from Mr. Wilde on the above subject with admiration, but your article on it is I consider altogether uncalled for. You, above all other men, should be careful in giving your opinion on any question you may not approve of. I wish it to be distinctly understood that I am friendly opposed to your views, and to others who are of your opinion. Although you are the Editor of this journal, it is only right you should be approached. You have had your say, and in justice to those who are of my opinion (and there are many) I should have mine. Taking that portion of your comment where you say "And many a noble transept could be made available for that innocent recreation known as skittles." Who ever before read of such a method of arguing? If you don't agree with us having prize ringing contests, you might be a little more forbearing, and not infer we should go in for skittles also. Allow me to say that ringing contests are got up for the edification of noted ringers—men who are the very essence of the Exercise in striking—and not for men who I venture to think never heard really first class Treble Bob Major ringing—and there are many that have not, unless they have been at a contest either in Yorkshire or Lancashire. The excellence of ringing on those occasions is generally sufficient in itself to withstand all the running down process from men who have not the necessary talent to enable them to take part in an undertaking of this kind; they know full well that if they did they would make themselves look ridiculous. Let them bark that like, I shall do my best to prevent them from biting. The more a man is in earnest, and the more is he under the influence of a strong mind, and I shall to the end do all I possibly can to uphold the science in striking by advocating prize ringing. Competition takes place on the church organ when an organist is going to be selected. It will be said there is no money prizes in connexion with it. Well, I grant that, but still it is a prize of a monetary consideration to the successful candidate. Ever since I was seventeen years of age I have given my attention to this subject. I was a contestant at the time, and was so impressed with the ringing that I have always been in favour of contests. Had it not have been for this circumstance I might have taken my stand at your side. But no, Sir, I am proud of my county and its neighbour. I have visited a many of the leading centres of ringing, and what I have heard has occasionally been good, but not one patch on what I have heard at a prize-ringing contest. If a contest could take place outside the church the objectors would have just cause to complain, but as it cannot be so, why should we forbear in our desire to excel, for the sake of a few that oppose us. I am quite certain we can do very well without such people; anyhow, we can in this part of the country, for it is here (viz. Yorkshire and Lancashire), that we can beat anything in Treble Bob Major ringing. You also say in your article that "the advocates for prize ringing generally manage to elude the principal point in connection with it"; and you also say "we have a capital mode of shelving the discussion." I should like to know how you come to this unwarrantable conclusion. The principal

point I have already mentioned, and that it tends to, and does improve the striking, and you cannot say I am shelving the discussion. The conditions are truthfully laid before those in authority, and with their permission the contest takes place, in spite of sentimental opposition. I am fully acquainted with the management of this kind of thing, and I also know what I am talking about, and must say that I neither elude or shelve anything in connection with ringing, in fact I am too well known to be quite the reverse. And now Mr. Editor, I have had my say, and differ with you on this subject only, and shall not at present trouble you with any further correspondence on the matter, but in the future as in the past I shall encourage prize ringing contests.

Snider Works, Sheffield.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

THE TOTTENHAM PEAL.

SIR,—My Nevvy has been reading "THE BELL NEWS" to me this week, and I am very much pained to find that notwithstanding the awful judgement which has overtaken the Tottenham Society, the Kidderminster men have this week presumed to ring a touch of 840 of Grandsire Triples on seven bells only, and then had the effrontery to send it to you for publication. This is to my mind a far worse offence than the other, for the Tottenham Society, not having the advantage of any of the shining lights of the Exercise among them, may perhaps have done what they did in ignorance, as I understand they are very benighted out there, but the Kidderminster men cannot now even urge that plea, for they must have known by the recent correspondence that those who have the power of dictating what may or may not be rung, have said "there shant be no more ringing on seven bells," and I think it very wrong to go and disobey such an order directly afterwards. I remember a long time ago, I went to Drury Lane Theatry, to see a play written by a man named, I think, Mr. Spokeshave. I don't remember much about the play, but in it there was a gentlemen came on the stage, and I recollect he was a good deal like my old friend Mr. Murry Haze, and he said, says he, "I am Sir Orackle, and when I ope my mouth let no dog bark"; well I think that is a most beautiful sentiment, and wonderful appropriate to the present case, and when one of the old masters in the craft lays down the law as he has done, I think it ought to be obeyed. I very much believe in copying the old masters in everything where possible. That is what we did when we started for our peal of Murry Haze's Original last week. I had been up early in the day and greased the ropes, and rosined the stays, and got all ready for a grand start. We went off in grand style, and though some of the little bells got behind the tenor, and some of the big ones got in front of the treble, still we got on all right. Then we had some firing (volleys and *feu-de-joie*), then some whole-pull and stand, and then some more firing, in fact we made it nearly an exact copy of the peal of Grandsire Capers rung by the St. James's Society at St. Clement Danes, on the 7th of October. After that we got a shift-course, and though I kept on by myself for some time, at last I found I was a half-pull out, and was obliged to call "stand." It was a great pity, for it was a splendid copy of the old masters, where everything is blurred and indistinct, and you can't tell which is composition and which is execution. I stood and listened for a long time to that peal of Capers, and I knew that my old friend Murry Haze must be conducting it, as no other conductor would ever have had skill enough to have put the ringers through all the variations of time and tune that they indulged in. It was a great treat to me, and I stood at the corner of the Strand and enjoyed it a long time, when just as they were firing for the last time two of my teeth dropped out, and I had to go home, but the music of them bells still lingered in my mind, and I reckon our fust try for the "Original" was about as correct a copy as you are likely to hear of. I think that as we did not succeed in our attempt, it would be only right to enter this wonderful peal of Grandsire Capers on a *double page* in the St. James's peal book, with a full account of all the particulars relating to it, as everybody who heard it say it was a most "wonderful" performance. This could easily be done, as they have all the money paid by the Tottenham Society still in hand, and the St. James's is an exceedingly wealthy Society, as I heard it publicly stated, that at their last audit they had a balance of nearly six pounds (including the Tottenham money) at their bankers. Once more cautioning the Kidderminster and other kindred societies to take warning by the awful fate of the Tottenham Society, as to what may happen to them if they disobey the dictates of those in authority over them, and trusting shortly to be able to announce to you the successful accomplishment of "M H's Original," I remain, yours truly,

BOB ROPER, His + Mark.

SIR,—As you have been good enough to publish several letters relating to the controversy about the above peal, I should be obliged if you will insert this short account of the meeting of the St. James' society held on November 28th. The proceedings commenced with the reading of the minutes of November 14th, against which several members desired to have their protests recorded, inasmuch as at an ordinary meeting of the society what was practically a new rule had

been passed, disallowing the entry of peals rung on odd numbers of bells. It was decided that the protests of the members in question should not be entered, so an amendment protesting against the minutes was proposed and supported by twelve of those present. After the election of a new member, a motion of which Mr. Woodley had previously given notice was brought before the meeting. This notice was to the effect that he would propose that the Secretary should write calling upon Messrs. Barnett and Lucas to appear at the meeting on December 12th, to explain their conduct in writing letters to "THE BELL NEWS" which were calculated to bring the St. James' society into disrepute. Mr. Woodley now added the names of Messrs. Strange and Waghorn, jun., to his motion, and in eloquent and glowing phrases described the communications which had been addressed to "THE BELL NEWS," as scurrilous, morose, and morbid. Could anybody in an ordinary frame of mind regard these epithets as applicable to letters which told the plain unvarnished truth? Perhaps Mr. Woodley felt that he and his friends had been shown in their true colour, and he might also have felt the keen dart of Bob Roper's satire. Messrs. Mansfield, Strange, and Waghorn tried to propose as an amendment to Mr. Woodley's motion that the question of writing to "THE BELL NEWS" be taken no notice of, but it was not allowed, and the motion being proposed and seconded, was put to the vote and defeated. A cheer greeted the defeat of this inflated and tyrannical proposition, as the members at length realized that the domineering clique led by Mr. Hayes and his satellites, Winny and Woodley, was not identical with the St. James' society. It is a pity that the discussions with regard to the Tottenham seven bell peal should have become so personal, but the Tottenham men can hardly be blamed for taking up their opponents' weapons. Mr. Woodley (who had been previously warned that if he began throwing mud, some of it would be sure to stick to him), looked considerably surprised when notice was given that at the next meeting a motion would be brought forward requesting that gentleman to explain his misconduct at the meeting on October 17th, when several strangers were present. It remains to be seen whether several members of the St. James society regard his offence in the meeting room as equal to the awful crime of writing a letter to "THE BELL NEWS."

T. C. GROVE,

All Hallows Society, Tottenham.

THE TOTTENHAM PEAL AND PRIZE RINGING.

SIR,—The present time seems to be one of surprises in the ringing world. I do not refer to Surprise methods, but to matters which have been published in the correspondence columns of your paper, under the above heads, during the past week or two. In the first place the authorities and certain members of a leading London Society decide that they will not allow a true and complete peal of 5040 changes, to be entered in their peal book because it was pure and simple Triples. Possibly the Secretary of the St. James' Society will be kind enough to explain the cause or inform the Exercise how long Triples has been an eight-bell method. Under the second heading we are told "That the only way to secure constant good ringing is by frequently holding prize ringing meetings." These are the sentiments of Mr. James S. Wilde, who, if I am not greatly mistaken was born some fifty or sixty years too late to find the ringers of his day agree with him on this point. The above-named gentleman adds to his name the title of Hon. Sec. of the United Counties' Association. Does he wish it to be understood that he wrote his letter officially, and that he in reality represents the views of the members of his Association, or was the title of Hon. Sec. only added to give greater weight to the weak arguments used in favour of returning to days of prize-fights, beer and desecration. Should anyone require a proof of the fallacy of Mr. Wilde's statement, the following quotations will I think be conclusive. "In 1886 the United Counties' Association, aided by prize ringing contests, rang twenty-five peals, as against sixty-five rung by another Association." Whereas during the present year their performances like their ideas show a retrograde movement, having accomplished only sixteen peals, as against fifty-one each rung by two Associations (who ring for the love of the art instead of prize gains) during the same period.

GEO. F. ATTREE.

THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

SIR,—Referring to the note at the foot of the peal of Union Triples rung by this society on the 1st inst., stating that the members had resigned from the St. James' society, I am requested by them to inform you that this is not so, they having resolved not to do so for the present.

W. PYE-ENGLISH, Hon. Sec.

ANSWER TO "K."

SIR,—In answer to K, I beg to say that in proving Treble Bob Maximus I use the Major proof. The peal he draws my attention to has evidently been sent you through an oversight, for which I beg to apologise.

JOHN R. PRITCHARD,

Liverpool.

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BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE BALCOMBE BRANCH.

On Monday, November 21st, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-five-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

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

T. STREETER* Treble.	J. CHEESMAN 4.
A. STONER 2.	E. STREETER 5.
J. GASSON 3.	H. MEADS Tenor

Conducted by H. MEADS.

*First peal.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday, November 23, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

T. DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

A. E. PARSONS Treble.	W. BIRD 5.
J. PALMER 2.	A. H. BASSANO 6.
W. GREEN 3.	H. CARTWRIGHT 7.
H. MASON 4.	R. BIRD Tenor.

Conducted by A. H. BASSANO.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.

On Friday, November 25, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	E. D. TAYLOR 6.
W. T. BILLINGHURST 2.	J. HARDY 7.
C. SMITH 3.	W. BIRKINSHAW 8.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 9.
A. SMITH 5.	R. LANE Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

This is the first peal upon the bells since the addition of the two trebles, and the recasting of the five tenors (the Jubilee gift of Mr. Taylor), which were dedicated by Bishop Mitchinson, October 28th. Mr. Taylor, sen. rang the third bell at the age of 14 in the first peal (Grandsire Triples) on the old ring of eight, on March 1st, 1842, and also in the last peal (Treble Bob Major) on them on March 15th, 1887, and has now had the pleasure of assisting in the first peal of Caters.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Friday, November 25, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven and ½ Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMPSON'S THREE-PART.

C. JACKSON Treble.	H. JENKINS 5.
H. CUTTER 2.	F. DIKEY 6.
M. TOMLINSON 3.	F. DRABBLE 7.
W. SOUTHWICK 4.	F. MORRISON Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned).

This peal was rung on the 38th birthday of C. Jackson, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 25, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMPSON'S THREE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWARD PETHER Treble.	ERNEST E. NAPPER 5.
DENNIS NAPPER 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
FRANK NAPPER 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7.
TOM HIBBERT 4.	ALFRED WOODLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first time this composition has been rung, and is the first three-part peal.

LEE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANCIS FRASER Treble.	*JOHN CROWDER 5.
WILLIAM BARON 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR 6.
CHARLES E. MALIM 3.	WILLIAM W. THORN 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL 4.	GEORGE WILD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS G. DEAL.

*First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Fraser and Crowder were elected member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal. This is the second and quickest peal on the bells.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. I. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN GOODWIN* Treble.	JOSEPH ATKIN 5.
JOHN GOUCHER 2.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6.
WALTER WORTHINGTON 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
HERBERT MADIN 4.	HENRY MOTTERSHALL Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal.

Messrs. Goucher, Atkin, and Biggin hail from Norton; J. Goodwin and A. Knights from Chesterfield; the rest belong to Staveley.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES MEE Treble.	WILLIAM MOTTS 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	ARTHUR H. OSBORN 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 7.
HAWKINS ENGLISH 4.	THOMAS STEWARD Tenor.

Conducted by CHAS. MEE.

H. English hails from Coddensham; A. H. Osborn from Bury, and the rest are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES SHAW .. .. .Treble.	JOHN T. HOLDEN 5.
JOHN HARROP 2.	*MOSES BRADBURY 6.
JOHN HOLDEN 3.	T. B. DICKEN 7.
JAMES S. WILDE 4.	J. T. DICKEN Tenor.

Composed by the late Wm. HARRISON, and Conducted by JAMES S. WILDE.

*First peal. Messrs. Shaw and Wilde hail from Hyde; Harrop from Mottram John Holden, Moses Bradbury, and T. B. Dicken from Mossley; J. T. Holden from Saddleworth; and J. T. Dicken from Christ Church, Friezeland.

SEDGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, November 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

JOHN GOODMAN .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM PARDOE 5.
WILLIAM MILLS* 2.	ROBERT SCHOFIELD 6.
DAVID BRUCE 3.	JOSEPH DEVONPORT 7.
SAMUEL BUNN 4.	*JOHN FLAVELL Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCHOFIELD.

*First peal. W. Pardoe hails from Tipton. The above was rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7104 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES GRATRAX .. .. .Treble.	JAMES BARRETT 5.
GEO. E. TURNER 2.	THOMAS WILDE 6.
THOMAS MOSS 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 7.
WALTER SLATER 4.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by GEO. LONGDEN.

Messrs. Gratrix and Turner hail from Manchester; Barrett from Eccles; Slater and Wilde from Hyde; the rest belong to the local company.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION (REVERSED).

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT .. .. .Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 5.
EDWARD HOLIFIELD 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD 6.
FREDERICK FIELD 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7.
H. D. BETTERIDGE 4.	STEDMAN WHITE Tenor.
	FREDERICK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal in any method ever rang in Newbury.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 25, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
HENRY CHANDLER 2.	*WALTER CHARMAN 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
GEORGE CHARMAN† 4.	GEORGE WOODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

*First peal. †First peal on a bob bell.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

GEORGE BRIGGS .. .. .Treble.	JOHN MULLIGAN 7.
THOMAS DIXON 2.	GEORGE HOLMES 8.
WILLIAM LOMAS 3.	CHARLES BOWER 9.
JOSEPH MULLIGAN 4.	ARTHUR BRIERLEY 10.
WALTER COATES 5.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY 11.
CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY 6.	ALFRED RODGERS Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED TRIGG .. .. .Treble.	FREDERICK MUSTY 6.
WILLIAM T. PATES 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD, ESQ. .. 3.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT, ESQ. 7.
WILLIAM HALL 4.	GEORGE A. SMITH Tenor.
HENRY KARN 5.	

Conducted by W. T. PATES.

This is the first peal on the bells. The ringers of the 1st, 4th, and tenor, are from Painswick, W. J. Sevier, from Gloucester, and the rest from Cheltenham.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

HENRY W. STUBBS .. .. .Treble.	FRED GILBERT 5.
JOSEPH PETTIT 2.	RICHARD DUNKLEY 6.
ALFRED GROOME 3.	GEORGE JEFFS 7.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 4.	FREDERICK SLADE Tenor.

Composed by MR. HENRY JOHNSON, of Birmingham, and

Conducted by FRED GILBERT.

This is the first peal of Major by all, and the first on the bells. Also believed to be the first rung in this county. The peal was taken from Snowdon's *Rope Sight* on page 104. W. J. and F. Gilbert, F. Slade, H. W. Stubbs, hail from Raunds; J. Pettit (Hargrave), A. Groome (Donford), R. Dunkley, from Bythorn, Hunts, and G. Jeffs belongs to the Titchmarsh local company. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rector, the Rev. F. M. Stopford, for the use of the bells on this occasion.

STAPLEHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday November 28, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21¾ cwt. in Eb.

WILLIAM WALTER .. .. .Treble.	HENRY G. POPE 5.
WALTER POPE 2.	EDGAR POPE 6.
JOSEPH G. TILLMON 3.	A. EDGAR NUNN 7.
WILLIAM E. POPE 4.	THOMAS G. COLVIN Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. NUNN.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVON GUILD AND THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHARLES CARTER* .. .. .Treble.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 5.
WILLIAM STOCKER* 2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM MUNDY 3.	JAMES MOSS 7.
FRANK DAVEY* 4.	THOMAS J. LAKE Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 28, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

DANIEL DAVIS .. .. .Treble.	FREDERICK MUSTY .. .. .5.
FRANCIS E. WARD, ESQ.* .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PATES 6.
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT, ESQ.† 3.	THOMAS DAVIS .. .. .7.
THOMAS STEEL .. .. .4.	ALFRED W. HUMPHRIES ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. PATES.

*Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. †Master of the Hereford Association.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY,
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Peal.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE SPICER STREET SCHOOLROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN C. MITCHELL .. 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5-6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 3-4.	*THOMAS WALLER 7-8.

Conducted by JOHN C. MITCHELL.

Umpire: Mr. Henry Brewer of the St. Peter's Society, St. Albans. *First peal on handbells.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 29, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

C. JACKSON .. .. .Treble.	M. TOMLINSON .. .. .5.
J. W. STICKNEY .. .. .2.	J. DIXEY .. .. .6.
J. POLLARD .. .. .3.	F. DRABBLE .. .. .7.
H. JENKINS .. .. .4.	F. MERRISON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK DRABBLE.

M. Tomlinson hails from Leeds.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES JAUNCEY .. .. .Treble.	STEPHEN KNIGHT .. .. .5.
HENRY PHILLIPS .. .. .2.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. .6.
JOSEPH POMFRET* .. .. .3.	JASPER G. CRAWLEY 7.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE 4.	FREDERICK GEORGE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

*First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, November 30, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMPSON'S THREE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES PETHER .. .. .Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. .. .5.
REV. C. W. H. GRIFFITH .. 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER .. .. .6.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7.
DENNIS NAPPER .. .. .4.	CHARLES ALLEN .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

The above was rung on the Festival of St. Andrew, to whom the church is dedicated. W. Newell hails from Reading; the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith from Coventry.

Date Touch.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 20th, four members of the St. Giles's Society, and four of the St. Peter's Society' Wolverhampton, rang at St. Giles's church, a date touch (1887 changes) of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, in 1 hr. and 8 mins. J. Harper, 1; E. Nicholls, 2; S. Pitt, 3; S. Dace, 4; W. Johnson, 5; J. Jones (conductor), 6; J. Fowler, 7; J. Adams, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. The above was rung as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Walker, New Road, Willenhall.

Miscellaneous.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWICKESBURY.—On Thursday evening, November 24th, at the Abbey, 1050 of Grandsire Triples. H. G. Brown, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; J. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. Also on Sunday morning, November 27th, for Divine Service, 1064 of Union Triples. W. Hampton, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; S. Cleal, 3; F. J. Moore, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; J. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. And in the evening for Divine Service, 1008 of Stedman Triples. C. W. Dyson, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; H. Roberts, 5; T. Devereux, 6; J. Wathen (conductor), 7; S. Cleal, 8.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—Recently, at St. Peter's church, by the voluntary band, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. H. Merrishaw, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Allen, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob, for Divine Service. H. Allen, 1; W. Day, 2; R. Grimes (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, for practice. J. Brett, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes, 6. Also at St. Andrew's church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Wright, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; R. Grimes, 6.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Shropshire).—On Saturday, November 26th, for practice, at St. Leonard's church, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles (each called different). H. T. Fowles, 1; T. Overton, 2; E. J. Baker, 3; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 4; J. Overton, 5; H. Jones, 6. Also three 720's. E. J. Baker, 1; T. Overton, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; J. E. Hall, 4; J. Overton, 5; H. Jones, 6. Each called different. Tenor 22 cwt. Handbell Ringing.—Also the same evening, on handbells, a 503 Grandsire Caters. J. E. Hall, 1-2; J. Overton, 3-4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5-6; H. T. Fowles, 7-8; H. Jones, 9-10. And 264 of Grandsire Cinques. E. J. Baker, 1-2; J. Overton, 3-4; J. E. Hall, 5-6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7-8; H. T. Fowles, 9-10; H. Jones, 11-12.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CONSETT (Durham).—On Thursday, November 3rd, for practice at Christ Church, 720 of Bob Minor in 29 mins. T. H. Surtees, 1; T. Martin (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Oliver, 3; F. Barron, 4; D. Davie, 5; J. Spraggon (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Yorkshire Court. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also a 120 of Stedman Doubles. T. Newman, 1; E. Menday, 2; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; H. Simmonds, 6. And for evening service, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. After evening service, a 360 of Plain Bob. F. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; E. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, November 22nd, for practice, a 720 of Double Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; E. Menday, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. The bells were then lowered in the Queen's change. Tenor 17 cwt.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, November 12th, at the house of Mr. J. C. Truss, three 120's of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, the first was conducted by J. Truss, and the remaining two by J. W. Wilkins. W. Truss (ten years old), 1-2; J. Truss (11 years old), 3-4; J. W. Wilkins, 5-6. Also two plain, courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Truss, 1-2; J. W. Wilkins, 3-4; J.

Truss, 5-6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7-8. And a short touch of Grandsire Triples. W. Truss, 1; H. Buckingham (conductor), 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3-4; J. Truss, 5-6; J. C. Truss, 7-8. The above was rung on the occasion of a visit by J. W. Wilkins, who hails from Boyne Hill.

OXFORD.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, November 7th, at the house of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1-2-3-4; A. H. Browning, 5-6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. J. W. Washbrook, 1-2-3-4; A. H. Browning (conductor), 5-6. And on Tuesday, November 15th, several courses of Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. Washbrook, 1; E. Payne, 2; J. W. Washbrook, 3-4; A. H. Browning, 5-6. Also 120 of Plain Bob Doubles. J. W. Washbrook, 1-2-3-4; A. H. Browning (conductor), 5-6. And a course of Grandsire Minor. J. W. Washbrook, 1-2-3-4; A. H. Browning, 5-6. Also on Wednesday, November 16th, at the church of St. Thomas, for practice, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. J. Hind, 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2; J. Strange, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; A. E. Hind, 5; *A. H. Browning (conductor), 6. *First time as conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; J. Timms, 4; F. Chapman, 5; H. Slaney, 6; G. Woods (conductor), 7; J. H. Chatterton, 8. The above was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Thatcher), who preached on that day for the first time.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, November 27th, at St. Peter's church, Walworth, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. E. Gibbs, 1; H. Langdon, 2; E. Carter, 3; F. Bate, 4; D. Stackwood, 5; R. French (conductor), 6; R. T. Woodley, 7; H. Flower, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Monday, November 21st, at St. Mary's church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 29 mins. *W. Leader, 1; A. C. Fussell (conductor), 2; †T. W. Udell, 3; A. Andrews, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; W. Wilder, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; J. Perryman, 8. *First attempt for a peal; †Longest length with a bob bell. Tenor 9 cwt. It was arranged to attempt a 5040, but the late arrival of one of the band, and two false starts, compelled the bob-caller to let the bells run home at half way. The above was rang in honour of the forty-seventh birthday of H.R.H. Princess Royal, the Crown Princess of Germany. Also on Wednesday, November 23rd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins., on the back six. *F. King (Windsor), 1; T. Udell, 2; A. Fussell, 3; W. Fussell, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. *First 720 of Minor. All the above are members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and with the exception of Messrs. Udell and Leader, also belong to the Waterloo and St. James's societies of London.

LONDON.—On Monday, November 28th, at the church of St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill, the following rang a muffled peal (the usual whole pull and stand), as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Hart, who was a well-known and esteemed parishioner. J. Nelms, 1; A. E. Church, 2; W. J. Moore, 3; C. Holmes, 4; H. J. Davis, 5; J. Rumsey, 6; C. J. Clarkson, 7; W. D. Matthews, 8; J. H. Wheeler, 9; D. Lovett, 10.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Monday evening, November, 21st, for practice at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. W. Lebbon (conductor), 1; G. Perry, 2; E. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; E. Barnett, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Brown, 8. Also 322 in the same method. J. Rann, 1; G. Perry, 2; E. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; E. Barnett (conductor), 5; W. Lebbon, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Brown, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, one 6-score each of the following: Hempstead Delight, Stedman's Slow course, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, St. Simon's, and new Doubles. A. Barker, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. T. Barker, 3; E. Hynds, 4; E. Claydon (conductor), 5. For afternoon service, one each of Hempstead Delight, Hudibras, and Dream. W. Emery, 1; A. Barker, 2; E. Hynds, 3; E. Claydon (conductor), 4; J. T. Barker, 5. Also one each of Penelope, Canterbury, Plain Doubles, and Grandsire. A. Barker, 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. T. Barker (conductor), 3; E. Hynds, 4; E. Claydon, 5. On Monday evening, November 14th, for practice, six 6-scores in the following methods: Place, Sunshine, St. Clement's, Calendar (2), and Fearing Doubles. W. Emery, 1; H. Gowers, 2; E. Claydon, 3; E. Hynds, 4; J. T. Barker (conductor), 5. On Friday evening, November 11th, on handbells, 360 Bob Minor. A. Barker, 1; W. Emery, 2; H. Gower, 3; E. Hynds, 4; E. Claydon, 5; J. T.

Barker (conductor), 6. On Monday evening, November 14th, three courses of Grandsire Triples. A. Barker, 1; W. Emery, 2; E. Claydon, 3-4; J. T. Barker, 5-6; E. Hynds, 7-8.

ROMFORD.—*Chiming*.—On Sunday afternoon, November 27th, a 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs), in two parts. A. J. Perkins, 1-2-3-4; B. Keeble (composer), 5-6.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, November 27th, at the Cathedral, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine Service in state, a 306 of Grandsire Caters, in 16 mins. F. Owen, 1; N. Wale, 2; W. Jenkins, 3; W. Powell, 4; H. Pheasant, 5; S. Cotton, 6; H. Wilkes, 7; J. Reynolds, 8; T. Gwynn, 9; T. Malim, 10. And 828 in the same method, in 40 mins. F. Owen, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; S. Cotton, 3; W. Powell, 4; H. Pheasant, 5; W. Blandford, 6; H. Wilkes (conductor), 7; W. Page, 8; T. Gwynn, 9; T. Malim, 10. Tenor 50 cwt. At St. Helen's church, after service, and during the return of the procession from the Cathedral, touches of 210 and 168 of Grandsire Triples, in which Messrs. J. Clements, J. Hale, W. Pudge and T. Bullock (Grimley) took part.

HANBURY (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, November 17th, to commemorate the eightieth birthday of the Lord Bishop of Worcester, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. A. Buckingham, 1; T. Wyers, 2; H. Buckingham, 3; A. Moore, 4; G. Moore (conductor), 5; J. Gore, 6. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. A. Buckingham, 1; T. Wyers, 2; H. Buckingham, 3; G. Moore, 4; A. Moore (conductor), 5; J. Gore, 6. The ringers wish his Lordship many happy returns of the day.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

TIPTON (Staffordshire). On Sunday, November 27th, for morning service, at St. Martin's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25½ mins. B. Starkey, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; *H. Mills, 3; W. R. Small, 4; G. Hughes (conductor), 5; A. Hill, 6. *First 720.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, November 19th, at the parish church, eight members attempted to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples (non-conducted), but came to grief after ringing about 1000 changes. C. Willshire, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; H. Pearce, 3; H. G. Fairbrass, 4; F. French, 5; G. Pawley, 6; F. G. Newman, 7; S. Snelling, 8. Messrs. Hayes and Winny were in the tower, and marked the leads off as they came up. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 20th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, and also as a farewell to Mr. E. Andrews, late of the Royal Engineers Band, Chatham, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. E. Raynor, 1; W. Tuffey, 2; J. Raynor, 3; O. Sullivan, 4; J. Tulett, 5; E. Andrews (conductor), 6. Mr. Andrews has instructed several bands of ringers in the Rochester district, and was the first who introduced change-ringing in Rochester, where he will be greatly missed. Also on Sunday evening, November 27th, for Divine Service, a 360 of Bob Minor. E. Raynor, 1; W. Tuffey, 2; A. Osborne, 3; J. Kidd, 4; J. Tulett, 5; *G. Chantler (conductor), 6. *First as conductor.

MILTON.—On Tuesday, November 29th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. G. Avis, 1; J. Allen, 2; W. H. Royston, 3; C. Waterman, 4; F. Hayes (conductor), 5; J. W. Aitkin, 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. H. D. Davis, 1; J. W. Aitkin, 2; B. Spinner, 3; W. Saxby, 4; C. Waterman, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday evening, November 9th, at the "Cheshire Cheese," a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 39½ mins. J. Howe, 1-2; A. B. Ward, 3-4; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 5-6; S. Maskrey, 7-8. This is the first quarter-peal double-handed by the Association.

ALREWS (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, November 26th, eight members of the above paid a visit to this place, and with the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Webb), rang at the parish church a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. R. Logie, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; J. Jagger, 3; L. Bullock, 4; J. Austin (conductor), 5; J. Walker, 6. Also 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. Wylde, 1; *J. Walker, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; J. Austin, 4; L. Bullock, 5; J. Jagger (conductor), 6. And at intervals, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and a 360 of Minor, in which W. Burton, W. Orme, W. Treadgold, and some of the local ringers took part. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 17 cwt.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, November 15th, at the parish church, in honour of the birth of a son to Captain and Mrs.

R. Lambert, several short touches of Bob Triples. J. Wood, 1; H. Hollingworth, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; F. Kinsey, 8. Aist on Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 252 (six bobs), in the same method. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunnichiff (conductor), 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; J. R. Wood, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFELD (near Sheffield).—On Sunday, November 20th, in the afternoon, for practice, 480 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, and Tanners' Pleasure, 240 College Pleasure, 120 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, and Oxford Delight. And for service in the evening, 360 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 120 each of Tanners' Pleasure, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob. T. Wilson, 1; J. Gillott, 2; G. Merryman, 3; D. Brearley, 4; G. H. Uttley, 5; A. Brearley (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERTFORD.—On Friday, November 4th, at Holy Trinity church, Bengoe, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Odell, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; J. Channer, 3; H. Phillips (conductor), 4; H. Brown, 5; W. Bennett, 6. And on Friday, November 11th, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). T. Barker, 1; E. Cains, 2; W. Bennett, 3; J. Channer, 4; J. Pomfret, 5; M. Ellsmore (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Double Court Bob. M. Ellsmore, 1; J. Pomfret, 2; H. Phillips (conductor), 3; Rev. Canon Wigram, 4; W. Bennett, 5; W. Odell, 6. And on Wednesday, November 9th, at All Saints' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of Alex. P. McMullen, Esq. being elected Mayor of Hertford, with the Queen's and Tittums (twenty-eight bobs and two singles), in 47 mins. F. G. Crawley, 1; W. L. Randall, 2; J. Jauncey, 3; Rev. Canon Wigram, 4; M. Ellsmore (conductor), 5; J. G. Crawley, 6; S. Knight, 7; F. George, 8. Composed by J. Nunn, of Walthamstow.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 22nd, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. F. Saunders, 1; *G. Croucher, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also on Sunday, November 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Saunders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; T. Fayers, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also 240 of Violet. F. Saunders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridger, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor. J. Robinson, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 4; F. Bridger, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6. G. Croucher hails from Reigate; Fayers from Mitcham.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, evening, November 24th, at St. Paul's church, 672 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Robinson, 1; J. Austin, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; W. Davies, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Mr. Davies hails from Liverpool, and this is his first touch in the method.

CARLISLE.—On Tuesday, November 29th, at St. Stephen's church, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins. W. Gregson (conductor), 1; J. J. Paterson, 2; F. Gibson, 3; D. Harding, 4; J. Jefferson, 5; W. J. Scott, 6; G. Telford, 7. This is the first 720 on the bells by St. Stephen's ringers, and the first 720 on the bells since they were opened in 1865. Tenor 15 cwt.

CROOME D'ABITOT (Worcestershire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, November 12th, a 168 and 518 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jenkins, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; W. Powell, 5-6; L. Longney (conductor), 7-8. And 168 of Stedman Triples. W. Jenkins, 1-2; W. Powell (conductor), 3-4; S. Cotton, 5-6; L. Longney, 7-8. On Monday, November 21st, a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Doubles (each 6-score called differently; a six-score of St. Dunstan's, and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. A. Clifford, 1-2; L. Longney (conductor), 3-4; W. Longney, 5-6.

COLN ST. ALDWYN (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, November 24th, at the parish church, 1680 of Grandsire Triples. R. Packer, 1; H. Griffin, 2; R. Jefferies, 3; T. Witchell, 4; C. Bate, 5; J. Kitchener (conductor), 6; J. Preater, 7; T. Smith, 8.

EXETER.—On Monday, November 21st, on the occasion of the dedication festival at St. Edmund's church, the following members rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). T. Townsend, 1; H. Swift, 2; T. Herbert, 3; E. Pitt, 4; W. Goss, 5; W. Marsh, 6; W. Richardson, 7; *A. Searle, 8. Composed and conducted by E. Pitt. Also the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (518 changes). A. Searle, 1; H. Swift, 2; T. Herbert, 3; E. Pitt (conductor), 4; W. Goss, 5; W. Marsh, 6; W. Richardson, 7; T. Townsend, 8. *First quarter-peal.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, November 22nd, at the parish church, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Lee, 1; G. Fleming, 2;

W. Blyth, 3; F. Tooley, 4; W. Chaplin, 5; G. Crowe, 6. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. Tooley, 1; W. Lee, 2; G. Fleming; W. Blyth, 4; W. Chaplin, 5; G. Crouch, 6; F. Tooley (conductor), 7; F. Hollsworth, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. Composed by J. Sholicar.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).—On Monday, November 28th, for practice at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. W. H. Godden, 1; E. Unitt, 2; W. Long, 3; G. Smith, 4; J. Sanders (conductor), 5; W. Verry, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in Ft.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday evening, November 23rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Wickens, 1; *W. Edwards, 2; *J. Witmore, 3; E. Dewey, 4; *J. Taylor, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6; B. King, 7; *J. Hitchcock, 8. *First quarter-peal. Messrs. Wickens and King hail from Charlwood, the rest belong to the local band. Change-ringing is much improving in Horley at the present time, this being the first quarter-peal that has been rung by a local band for about forty years.

KINGSWINFORD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a 720 of College Single, in 27 mins. B. Brown, 1; T. Vaughan, 2; J. Sackfield (conductor), 3; T. Hillman, 4; E. Bourne, 5; J. Hillman, 6. And in the afternoon a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. S. Atkins (Willenhall), 1; T. Vaughan, 2; T. Hillman, 3; G. Hillman, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; E. Bourne (conductor), 6.

LONDON.—On Thursday, November 24th, at All Saints', Fulham, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr., the last half of Holt's ten-part peal was then rung in 1 hr. 29 mins. J. G. Green, 1; F. W. Kelley, 2; J. Nicholls, 3; J. W. Kelley (conductor), 4; W. Bidwell, 5; W. H. George, 6; J. W. Driver, 7; S. How, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Friday, November 18th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Taylor, 1; G. A. Hatton, 2; H. Wooldridge, 3; F. Davis, 4; C. Daniels, 5; A. Folkes (conductor), 6. First 720 as conductor. On Sunday, November 20th, 360 of Bob Minor. W. Taylor, 1; *J. Davis, 2; F. Davis, 3; A. Folkes, 4; H. Wooldridge, 5; G. A. Hatton (conductor), 6. *First 360. On Tuesday, November 22nd, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Taylor, 1; *J. Davis, 2; F. Davis, 3; H. Wooldridge, 4; A. Folkes (conductor), 5; G. A. Hatton, 6. *First 720.

MARKET DEEPING (Lincolnshire).—On Wednesday, November 16th, for practice at the parish church, 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and 120 of Bob Doubles. *G. Hollis (first 720), 1; R. Brightman, 2; W. Greenfield, 3; G. Martin, 4; T. Love (conductor), 5; W. Wann, 6. *Aged 14.

MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday, November 27th, at the parish church, for evening service, 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Buckingham, 1; J. Gibson, 2; C. Smith, 3; J. C. Truss, 4; W. Badger, 5; H. C. Yates, 6. H. Collins (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Mary's church, 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), and 360 of Single Court Bob. J. Pateman, 1; D. Whitehead, 2; G. Wells (Deeping St. James), 3; G. H. Hollis (Market Deeping), 4; G. Pearson, 5; S. Black, jun. (conductor), 6.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Monday, November 21st, at St. Peter's church, 720 of Court Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; N. Martin, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; N. Martin, 4; G. Kirk, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. G. Thompson, of Higham Ferrers, and who was a member of the Raunds and Wellingborough District Association. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, November 15th, at the house of Mr. H. Stubbs, 360 of Bob Minor. F. Bailey (first 360), 1; W. J. Gilbert, 2; R. Dunkley, 3-4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5-6. Also 404 of Bob Triples. W. Stubbs, 1; F. Kirk, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; F. Gilbert (conductor), 4; B. W. Allen, 5; R. Dunkley, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; F. Bailey, 8. And 120 of Bob Doubles. F. Gilbert, 1-2-3; R. Dunkley, 4-5. R. Dunkley hails from Bythorn, Hunts.

RHYL (North Wales).—Recently, at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. D. Williams, 1; J. Wallis, 2; F. Hordley, 3; W. Asher, 4; J. P. Powell, 5; F. Wallis, 6; F. J. Gamlin (conductor), 7; J. P. Owen, 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

RINGSTEAD (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday, November 19th, for practice, 720 of Oxford Bob (with thirty-eight bobs and 22 singles). E. Mayes, 1; G. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; F. Chapman, 4; J. Braybrook (conductor), 5; T. Roberts, 6. And on Tuesday, November 22nd, with the bells muffled, 360 of Yorkshire Court. G. Roberts, 1; J. Braybrook, 2; R. Shipley, 3; F. Chapman, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Bob. E. Mayes, 1; F.

Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; G. Roberts, 4; J. Braybrook (conductor, 5; T. Roberts, 6. This was rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Thompson, of Higham Ferrers, who was a member of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association. And on Sunday, November 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob (with eighteen bobs and two singles). E. Mayes, 1; G. Roberts, 2; R. Shipley, 3; F. Chapman, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6.

RUSHDEN (Northamptonshire).—On Saturday afternoon, November 19th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. Clayton, 1; G. Heath, 2; G. Burton, 3; A. Clayton, 4; E. Chapman, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. And 360 of London Single (with nine bobs). F. Clayton, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Lewis, 3; A. Martin, 4; C. West (conductor), 5; E. Chapman, 6. Also 360 of College Single (with nine bobs). F. Clayton, 1; G. Burton, 2; A. Martin, 3; E. Chapman, 4; C. West, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late John Thompson, a member of the Higham Ferrers Society, and also of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association. On Monday, November 21st, the local company met for practice, and succeeded in ringing 2520 changes in the four following methods:—720 of College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), 720 of College Little (eighteen bobs and two singles), 720 of Oxford Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), and 360 of Court Single (with nine bobs), in 1 hr. and 29 mins. G. Heath, 1; G. Burton, 2; W. Lewis, 3; C. West, 4; E. Chapman, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; W. Morris, 6; N. W. Tarling, 7; P. Springham, 8. For practice, on Tuesday evening, the 15th of November, a 546 of Grandfire Triples. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; G. Camp, 2; N. W. Tarling, 3; A. Brown, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; W. Morris, 7; P. Springham, 8. Also 504 of Stedman Triples (forty-five bobs), in 19 mins. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; N. W. Tarling, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; W. Morris, 6; H. Saban, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. On Friday, the 18th of November, for confirmation service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; W. Morris, 6; P. Springham, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. On Sunday last, November 20th, for evening service, 504 Grandfire Triples. N. W. Tarling (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. Morris, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. Saban, 8. Recently, for practice, a plain course of Keat Treble Bob Major. J. Freeman, 1; A. Brown, 2; J. Tarling, 3; G. Rochester, 4; W. Morris, 5; H. Saban, 6; P. Springham, 7; N. W. Tarling, 8. First Treble Bob by Messrs. Saban, Morris and Springham.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Wednesday, November 9th, at the cathedral, by the cathedral society, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples, in 47 mins. G. W. Cartmel, 1; *E. J. Mitchell (first quarter-peal inside), 2; T. Grant, 3; R. M. Pratt (first quarter-peal), 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; W. Battle, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; E. A. Hulks, 8. The above was rung in honour of the election of W. Hurlock, Esq., as Mayor. On Sunday, November 27th, for afternoon service, 320 Grandfire Major. T. Grant, 1; E. J. Mitchell, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; R. M. Pratt, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's), in 46 mins. *E. J. Mitchell, 1; *T. Grant, 2; N. N. Hills (conductor), 3; J. C. Mitchell, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Thomas's church, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob, with 6-8 behind. J. Pagett, 1; C. Barrett, 2; H. Harris (conductor), 3; T. Lees, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; J. Bird, 6; W. A. Pugh, 7; J. Crump, 8. And in the afternoon, a special service at which the members of the Ancient Order of Foresters of the district attended and at which a collection was made on behalf of the Foresters' Convalescent Home at Clent, several 6-scores, and a 360 of Bob Minor, W. Lawrence on the 4th, others as before, and conducted by H. Harris. On Monday, November 21st, being the anniversary of the first 720 rung by the company, a 504 of Bob Triples. W. Taylor (Lye), 1; F. Davis (Lye), 2; W. A. Pugh, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; H. Harris, 5; C. Barrett, 6; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. Also a 720 of Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Pagett, 1; C. Barrett, 2; F. Davis, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; H. Harris, 5; W. A. Pugh, 6; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 7; J. Crump, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. in Eb.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 13th, at St. Peter's church after evening service, 756 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Griggs, 3; W. Cross, 4; H. Harper, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Howell, 7; H. Brackett, 8.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Sunday, November 27th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Jackson

(first 720) 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; G. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6.

WAKEFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, November 20th, at the parish church, for service, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. Milnes, 1; G. Firth, 2; R. Wrigley, 3; J. P. Healey (conductor), 4; W. Scott, 5; T. Prince, 6; W. Firth, 7; T. Ormond, 8; T. Moorhouse, 9; J. T. Hollis, 10. Tenor 32 cwt. in C.

WHITCHURCH (Oxon).—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, November 20th at the house of Mr. W. Lawrence, after the evening service, 120 of Grandsire. Mrs. W. Lawrence, 1; C. Pocock, 2; E. Bushnell, 3; T. Pocock, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5-6. This is the first six-score on handbells by residents of Whitchurch, and the first by this local band, who have only commenced the method a few months. Also another six-score. Mrs. Lawrence, 1; C. Pocock, 2; *T. Pocock (conductor), 3; *E. Bushnell, 4; *W. Lawrence, 5-6. *Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WOODFIELD (Hatfield, Herts).—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, November 16th, on handbells, a 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor (with nine bobs), each in 25 mins. S. Seymour, 1-2; J. Smith (conductor), 3-4; R. Rogers, 5-6. These were rung to celebrate the jubilee year of our Queen.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—CAVERSHAM BRANCH.

The following is the ringing done by the St. Peter's Society during the past six weeks:—

On Tuesday evening, October 11th, for practice, at the Parish Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob; also on Sunday morning, October 16th, for Divine Service, a 240 of Grandsire Doubles; also for evening service a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure; also on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Parish Church (Sandhurst), a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob; a 720 of Kent Treble Bob; a 720 of College Single; a 720 of Yorkshire Court. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman, (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, October 23rd, at the Parish Church, Caversham, for Divine Service in the morning a 360 of College Single. After evening service, a 720 of College Single; also on Sunday, October 30th, for morning service, a 240 of Stedman Doubles; for evening service, a 120 of Plain Bob; also on Sunday, November 6th, for morning service, a 720 of College Single; for evening service a 360 of Oxford Bob; also on Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, a 360 of Plain Bob; also on Sunday, November 27th, for morning service, a 360 of College Single. The following took part in the above at Caversham. C. Parfitt, F. Simmonds, H. Simmonds, E. Menday, G. Essex, J. Hands, J. Richardson (Beenham), H. Smith, T. Newman, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, conducted by G. Essex, T. Newman, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. Caversham tenor 17 cwt. Sandhurst tenor 8 cwt.

Obituary.

DAVID HOLLAND DENDY.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named gentleman, who died on Wednesday, November 9th, at the age of sixty-six years. He was for many years a member of the Dartford company, and had taken part in a good number of peals of 5000 and upwards on eight, ten, and twelve bells, in the four standard methods, conducting several. He has been absent from the belfry for a considerable time through his declining health. His remains were interred in Crayford churchyard, on Saturday, November 12th. On Sunday evening, November 13th, at the church of St. Paulinus, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 45 mins., as a mark of respect to the deceased gentleman. L. Hammant, 1; W. J. Cook, 2; E. W. Snowdon, 3; J. Blackman, 4; E. Saxby, 5; J. Saxby, 6; F. French (conductor), 7. W. Saxby, 8. Messrs. Snowdon and Blackman hail from Dartford; G. CONYARD.

COLONEL AKROYD.

On Saturday, November 19th, the above-named gentleman died at St. Leonard's-on-Sea. He was the founder of All Souls' Church, Halifax, which he erected, from designs by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, at a cost of about £100,000. The funeral took place on Wednesday, November 23rd, when the people of Halifax did all that was possible to show respect for his memory. He was buried in the family vault at All Souls' cemetery. After the funeral, a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (2624 changes), was rung with the bells deeply muffled, in 1 hr. 50 mins., being the longest touch rung by the following company. H. Payne, 1; T. Parker, 2; G. D. E. Mercer, 3; J. S. Ambler, 4; A. Parker, 5; C. E. Stewart, 6; A. F. Nicholl, 7; S. W. Stewart (conductor), 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

THE BELLS OF HATFIELD, HERTS.

The bells of Hatfield Church, dedicated to St. Etheldreda, have just been rehung and quarter-turned by a local bell-hanger, after having remained silent for some few months. On Saturday, November 12th, ringers from St. Albans succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, as reported in our issue of the 19th inst. The bells have been rehung in a skilful manner, and no pains have been spared to make the job a complete success. They have been placed back in the old frame (which is a splendid piece of work), made by the noted founder of Hertford, John Briant, in 1786, who by the way cast the ring of eight, two of which have since been recast. Those members of the ringing fraternity who have rung at Hatfield Church during the past few years, since the demolition of the old belfry chamber, and who have experienced the "pleasurable delight" of walking across the belfry for their sally, not knowing within a few feet where it would fall, will be pleased to know that the draught has been shortened from twelve to fifteen feet, a new chamber having been made, overlooking the body of the church. In addition to the work on the bells, a new chiming apparatus has been fitted up and the old chimes re-adjusted, which we trust will long continue to send forth their melodious tunes to the delight and amusement of all who love to hear "Old England's Merrie bells." At the conclusion of the peal before mentioned, the company adjourned to the "Salisbury Arms" Temperance Hotel, where the inner man was refreshed, which was brought to a successful issue, the last single being called in time to catch "Puffing Billy." Mr. E. P. Debenham, on behalf of the St. Albans contingent, expressed the pleasure he had derived from listening to the peal, which he considered a masterly performance, and the best he had ever heard. On Wednesday, November 16th, Leonard Procter, Esq., and his band from Bennington, although somewhat behind in the field, formally opened the bells, and succeeded in bringing round some good touches of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. We are pleased to hear that the Hatfield ringers are going in for change-ringing, having on a previous practice-night rung some Grandsire Doubles, under the instruction of Mr. T. Gathard, late of Hertford.

REOPENING OF THE BELLS OF HARWELL CHURCH, BERKSHIRE.

The bells of this church having been rehung, they were reopened on Thursday, November 24th. Evensong, at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was said at 3 p.m., several of the neighbouring clergy being present. Immediately afterwards two 720's of Grandsire Minor were rung by the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild: T. Hibbert, 1; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 2; F. Field, 3; W. Napper, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Tenor about 18 cwt. Several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were also rung.

WEYBREAD, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday, November 17th, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the bells of Weybread Church for the first time by a *bona-fide* Weybread company. This reflects great credit on the band as they are almost entirely self-taught. The bells were cast and put up in a small round tower by Messrs. Moore, Holmes, and Mackenzie, of the Redenhall Bell Foundry, in 1879. W. Wiskins (age 20), 1; A. Smith (age 16), 2; G. S. Leggett (age 26), 3; R. Day (age 17), 4; J. Collier (aged), 5; G. Staff (conductor (age 17), 6. Tenor 9 cwt. 10½ lbs.

REOPENING OF THE BELLS OF THE PARISH CHURCH, NEWBURY, BERKS.

On Saturday, November 25th, these bells having been rehung by a firm at Appleton, were reopened with a peal of Stedman Triples, rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. They were cast by Wells, of Aldbourn, Wilts, and make a respectable ring of eight, with a tenor of about 25 cwt. in E flat. The ringers were kindly entertained by the Rector and churchwardens.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 28TH, 1887.—

By a mixed band at Arundel.—On Saturday, November 26th, 2520 changes of Grandsire Triples, being the first half of Holt's six-part, in 1 hr. 33 mins. H. Haggett, 1; T. Andrews, 2; W. Wadey, 3; F. Luxford, 4; W. Short, 5; H. Chandler, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; J. Knight, 8. This was intended for a peal, but owing to a shift the bells came round at the half-way single. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Woodman, 1; H. Haggett, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Wadey, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; J. Knight, 8. And on Sunday, November 27th, a 560 of Grandsire Triples. G. Woodman, 1; C. Blackman (conductor), 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Haggett, 5; F. Luxford, 6; G. Balchin, 7; J. Knight, 8. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Treagus (first quarter-peal), 1; H. Haggett, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4; G. Balchin, 5; F. Luxford, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; G. Woodman, 8. And a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; W. Short, 3; T. Andrews, 4; G. Balchin, 5; C. Blackman (conductor), 6.

By the Balcombe branch at Balcombe.—On Monday, November 21st, 5040 changes in seven different methods, for particulars see peal column. And on Thursday, November 24th, a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; E. Streeter, 2; H. Meads, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; H. Meads, 2; J. Gasson, 3; T. Streeter, 4; A. Stoner, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; E. Streeter, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; A. Stoner, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. R. Streeter, 1; T. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob. R. Streeter, 1; E. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 27th, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob and a 360 of Plain Bob. J. Gasson, 1; R. Streeter, 2; A. Stoner, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; H. Meads (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. R. Streeter, 1; E. Streeter, 2; H. Meads, 3; G. Illman, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton branch at Heene.—On Saturday, November 25th, an attempt was made for a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major, which came to grief after ringing 4240 changes, in 2 hrs. 35 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. C. King, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; J. Jay, 6; J. Searle, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8.

By the Christ Church branch at Christ Church, Eastbourne.—On Thursday, November 17th, a 360 of Yorkshire Court, in 12 mins. R. Howse, 1; G. Howse, 2; J. Sharpe, 3; P. Peters, 4; F. Harding, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 20th, a 360 of Kent Treble Bob, in 12 mins. P. Peters, 1; G. Howse, 2; H. Colbran, 3; J. Sharp, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And a 360 of College Single, in 13 mins. W. Ticehurst, 1; P. Peters, 2; G. Howse, 3; H. Knight, 4; F. Harding, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. By the Christ Church branch at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Tuesday, November 22nd, a 1000 of Bob Triples, in 35 mins. H. Knight, 1; P. Peters, 2; H. Colbran, 3; J. Sharpe, 4; F. Harding, 5; G. Howse, 6; T. Smith (conductor), 7; W. Ticehurst (member of the St. Saviour's band), 8. By the Christ Church branch at Christ Church, on Sunday, November 27th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. P. Peters, 1; G. Howse, 2; H. Colbran, 3; J. Sharp, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all of the band.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Friday, November 25th, a 720 of New London Pleasure Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; C. Chambers, 2; C. Tyler, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, November 27th, a 240 of New London Pleasure Treble Bob. F. Morris, 1; C. Tyler, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

I am instructed to give notice in "THE BELL NEWS" that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on November 19th, was not a St. James's Society peal, one performer not being a member.

J. BARRY, Hon. Sec.

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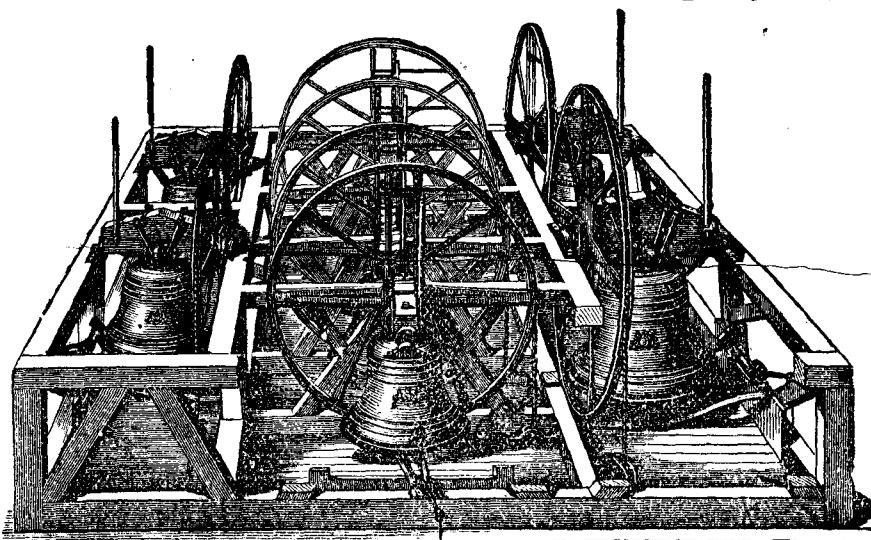


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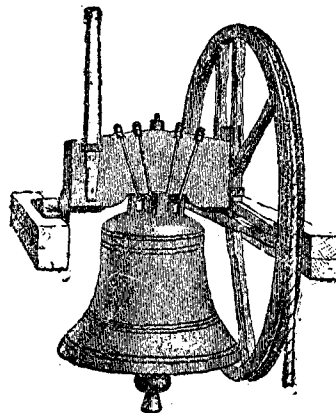
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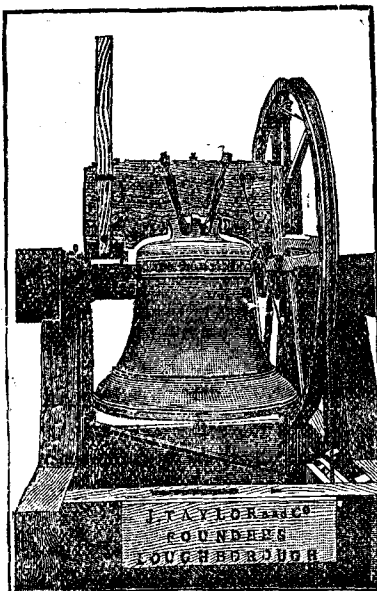
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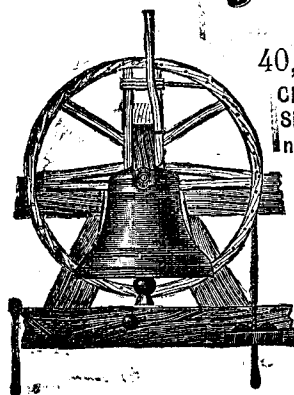
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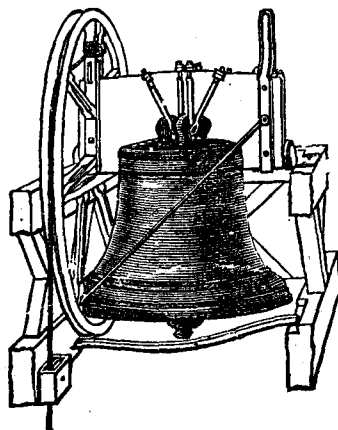
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RE-OPENING OF EDMOND PARISH BELLS, SHROPSHIRE.

One of the bells of this church having been cracked a few years ago, it was determined to have it restored as a public memorial, also the others re-hung and various improvements made. The work was entrusted to the well-known firm, Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the result is that Edmond can now boast of possessing one of the finest rings of six in the county. At the special re-opening service, on Wednesday evening, November 30th, there was a large congregation, not only of parishioners, but of friends from the neighbouring parishes. Special collects were said, afterwards the hymn,

"Lifted gently to the steeple,
See our bells set up on high," &c.

After the singing of the hymn the Tibberton church ringers, assisted by two members of the St. Peter's Society of Change-ringers, Wolverhampton, rang a short touch. The rector, the Rev. C. F. C. Pigott (rural dean) then ascended the pulpit and preached an appropriate sermon from 1 Cor. xii. 26. In the course of his remarks he explained the use of bells, their connection with the church, &c., asking the ringers to remember the solemn office they had to discharge, saying the belfry was not the place for light talk, jesting, eating or drinking. He would end by praying that the words of our greatest modern poet might represent and describe the words those bells would carry out to this and future generations:—

"Ring out the old, ring in the new;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

After the service several very good courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung, the ringers standing thus:—A. Norton, 1; J. Vickers, 2; W. Podmore, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; J. Simpkins (conductor), 5; J. Pardoe, 6. The ringers were entertained at the rectory to a substantial repast. We hope to hear of a band of change-ringers being formed here before long. The inscriptions on the different bells will, no doubt, be interesting to some of our readers:—

Treble.—"Freeholders of Edmond." 2ft. 6in. diameter.
2nd.—"Recast A.D. 1887, Jubilee year. J. R. E. J." 2ft. 7in. dia.
3rd.—"God bless our noble Benefactor, 1721." 2ft. 7½in. diameter.
4th.—"Robert Mancell, John James, Churchwardens, 1721." 2ft. 9in. diameter.
5th.—"Dryden Pigott, Rector and Benefactor, 1721." 3ft. diameter.
Tenor.—"Robert Pigott, Benefactor." Weight 11½ cwt. 3ft. 4in. diameter.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The next District Meeting will be held at Colchester, on Saturday, January 7th, 1888. The ring of eight at St. Peter's church is in good order, but change-ringing has as yet made made little progress in the town. It is hoped, therefore, that there may be a good attendance, so that the meeting may be successful. Further notice of time and place will be given.

The subscriptions of some members of the Association for the year 1886-7 (ending at Whitsuntide last), are still in arrear; and I hereby give notice that unless these arrears are paid by December 31st inst., it will be assumed that the members in question do not wish their names to remain any longer upon our books. I may also remind members of the Association that the subscription for the current year, 1887-8, was due last Whit-Monday, and should be paid as soon as possible by those who have not already forwarded it. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

Writtle, Chelmsford.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

Hellingly Church is a spacious building of considerable antiquity, some portions of it (particularly the chancel), bearing evident marks of early English architecture. It is always understood to be the "mother church" of Hailsham. The tower is comparatively modern. The church has been well restored, and is in excellent order, from chancel to belfry. An iron ladder leads up to the bells, a peal of six, mostly of different dates, but all from the Whitechapel Foundry. Treble, 1751; second, 1751; third, 1816; fourth, 1813; fifth, 1752; tenor, 1828. According to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's list, the tenor weighs 12 cwt. These bells need attention. We believe a movement is now on foot to re-hang them. An additional clock dial has lately been fixed on the tower.

MEETING OF THE RINGERS OF THE MACCLESFIELD DISTRICT.

On Saturday last, December 3rd, a meeting of the above was held in the choir vestry of St. Michael's, Macclesfield, to hear an address from the Venerable Archdeacon Barber, of Chester, who has taken such an active part (and is doing now) in the newly-formed Chester Diocesan Guild, for which this meeting had been called. There were five belfries represented, viz.: Alderly (six bells), Bollington (eight bells), Gawsorth (six bells), Macclesfield St. Michael's (ten bells), and Prestbury (eight bells). The Rev. Canon Turner, Vicar, took the chair, and after a few remarks from him, the Venerable Archdeacon gave a beautiful address, and read the rules, etc. of the above. His remarks were well appreciated, and all the ringers present consented to become members. Mr. Matthews, of St. Michael's, made a few good remarks, and after some matters had been discussed, the last-named gentleman proposed that a branch of the above Guild should be formed at Macclesfield, which was seconded by Mr. Fairness (Bollington), and a Secretary who should be Treasurer, *pro tem.*, both being carried unanimously. Votes of thanks were then accorded to the Venerable Archdeacon for his address, and also to Canon Turner for occupying the chair.

N.B.—The first meeting of the Macclesfield branch of the above Guild will be held on Saturday, January 14th, 1888, of which due notice will be given. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the tower bells after the meeting.

WILLIAM WALMSLEY,

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Sec. and Treasurer *pro tem.*

NAYLAND CHURCH BELLS.

The bells of the parish church have been put in ringing order with new gun metal bearings, and the old gudgeons turned up, the wheels and other fittings repaired, and the frame re-fastened. The local company were invited to try their skill, and a mixed company rang for morning service a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, being the longest length on the bells since May 2nd, 1874. J. Taylor (Great Bromley), 1; H. Howell (Ipswich), 2; J. Starling (Great Bromley), 3; H. Harper (Sudbury), 4; W. Smith (Higham, conductor), 5; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 6. Also for evening service a 720 of Treble Bob. W. Howell (conductor), 1; J. Starling, 2; W. Griggs, 3; H. Howell, 4; H. Harper, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6. The work was entrusted to Mr. H. Howell, of Ipswich. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A District Meeting will be held at Basingstoke, Hants, on Wednesday, December 14th. The belfry of St. Michael's will be open from 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Old Angel Cafe in the market place at 6.30. Those who wish for an order to travel at reduced fares must send notice to the Rev. H. A. Spyers, Purbrook, Cosham, Hants, before Thursday, December 8th, stating number and station. Tickets for the tea, 1s. each, may be had on application before Saturday, December 10th. All ringers will be welcome. H. A. SPYERS, Hon. Sec.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association will be held at Streatham Common (by the kind permission of the Vicar), on Saturday, December 10th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4.30 p.m. A Committee Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. to consider the sketches which have been drawn for the proposed certificate of membership. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX BELL RINGERS.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, December 17th. The bells will be open for ringing from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock in the schoolroom. JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

57 Chorley Road, Blackrod,

HONOUR TO A DRONFIELD RINGER.

ON Tuesday, November 29th, being the seventy-fourth anniversary of the birth of Mr. Samuel Allen, the ringers of St. John's church rang a 720 of Oxford in honour of that event. The touch, which was conducted by Mr. Allen, was rung by the following, all being family relations. Joseph Platts, 1; Edward Platts, 2; Samuel Allen, sen., 3; George Platts, 4; S. Allen, jun., 5; H. Allen, 6. At this stage the veteran retired, his place being taken by George Leivesly, when the following methods were rung; Violet, London Scholars' New London Pleasure, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Arnold's Victory, and City Delight. At the conclusion of the ringing the performers were entertained to a sumptuous dinner at the "Green Dragon" Hotel, the house of Mr. Hy. Allen, also a lover of the art. After the cloth was drawn, Samuel Baggaley, Esq., Churchwarden, was called to the chair, and the Rev. H. P. Smith to the vice-chair. The Chairman, in proposing the health of the guest of the evening, alluded at length to the object of their gathering, during his remarks mentioning the fact that Mr. Allen had been a ringer over fifty-seven years. The other toasts following were "The Clergy," "The Churchwardens," etc., which were suitably acknowledged. The speeches were interspersed with glees, songs, recitations, etc., a very agreeable evening being spent.

TENDING CHURCH BELLS.

Through the exertions of the Rev. —. Page to commemorate the Jubilee, the bells have been rehung with new stocks, wheels, and gun metal bearings, new pulleys, ropes, and all other necessary fittings: they are quarter-turned, and hung with cast iron carriages, and the frame has been strengthened, so that the bells are in a perfect and easy ringing order. On Wednesday, November 30th, the following members of the Essex Association, Messrs. J. Taylor (Great Bromley), W. J. Nevard and company (Great Bentley), were engaged to ring them. The work has been carried out by Mr. H. Bowell, of Ipswich, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The bells were cast by Miles Gray, 1618—1624—1627. The others are by Mears, 1864. On Thursday and Friday, twenty young trees of various sorts were planted in the churchyard to commemorate the Jubilee.

Obituary.

MRS. SAMUEL WOOD.

WE regret to have to record the death of the above lady, wife of Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, which sad event took place on Wednesday week. Mrs. Wood had given birth to another infant, on the previous Tuesday evening, but she succumbed about noon on the following day. The funeral took place on Saturday last, and in addition to a large number of relatives and friends, many ringers were present. In the evening the following ringers ascended the tower of St. Peter's church, and rang a muffled touch, consisting of 1632 changes, which number corresponded with the number of weeks of the deceased's age. T. Moss, 1. T. Wroe, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Adams, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; J. Gillott, 6; J. Thorp (composer), 7; G. Longden, 8. Mrs. Wood, who had just entered upon her thirty-second year, leaves four children. We feel assured that Mr. S. Wood's many ringing friends will sympathise with him in his bereavement.

A GIFT OF BREAD-AND-CHEESE.—In the twelfth century there lived in Biddenden, in Kent, two women named Chulkhurst, whose bodies are said to have been joined together in the same way as those of the Siamese twins were united. They left some land—about twenty acres—the rental of which was to provide a meal of bread and cheese for the poor of Biddenden. The food is distributed every Easter Monday. It seems strange that so large a sum of money—unless, indeed, the rental be very low—should not furnish a more substantial and more varied repast.—From "Little Folks Magazine" for December.

THE SHOE STRIKE AT NORTHAMPTON.—The distress in Northampton in consequence of the shoe strike is becoming great. On the 7th inst. between 400 and 500 children were breakfasted at two cafes by a anonymous gentleman, and Mr. William Cooper, a local fishmonger, distributed gratis to women 2 tons 3 cwt. of fish.

Church News.

The *Yorkshire Post* says the Duke of Newcastle proposes to give a new altar cross to St. Paul's Cathedral. Messrs. Bodley and Garner design it, and the cost will be £600.

The sermons preached at the consecration of Truro Cathedral and during the octave, have been published, by authority, by Messrs. Heard, of Truro.

The Dean and Chapter of Manchester have accepted the offer of a well-known citizen to place a window in the cathedral as a memorial of General Gordon.

The Rev. J. L. Bateman, formerly vicar of Haile, Cumberland, who was sentenced by Mr. Justice Day to eighteen months imprisonment for solemnising a marriage without due publication of the banns, is to be released, the remaining six months of the term being remitted.

Three stained glass windows have been placed in the parish church, Faversham, Kent, during the present year. They are the work of Messrs. Lavers, Westlake, and Barraud. Since 1869 fourteen stained glass windows have been erected in the church.

A handsome gateway has been erected at the entrance of St. Andrew's, Southport, after designs by Messrs. Aldridge and Deacon, of Liverpool. It is intended as a memorial of the completion of the fiftieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria, and was formally opened on St. Andrew's Day by the Bishop of Sodor and Man.

On Friday night, owing to the announcement that Mr. Lyne ("Father Ignatius") would occupy the pulpit at St. Mark's church, Coburg road, Old Kent road, a large congregation assembled; but it was announced that the Bishop of Rochester had prohibited the rev. gentleman from preaching at that church.

News has been received at Thirsk, from Suez, as to the health of the Bishop of Bathurst. His lordship was much better than he was at Naples, and it was thought that ere he reached Australia he would have quite recovered from the attack of debility from which he was suffering during the voyage down the Mediterranean, caused by overwork previous to his departure.

At a meeting of the Chapter of Truro, held on St. Andrew's Day, under the presidency of the Bishop, who is also Dean, Canon H. H. Du Boulay was unanimously elected Proctor. Canon Du Boulay was chaplain and secretary to Bishop Phillpotts, of Exeter, from 1864 to 1867, and is now vicar of Newlyn Eass. He has been editor from 1877 of the *Truro Diocesan Calendar*.

The first of the Advent lectures at St. Alphage, London-wall, was preached on Friday evening by the Rev. C. J. Ridgway, vicar of Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, who took for his text, St. Matthew xxi, 10, "When He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?" and delivered an eloquent and striking sermon in reply to this question, which was attentively listened to by a good congregation, consisting chiefly of men. The lecturer on Friday evening next will be Prebendary Barker, rector of St. Marylebone.

The Rev. E. Penwarne-Wellings, vicar of Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berks, and Rural Dean of the Deanery of White Horse, having resigned his preferment, has been presented by the clergy of the deanery with a silver inkstand and an address expressive of regret at his departure. The parishioners have also presented him with a silver salver, and a similar address beautifully illuminated. Mrs. Penwarne-Wellings has been presented with a tea service by the members of her Sunday School class.

A successful meeting was held, on behalf of the Bishop of St. Albans Fund for the East End of London, on the 26th ult., at Copped Hall, Totteridge, the residence of Mr. S. B. Boulton, who took the chair, and gave his experience of the working of the fund from a layman's point of view. He was followed by the Bishops of St. Albans and Colchester, by Canon Boyd, Principal of Hertford College, Oxford, himself a distinguished pioneer in the spiritual work carried on in "London over the border," and by Archdeacon Lawrence and Canon Proctor, the secretary of the fund. An East End clergyman, the Rev. C. J. Buckley, excited the sympathies of the audience by an account of the present state of the work, the early beginnings and struggles of which had been graphically described by Canon Boyd. The principal residents in the parish and the neighbourhood, and a large number of the clergy of the diocese attended to show their sympathy with their Bishop in his difficulties, and to support his plea on behalf of the St. Albans Fund. On the following day two sermons were preached in Totteridge church for the same object, that in the morning by the Bishop of Colchester, that in the evening by Canon Boyd. The collection at the meeting amounted to £164 2s. 5d., and the two offertories to £19 7s. 6d., making a total of £183 9s. 11d.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

7104.

By SAMUEL WOOD, *Ashton-under-Lyne*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	O	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2		2	2
2	6	3	5	4	I	I		
5	2	6	4	3	I		2	
4	5	2	3	6	I		2	
5	6	2	3	4	2	I	I	2
3	4	6	2	5	I		2	2
4	2	3	5	6	2		2	

Twice repeated.

Rung at Ashton-under-Lyne for the first time on Saturday, November 26th, 1887. Conducted by George Longden.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By THOMAS POLLITT, *Bradford*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	I		2
6	2	4	5	3	I		2
2	6	3	5	4	2		2
5	3	6	2	4		2	2
3	4	6	2	5	I		2
4	5	6	2	3	I		2
2	4	5	3	6	2	2	2
5	4	3	2	6		2	I
5	3	2	4	6	I		2
2	3	4	5	6	2	I	

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By YORK GREEN, *College Youth*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	2		I	2
4	6	5	3	2	I			I
5	2	3	6	4	2		2	2
2	4	3	6	5	2		I	2
2	6	5	4	3		2	I	
5	3	4	6	2	2		2	2
6	5	3	2	4	2		2	2
5	4	3	2	6		I	2	
6	3	4	2	5	I			I
3	2	5	4	6	2			
4	5	2	3	6	I			2
2	5	3	4	6	I			I
4	2	3	5	6	I		2	
2	4	6	5	3	2			2
2	3	4	5	6	2		I	

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By T. HOLDCROFT, *Hanley, Staffordshire*.

2	3	4	5	6	W	M	H
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	-
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	-
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-
4	6	5	3	2	-	-	-
3	4	5	6	2	-	-	-

Contains sixty calls only. Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham*.

1	2	3	4	5	I	O
5	2	3	4	I	S	
1	3	4	5	2	-	-
2	4	5	I	3	-	-
3	5	I	2	4	-	-
4	3	I	2	5	-	-
5	4	I	2	3	-	-
3	I	2	5	4	-	-
4	2	5	3	I	-	-
I	5	3	4	2	-	-
2	3	4	I	5	-	-
5	2	4	I	3	-	-
3	4	I	5	2	-	-
2	I	5	3	4	-	-
4	5	3	2	I	-	-
I	3	2	4	5	-	-

Twice repeated. Bob for single, and omitting the last bob at I, produces

2	4	I	3	5
5	2	I	3	4
4	I	3	5	2
2	3	5	4	I
I	5	4	2	3
3	4	2	I	5

These five courses five times repeated, with a single for a bob at I at the second call of the third part, and omitting the bob at O in the second course of the fifth part, produces:

2 3 I 4 5

First fifteen courses twice repeated, substituting a bob for single, completes the peal. This peal has only two singles.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By H. DAINS, *London*.

2	3	4	5	6	I	4	5	6
5	3	6	2	4	-	-	-	-
3	6	5	2	4	-	-	-	-
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-	-
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-	-
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-	-
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	-	-
2	4	3	6	5	-	-	-	-
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-	-
4	3	5	2	6	-	-	-	-
2	5	3	4	6	-	-	-	-
5	4	3	2	6	-	-	-	-
4	2	3	5	6	-	-	-	-
5	3	2	4	6	-	-	-	-
3	4	2	5	6	-	-	-	-
3	2	5	4	6	-	-	-	-
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	-	-
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-	-
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	-	-
3	2	4	5	6	S	-	-	-

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th the extent home at the last twelve course-ends of each part, and the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th place at the course-ends. First rang at Highgate, conducted by G. Newson.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1888.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham*.

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

First treble lead.

3	4	5	2	6	7	2
4	5	3	2	6	7	4
6	7	4	3	2	5	2
5	3	6	2	7	4	I
2	3	5	4	6	7	5
3	5	2	4	6	7	4
6	7	3	2	4	5	2
5	2	6	4	7	3	I
4	2	5	3	6	7	5
2	5	4	3	6	7	4
6	7	2	4	3	5	2
5	4	6	3	7	2	I
6	7	5	4	2	3	3
3	4	6	2	7	5	I
2	4	3	5	6	7	5
4	3	2	5	6	7	4

6	7	4	2	5	3	2
5	3	6	4	2	7	2
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Contains the Queen's, Tittums, Whittingtons, and the twenty-four 6-7's.

MUNIFICENT GIFT TO MANCHESTER.—The Manchester City Council, at their meeting on Wednesday, December 7th, formerly accepted the offer of the Whitworth trustees of a site of twenty acres of land off Oxford road, as a public park. The value of the land is about £50,000.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]
To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIR,—Allow me to make a few remarks with regard to the above. Your correspondent College Youth asks if the handbell peal reported as rung at St. Albans, on November 19th, 1887, was rung without an umpire, or whether it is an omission. I beg to say I have ascertained that no one was present but the performers. Another peal is recorded in last week's issue, December 3, as rung by the St. Albans Cathedral and other Societies, at Spicer Street Schoolroom, on November 29, umpire, Mr. Henry Brewer, of the St. Peter's Society, and I understand still another peal has been rung, and no doubt sent to you umpired by another member of the St. Peter's Society. I beg to say Mr. T. Waller is not a member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, but a member of the St. Peter's Society, which Society ring nothing else on the church bells but that intricate and much abused method designated by your correspondent as "Tombstone Surprise," etc., and I believe I am right in saying that only two of the members of that Society, viz., Messrs. Debenham and Waller, are competent to join any change-ringing Society at the present time. I am very pleased to hear they are taking up change-ringing, and I am sure with the assistance of such able ringers as Messrs. Buckingham, Cartmel and Mitchell, they ought very soon to be proficient, and I hope we in St. Albans will soon have the pleasure of listening to some well-struck Caters, instead of the well-struck but monotonous call-changes, from their beautiful peal of ten. To return to the subject. Messrs. Mitchell, Cartmel, Buckingham and Barnes are very honourable young men, and I have no doubt the peal was rung true, and I for one give them all credit for it, but if they wish their peals recorded I certainly think they ought to secure one or two competent umpires. Of course if they only ring for their own amusement it is nothing to do with anyone. The peals appear under the head of three Societies, of which I have the honour of being a member, and I must say I protest against such peals being entered in the peal-books; first, because it is my opinion all handbell peals should be umpired; second, that the umpire should be a competent ringer, that is one who can ring at least 500 inside on the church bells, as we know it would be an easy matter for such ringers as our friends in question to pull anyone through a touch on handbells, ringer or no ringer, and I very much doubt if the gentleman mentioned as umpire has ever rung the treble through a plain course on church bells; third, the umpire should be a member of the Society or Societies, under whose name the peal appears, and is expected to be entered. I think this very necessary, as then the umpire feels as much interest in the peal as the ringers themselves. I think the committees of the two leading Societies should meet or frame some rules to govern handbell peals, or, as "College Youth" says, they may soon get their books full of peals, true or otherwise, especially if they give a precedent by entering peals virtually not umpired.

E. A. HULKS.

THE PEAL AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of December 3rd that the peal which I conducted at the above church, on Thursday, November 19th, 1887, is not to be called a St. James's peal, because one of the performers in that peal had omitted to pay his entrance fee, which I was quite unaware of. The same performer rang a peal on the 5th of February, 1887, at St. Mary's, Lewisham, and also at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on the 24th March, 1887, and those peals are called St. James's Society peals. Now I should like to know why the one I conducted should not be called a St. James's Society peal.

W. H. FREEMAN.

THE PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES AT BROMSGROVE.

SIR,—Will you just allow me to call the attention of your readers to a peal that was published on November 26th, which was said to have been rung at Bromsgrove, and said to contain 5040 changes, and rung in 2 hrs. and 59 mins. Being an attentive listener, I noticed in the *Bromsgrove Messenger* it read 2 hrs. and 57 mins. But the truth is they rung 4998 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins., which was rounds and clashes. I don't know what some would call it, but I am of opinion it was fox and duck hunt.

ATTENTIVE LISTENER.

PRIZE RINGING.

SIR,—I was surprised when I got my paper last Saturday to see a letter from Mr. C. H. Hattersley, a very prominent member of the Yorkshire Association (to which I have the pleasure to belong) in favour of the above subject. I have always been under the impression that our Association was to promote change-ringing and belfry

reform, but I am afraid if we have many more like Mr. Hattersley, the latter object will not derive much benefit from our Association. I am not going to say that prize-ringing does not improve striking, but I do say that if good striking cannot be got without this means, then it is a dark look out for the Exercise. Prizes are given to children for regular attendance at Sunday school, but I think that true ringers have got a step above receiving a prize for taking a good part in the work of the church they attend. He refers to the organ competitions as much as to say they are wrong in having such competitions, and that he has just as much right to do wrong as the organists; and so he has, but supposing that they are doing wrong, I think that does not justify him in "letting the blind lead the blind," especially when he knows they are going the wrong way; but looking at it in its proper light, it may be quite necessary for organists to compete for their situation, but a young ringer can be taken into the tower and trained for his place without such competitions. If a peal of bells could be found apart from church or chapel, or any place of worship, then we should have no cause to complain as to the use of such bells, but to have a competition on a peal belonging to any church, is, in my opinion using the bells for a purpose they were never intended for, and I am sure Mr. Hattersley is very soon misled if he thinks it is right, simply because the Vicar or churchwardens have given their permission, to hold such contests.

FRED LONDON.

Moorhead, Shipley.

SIR,—It is very amusing to read Mr. Attree's letter on the above subject about Associations ringing the most peals to be the best striking. Allow me to inform Mr. Attree he is altogether mistaken. I have attended as many Association meetings as he, and to speak the truth I have never heard any ringing to come up to prize ringing, yet as for ringing the most peals, it does not say they are the best. I daresay Mr. Attree was born sixty years too late for striking, or he would not have written in the strain he did. Mr. Wilde has not written on his own account, it is the wish of the members of the Association that it should be known to the ringers at large.

GEORGE LONGDEN.

P.S.—The peal by Mr. Holdcroft, with sixty calls, is false; and the peal by W. J. Sevier is the composition of the late W. Harrison.

SIR,—After the able remarks on your leader of the 26th by Mr. Hattersley, I think comment thereon by me is not required. I must, however, take exception to the latter part of the letter signed "G. F. Attree." To begin with, I must ask that gentleman to keep a little more to the point under discussion, and never mind quoting analyses of peals rung by different associations, or asking whether I write officially, or telling us I was born half a century or more too late. This sort of thing is beside the point altogether, though before going further I may say that there are five members of our association who have took part in more than 120 peals each, in various methods, four of whom are under thirty years of age, and I might add there are many more members who are rapidly approaching this number. Of course I do not wish it to be understood that all these are association peals—only a few of them are credited to the association. I simply quote the above facts so that it may be distinctly understood that we do not discourage peal-ringing, as the tone of Mr. Attree's letter would seem to imply. As to adding "Hon. Sec." to my name, I must tell him that as I considered that the expense of calling a special committee meeting (to say whether or not I was to use the abbreviations in question) would swell the already slender funds, I had the awful presumption to use the title of an officer, which was unanimously accorded to me at our last annual meeting for the fourth time in succession. But all the same, I firmly believe my views, as set forth in my last letter, do meet with the approval of the 160 members who form our association. With regard to the falling off of peals rung by us, I can assure you, sir, that no one regrets it more than myself. However, let us hope that another year will see us near the top of the ladder. So much for matter that does not bear upon the main point at all. Mr. Attree is good enough to call attention to the following sentence in my last—"That the only way to secure constant good ringing is by holding prize ringing meetings." That seems to tickle his feelings rather, but I still stick to what I wrote, and defy him to prove the contrary. He holds up his hands in horror against prize-ringing, saying that it leads to prize-fights, beer, and desecration. Out upon such arguments. What has prize-fights to do with prize-ringing? I should like to know. The comparison is simply ridiculous. Again, if he does not drink a glass of beer now and then, is that any reason why other ringers should not, provided they desire it and willing to pay for it? Does he wish it to be understood in the event of prize-ringing being done away with, that we shall have no more of prize-fights or drunkenness? As to desecration, that is a matter of opinion, and I venture to say that the majority are with us. If he cannot advance any stronger arguments than these, he had better hold his peace. I remember reading, some time ago, an account of the annual meeting of the Sussex Association,

wherein Mr. Geo. F. Attree proposed that this Association (Sussex) give a silver cup to the company that ring the most peals during the next twelve months. What does he say to that, I wonder? If that is not prize-ringing, what is it? There's an old saying that "those who live in glass houses should not throw stones," and Mr. Attree would do well to remember it, otherwise he might have his windows smashed. I will just place his position before your readers, and then I have done for the present. His position amounts to this, that whilst he would give prizes to the companies that ring the most peals, he would debar any one from giving prizes to the companies that did the best striking. In other words, prizes for *quantity* but none for *quality*. JAMES S. WILDE.

Hyde.

A RINGER'S ADVENTURE.

SIR,—The St. Andrew's company having to ring in the evening at St. Andrew's church, Bath, on Wednesday, November 30th, it being St. Andrew's Day, and after doing so, knowing that it was the St. Saviour's company's practice-night, we all took a walk to their tower, and found some of the ringers waiting outside, so two or three invited us to go up to raise the bells, and some of the others went across the road to a public-house, saying "good night, if we don't see you again," but when we had got the bells half-way up there was a loud thumping noise came at the door, and when opened proved to be no other than those who had bid us good night. They were just like a lot of lunatics, and shouting "pull 'em down again, pull 'em down," at the same time two of them took hold of the tenor, and then the others all had to come down the same way, and they never explained any reason for doing so. We put on our coats again and left the tower. If they did not want us to ring why did they not act like Englishmen, and give us the information at first, or told us in a polite manner when we had got the bells up. After we had gone away they raised six of the bells, and rang a plain course of Doubles, but the ringing was very bad. Now, Mr. Editor, when these people come to our tower they are always treated with courtesy, and asked to have a pull, as ringers ought to treat one another, and not stop others, like a bull running wild in a china shop, and at the same time knowing we were members of the Bath and Keynsham Association, the same as themselves. Now Mr. Editor, this is not the spirit that should exist between one ringer and another, but they should all pull together, and then they would get a little farther than a plain course on five. J. HOLMAN.

AN EXPLANATION WANTED.

SIR,—I see in "THE BELL NEWS" of last Saturday, an account of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), rung at Great Yarmouth, in 45 minutes, on Tuesday, November 22nd. I heard the quarter-peal as your correspondent calls it. Now most of the time the bells were clashing two and three at a time, and every now and then they were completely firing, therefore the number of changes could not have been rung. The following is what this quarter-peal company done for Divine Service last Sunday:—In the morning an 18-score of Plain Bob Minor was attempted without success; for evening service a try for Grandsire Triples was made. They had not been ringing more than ten minutes when the bells were fired into rounds. Another try was made, but this time they could not get a lead before the bells were again all of a lump. After service, for 15 minutes, this disgraceful ringing was again gone on with. Perhaps the conductor or one of the company will be able to explain. D. HAYWARD.

St. Nicholas' Road.

ST. ALBAN'S, COPENHAGEN.

A peal of eight of the new tubular bells has just been erected in the belfry of the above new English church, having been supplied to the order of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. As there is only one set of six bells in any church in the city, and those of the most wretched description, much interest was evinced in the installation of the eight tubulars, which were chimed for the first time on Sunday, November 20th, in a touch of Grandsire Triples, the first ever heard from a church tower in Copenhagen. The British Ambassador (Sir Edmund Monson), and many others expressed their great pleasure at the result. The Chaplain (the Rev. C. A. Moore), himself an old ringer, is training eight members of his choir for ringing in the English methods, which will now be well represented. A set of these tubular bells has also been fixed at St. Michael's church, Folkestone, where a ringing society is to be formed from members of the church choir.—Communicated.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF RINGING FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 5TH, 1887:—

By the Brighton branch, at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Monday, November 30th, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. H. Weston, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. A. King, 4; J. Jay, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; J. Searle, 7; G. Thwaites, 8. The above is the first quarter-peal in the method by any branch of the Association, and the first by all the band. Also, on Saturday, December 3rd, at Ringmer, 5024 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. For particulars see peal column. On Sunday, December 4th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, a 504 of Stedman Triples, in 19 mins. H. Weston, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. A. King, 4; G. Thwaites, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Also, at St. Nicholas', Brighton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. Jesse Neeves, 1; W. J. Fisher, 2; J. Fox, 3; G. A. King, 4; W. Palmer, 5; H. Boniface, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8.

By the Crawley branch, at Crawley.—On October 25th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; F. Rice, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; E. Pierce, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; W. Collison, 8. 6 and 8 covers. Also, at Charlwood, on 27th October, a 720 of College Exercise, in 24 mins. *G. Wickens, 1; *M. Heffer, 2; *B. King, 3; *W. Collison, 4; *A. F. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. Also, at Charlwood, on 4th December, a 720 of College Exercise, in 24½ mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Collison, 3; M. Heffer, 4; A. Hillier, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 24 mins. W. Parsons, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Collison, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 24½ mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Collison, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; W. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Violet Treble Bob, in 24 mins. G. Wickens, 1; J. Newnham, 2; B. King, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch, at Steyning.—On Tuesday, November 29th, a 360 of Double Court Bob Minor. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also, on Thursday, December 1st, a 360 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor. J. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 2nd, a 720 of New London Pleasure Treble Bob. C. Tyler, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. Also a 360 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by the same band, conducted by G. Smart. Also, on Saturday, December 3rd, a 5040 in seven different Minor methods. For particulars see peal column. Also, on Sunday, December 4th, a 720 of Plain Bob. J. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; S. Searle, 3; F. Morris, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. J. Matthews, 1; C. Chambers, 2; S. Searle, 3; F. Morris, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Worth branch, at Worth.—On Tuesday, November 22nd, a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 23 mins. F. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; J. Tullett, 3; B. Payne, 4; E. Streeter, 5; G. Illman (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob, in 23 mins. W. Denman, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; F. Streeter, 4; F. Rice, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter, 6. Also on Saturday, November 26th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter, 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 23 mins. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; F. Rice (conductor), 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter, 6. Also, on Wednesday, November 30th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 23 mins. W. Denman, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Violet Treble Bob, in 23½ mins. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, December 3rd, a 5040 in seven Minor methods. For particulars see peal column. Also, on Sunday, December 4th, a 360 of Oxford Single Bob Minor. W. Owen, 1; B. Payne, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Sadler, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; H. Meads, 3; *W. Sadler, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 600 of Yorkshire Court Bob. R. Streeter, 1; W. Sadler, 2; T. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 23½ mins. T. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. *Hails from Betchworth.

GEO F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 4th, at the parish church, for morning service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins. C. Beaman, 1; W. Martin, 2; H. Oldnalls, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Reynolds, 6.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1887.

A footnote to a peal recorded in this number, though it is of modest proportions, will be sufficient to excite wonder in the minds of many of our readers. A noted ringer, well-known to the metropolitan section of the Exercise—MATTHEW WOOD, last Saturday scored his 300th peal. The summary of these performances, which we give below, comprise a list which will be read with admiration. There are not so many performances in the most difficult Treble Bob methods as we have lately seen, but for all that such a record is one to be proud of. Three hundred peals! It would be interesting to hear how many unsuccessful attempts in addition were made by our old friend MATTHEW WOOD throughout his ringing career. That would doubtless be a difficult result to arrive at.

There are other interesting features about this three-hundredth peal which may be noticed. We believe it is the one-hundredth peal rung by Mr. Wood at Bethnal Green Church. This, if correct, is certainly worth

mentioning. And we also hear that this performance is the two hundredth peal of one of Mr. Wood's most esteemed colleagues—MR. WILLIAM COOTER, a ringer whom by reason of his innate modesty seems to have almost dropped out of the science altogether. Though little is heard of him at the present, and unknown as he may be, even by repute, to many of the rising generation of ringers, we shall not be wrong in regarding him as one of the most clever ringers of the day. More however concerning him anon.

We have thought that the attainment of such a number of peals by two London worthies such as we have alluded to, not out of place. They rang, it appears, their first peal together in 1846, and they have since then preserved an acquaintanceship which has had few events, if any, to mar it. We shall hear no doubt of other performances being rung in which they will take a part, in fact there is no good reason to doubt, should their health be preserved to them, that they may yet ring another hundred peals. We are sure every one of our readers will join us in the hope that they may be spared many years to ring, if not the other hundred, very many more than they have already achieved.

MR. MATTHEW WOOD'S THREE HUNDRED PEALS.

Grandsire Triples: 90 peals, called 38; without calling, 1. 3 peals also on handbells.

Grandsire Caters: 9 peals; composed and called 1.

Grandsire Cinques: one peal.

Stedman Triples: 52 peals, called 10. Two peals on handbells, one without calling.

Stedman Caters: 39 peals. Four peals on handbells.

Stedman Cinques: 20 peals. Two peals on handbells.

Treble Bob Major: 41 peals, called six.

Treble Bob Royal: 19 peals, called 2.

Treble Bob Maximus: 9 peals, called 1.

Grandsire Major: 5 peals.

Grandsire Royal: one peal.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major: two peals.

Superlative Surprise Major: one peal.

SIR HENRY LAWRENCE AT LUCKNOW.—When the preparations for a possible mutiny began at Lucknow, Sir Henry Lawrence cleared away many of the small houses near the Residency, but leaving some of them standing so as to build walls from one to the other, thus making a rampart, or wall all round the Residency. Inside this enclosure he conveyed a large number of cannon, powder, and quantities of food, and all the English women and children were put in there for safety. It was not till the end of June that the first real struggle took place. Hearing that a large rebel army was approaching the city, Sir Henry Lawrence determined to go out and meet them. On June 30th, therefore he marched out of the Residency with all the men he could spare from the work of building the walls—about seven hundred in all, including some hundreds of faithful natives—and met the enemy near the village of Chinhut. The rebels mustered about six thousand, and on seeing them, the natives on the English side began to run away. The English soldiers, as usual, fought with the greatest bravery, but unfortunately they were worn out with hard work, and could not beat back the thousands of rebels who rushed forward like a torrent. They fell back in retreat; this soon became a rout, and those who were not shot nor cut down, got back to the Residency as best they could. The enemy rapidly followed, and on the night of June 30th, the siege of the Residency, which was to last many months, commenced. A sad calamity now fell upon a little party of English men and women who were preparing to defend themselves against a merciless foe. During the night a shell burst into Sir Henry Lawrence's bedroom, and inflicted wounds from which that brave and good man died, after lingering till the morning of July 4th, amid the constant thud of cannon balls against the walls of the building, and the ceaseless rattle of guns night and day. From "Little Folks" Magazine for December.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.

The ancient church of Willingdon, near Eastbourne, has a peal of five bells of the following dates:—Treble, 1860; second, 1732; third, 1875; fourth; 1618; tenor, 1732. The diameter of the tenor is 38 inches. It weighs probably about 10 cwt. Sir Walter Parker, of Ratton, gave this bell, and his ancestor, Sir Nicholas Parker, was the donor of the fourth bell. The treble, second, third, and tenor, were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry. Owing to the belfry being so small, several of the ropes are led to the ceiling by means of wooden "shoots." A clock has been placed in the tower during this Jubilee year, which is a boon to the inhabitants. It strikes the hours on the tenor bell with a hammer weighing about 20 lbs., bringing out the fine tone of the bell admirably. The Church contains several interesting monuments and brasses to the Parker and Thomas families.

The Metropolis.

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE DORRINGTON Treble.	WILLIAM COOTER 5.
WILLIAM CECIL 2.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 6.
JOSEPH WEST 3.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY 7.
JOHN BONNEY 4.	JAMES MONDAY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

This is Matthew A. Wood's 300th peal.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL 2.	*HENRY R. NEWTON 7.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF 3.	RICHARD T. WOODLEY 8.
EDWIN HORREX 4.	WILLIAM DAVIES 9.
WILLIAM D. SMITH 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

Mr. W. Davies hails from Liverpool. *First peal of Caters.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt. in D.

R. A. DANIEL, ESQ. Treble.	HENRY SWAIN 6.
WILLIAM BARON 2.	JOHN ROGERS 7.
ARTHUR JACOB 3.	GEORGE NEWSON 8.
JOHN WM. MANSFIELD 4.	HENRY DAINS 9.
JAMES HANNINGTON 5.	H. HOPKINS & G. WILD Tenor.

Composed and conducted by JOHN ROGERS.

It was in Kensington Palace, in this parish, the Queen was born, and it was thought fitting before the close of the Jubilee year that a peal should be rung on the bells. permission being obtained from the Vicar and churchwardens, by the kindness of R. A. Daniel, Esq., Captain of the Kensington Guild: The recent death of Lord Wolverton, brother of the respected vicar, the Hon. and Rev. Carr Glynn, and other causes, delayed the performance to the present; it being the nearest available date to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales' 43rd birthday and was thought a suitable opportunity for the attempt. This peal, the second on these grand-toned bells, was also the first in the method on them. It was also the first performance on bells by R. A. Daniel, Esq.

The Provinces.

NORTHENDEN, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, November 26, 1887, in Three Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT ST. WILFRED'S CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, BEING SEVEN 720'S OF PLAIN BOB,

Each 720 called differently.

EDWARD PRICE Treble.	JOHN WILDE 4.
THOMAS BRICKELL 2.	THOMAS PRICE 5.
PETER BRICKELL 3.	SAMUEL BRICKELL Tenor.

Conducted by PETER BRICKELL.

This is the first 5040 known to have been rung on these bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—THE ORMSKIRK SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1887, in Two Hours Fifty-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT Treble.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 5.
WILLIAM B. LLOYD 2.	JOHN ASPINWALL 6.
WILLIAM ELLIS 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
JAMES SHOLICAR 4.	PETER H. HARVEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT HOBDAV Treble.	WALTER REA 6.
GEORGE BOURNE 2.	GEORGE HAYWARD 7.
WILLIAM JAMES 3.	ALFRED MOORE 8.
OLIVER JAMES 4.	GEORGE MORRIS 9.
JAMES HINTON 5.	JAMES PARRY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

Mr. A. Moore hails from Hanbury, and J. Hinton from Bristol.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.

On Friday, December 2, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

AMOS CRESSER Treble.	W. A. TYLER 6.
R. LANE 2.	J. HARDY 7.
G. DRAYCOTT 3.	W. BIRKINSHAW 8.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 9.
S. SMITH 5.	E. WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

The above peal was taken from the Clavis.

THE ST. ALBANS' CATHEDRAL SOCIETY,
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Ringing.

On Friday, December 2, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT NO. 4, ST. PETER'S STREET,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HENRY LEWIS 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5-6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL 3-4.	THOMAS WALLER 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAM CARTMEL.

Umpire: Mr. Edward Hull, of the St. Peter's Society, who followed every change with the MS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

On Saturday, December 2, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. NEEVE Treble.	ALCHIN MOORCRAFT.. .. 5.
THOMAS DURLING 2.	HARRY PEARCE 6.
WILLIAM J. COOK 3.	JOSEPH SLOPER 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	FREDERICK FRENCH Tenor.

Composed by BENJAMIN FRANCIS, of Diss, and Conducted by FREDERICK FRENCH.

This is the first peal in the method and longest peal rung on the bells. Messrs Moorcraft and Pearce hail from Maidstone; T. Durling from Chislehurst; the rest being of the local band.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 2, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

F. S. WHITE Treble.	J. AVERY 5.
E. HOLIFIELD 2.	J. W. WASHBROOK 6.
B. BARNETT 3.	C. HOLIFIELD 7.
W. BENNETT 4.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, Master of the Guild.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

New London Pleasure, Violet Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, and Bob Minor.

Tenor about 18 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM C. ALLEN Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN 4.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	WILLIAM G. BIGGS.. .. 5.
MAURICE WARWICK 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 6.

Conducted by W. G. BIGGS.

This is the first 5040 the conductor has called in seven different methods.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (BRIGHTON BRANCH).

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER Treble.	JAMES SEARLE 5.
GEORGE A. KING.. .. 2.	JOHN JAY, SEN., 6.
JOHN REILLY 3.	HARRY WESTON.. .. 7.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 4.	GEORGE C. HAMMOND Tenor.

Composed by H. ROSTRON, and Conducted by GEO. C. HAMMOND.

The above peal was rung on the 2nd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—WORTH BRANCH.

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Warnham Court Bob, College Single and Oxford Single Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

B. PAYNE Treble.	F. RICE 4.
W. DENMAN 2.	G. ILLMAN 5.
H. MEADS 3.	E. STREETER Tenor.

Conducted by E. STREETER.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (STEYNING BRANCH).

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

New London Pleasure Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court and College Single.

Tenor 12 cwt.

G. GATLAND Treble.	E. BRACKLEY 4.
C. TYLER 2.	T. WOOLGAR 5.
C. CHAMBERS 3.	G. SMART Tenor.

Conducted by G. SMART.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES ANGUS Treble.	J. W. CUDWORTH 5.
J. H. HARDCASTLE 2.	J. BARRACLOUGH 6.
H. RAISTRICK 3.	T. HAIGH 7.
THOMAS STEAD 4.	W. BROGDEN Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. HAIGH.

Messrs. Angus, Hardcastle, and Raistrick hail from Bradford, the remainder from Huddersfield. This peal (which will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 24th last, and is now rung for the first time) was rung on the anniversary of the marriage of Lawrence Hardy, Esq., J.P., son of Viscount Cranbrook.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. PRESTIDGE* Treble.	*H. MARTIN.. .. 5.
J. SMITH* 2.	*W. MICKLEWRIGHT 6.
W. R. SMALL 3.	S. SPITTLE.. .. 7.
G. HAYWARD 4.	*J. GOODMAN Tenor.

Composed and conducted by SAMUEL SPITTLE.

*First peal in the method.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Major (which had a call at each lead) on the bells, and was rang by officers of the Association. Messrs. Prestidge and Smith hail from Netherton; W. R. Small from Tipton; G. Hayward from Bromsgrove; H. Martin from Bellbroughton; W. Micklewright, S. Spittle, and J. Goodman from Dudley.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION (DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	HARRY C. WOODWARD .. 6.
JOHN C. DICKEN 2.	GEORGE HINGLEY 7.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 3.	JOHN WARD 8.
JOHN HOWE 4.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 9.
JOHN W. TAYLOR 5.	A PERCIVAL HEYWOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

This peal contains six "full" courses out of the nine of which it is composed.

NOTE.—The peal of Grandsire Triples (Thompson's three-part) rung at Hull, by eight members of the Yorkshire Association, on November 25th, and published in our last issue, was conducted by Charles Jackson.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

A. H. BASSANO Treble.	W. GREEN 5.
A. E. PARSONS* 2.	C. W. BASSANO 6.
W. BIRD 3.	R. BIRD 7.
J. PALMER* 4.	H. MASON Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. BASSANO.

*First peal of Union on a bob bell. *First 5040 as conductor.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS STEELE Treble.	WILLIAM T. PATES 5.
HENRY KARN 5.	FRANCIS E. WARD, Esq. 6.
FREDERICK MUSTY 3.	GEORGE H. PHILLOTT, Esq. 7.
HENRY ROBERTS 4.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES .. Tenor.

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD, Esq. and Conducted by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

The above is the first peal of Bob Major by the Association.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, December 5, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

GEORGE MAXIM Treble.	WALTER GRIDLEY 5.
ROBERT MINGAY 2.	SAMUEL SLATER 6.
JOHN LEE 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD 7.
FRED WELLS 4.	CHAS. SILLITOE Tenor.

Composed by the late W. GARRARD, of Ipswich, and Conducted by CHAS. SILLITOE.

The above was rung as a birthday peal, with Mr. R. Mingay, who attained his 41st year the day previous. Mr. Sillitoe hails from Sudbury, Messrs. Slater, Wells and Garwood from Glemsford, the rest are local ringers.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

W. COLLISON Treble.	H. G. POPE 5.
J. G. TILLMON 2.	E. POPE 6.
W. POPE 3.	A. E. NUNN 7.
W. E. POPE 4.	W. ROFE Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. NUNN.

All the above belong to the Staplehurst band, with the exception of W. Rofo, who belongs to Frittenden.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' 5-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in Eb.

CHARLES W. DYSON Treble.	JOHN WATHEN 5.
RICHARD W. WITHERINGTON 2.	THOMAS DEVEREUX 6.
SAMUEL CLEAL 3.	JOSIAH WATHEN 7.
JOHN HALE 4.	WILLIAM HAMPTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOSIAH WATHEN.

This is the first time this peal has been rung.

BEWDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1887, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE SALTER* Treble.	RICHARD E. GROVE 5.
H. J. TUCKER 2.	*HARRY ADAMS 6.
THOMAS SALTER 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
JOHN BENNETT 4.	THOMAS WALTERS Tenor.

Conducted by H. J. TUCKER.

*First peal. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar, the Rev. P. A. Pugh, for the use of the bells.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S 3-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH TURNER* Treble.	*ABRAHAM HARDMAN 5.
JOHN HARDMAN 2.	JOHN HARDMAN 6.
JAMES GRATRIX 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
ARTHUR BARRETT 4.	ERNEST BISHOP Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

Messrs. Turner, Gratrix and Wreaks hail from Manchester; E. Bishop from Bury; the rest belong to Radcliffe. *First peal. First peal in the method by all except Messrs. Gratrix and Wreaks.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1887, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES HINTON Treble.	F. E. WARD 5.
C. KING 2.	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 6.
W. SLOMAN 3.	F. STEPHENS 7.
W. HALE 4.	G. SMITH Tenor.

The above was rung in honour of the 24th birthday of W. Hale.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Anniversary Peal.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1887, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

TOM STOCKDALE Treble.	HARRY CUTTER 5.
W. SOUTHWICK 2.	JAMES DIXEY 6.
JOHN POLLARD 3.	CHARLES BENNETT 7.
H. JENKINS 4.	CHARLES JACKSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, without the 2nd in 5th or 6th place at a course-end, was rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. John Bruce Reed, who died on the 1st instant.

GLODWINCK, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL STOTT Treble.	RICHARD GUEST† 5.
ALBERT CLEGG 2.	CLEMENT DRONSFIELD 6.
GEORGE H. BEEVER 3.	JAMES SIDDAL* 7.
FRED COCKS* 4.	WILLIAM RHOADS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT CLEGG.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal.

Date Touches.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EMBERTON (Bucks).—On Wednesday evening, November 30th (the Feast of Saint Andrew) the ringers of Emberton assisted by W. Freeman, of Olney, rang a date touch of 1887 Doubles, in 1 hour and 4 mins, viz: four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, eleven 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and eighty-seven Bob Doubles, each being called differently. H. Booth, 1; W. Mynard, 2; W. Wright, 3; W. Freeman (conductor), 4; C. Line, 5. Tenor 9 cwt.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 29th, at St. Margaret's church, a date touch, (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 19 mins., being a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Double Court Bob, and 87 of Plain Bob. A. R. Aldham (conductor), 1; R. H. Brundle, 2; A. E. Durrant, 3; C. Saul, 4; W. Motts, 5; F. J. Tillett, 6.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, November 23rd, at St. Matthew's church, after ringing in celebration of the marriage of Mr. F. A. Brace to Miss Fergusson, of Park terrace, East Glasgow, several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Treble Bob Major were rung, with Mr. W. Davies, of Liverpool. An hour's rest and then a date touch of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Halls-worth, 1; D. Westley, 2; J. Astbury, sen., 3; W. Walker, 4; W. Davies (Liverpool), 5; J. Lawton, 6; J. Astbury, jun. (conductor), 7; E. Lightwood, 8. Composed by H. Johnson. And a course of Treble Bob Royal. A move was then made to the meeting house, and the remainder of the evening spent very pleasantly in conversation and handbell ringing.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Bedfordshire).—On Saturday, November 26th, at St. Owen's belfry, on handbells retained in hand, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). *M. Warwick, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; *W. G. Biggs (conductor), 5-6. *First 720 in the method double handed. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). M. Warwick, 1-2; W. G. Biggs, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6. And a 720 of Single Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). M. Warwick, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; W. G. Biggs, 5-6. First 720 in the method double-handed by all. Also 360 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (four bobs and two singles). M. Warwick, 1-2; C. W. Clarke, 3-4; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 5-6.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, November 24th, for practice at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Single Oxford Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). H. Toll, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; F. Keech, 3; T. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. At St. Paul's church, On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service, a 503 of Grandsire Triples. H. Toll, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; M. Warwick, 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; A. Andrews, 8. And a 308 of Grandsire Triples. M. Warwick, 1; H. Chapman, 2; E. Chapman (Rushden, Northants), 3; C. West (Biddenham, Beds), 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; W. G. Biggs, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; G. Brookes (Kempstone, Beds), 8. On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allen, 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. This is the longest touch of Stedman rung by the above company. Also 209 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; W. G. Biggs, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; F. Keech, 4; M. Warwick (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. Allen, 7; V. Sear (Bletchley, Bucks), 8.

BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, November 28th, at St. Philip's church, 1260 of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. C. Barnacle, 1; J. Jones, 2; W. Brook, 3; C. Carmell, 4; J. Carter (conductor), 5; J. Fullwood (West Bromwich), 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. Neal, 8. Tenor 29 cwt.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

LONDON.—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, November 30th, at the Society's meeting-house, a plain course of Grandsire Major. A. E. Church, 1-2; S. G. Davies, 3-4; W. Moore, 5-6; F. L. Davies, 7-8. Also a plain course of Grandsire Caters. C. H. Scriven, 1-2; A. E. Church, 3-4; F. L. Davies, 5-6; W. Baron, 7-8; W. H. George, 9-10. And a plain course of Grandsire Cinques. C. H. Scriven, 1-2; S. G. Davies, 3-4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5-6; F. L. Davies, 7-8; W. Baron, 9-10; G. Wild, 11-12. Mr. Scriven hails from Oakley, Suffolk, and was elected a member of this society on the occasion of his visit to London. The above record his first attempts at Caters and Cinques.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THEALE.—On Tuesday evening, December 6th, the Beenham company paid a visit to the above place, and with the assistance of Mr. W. Sims, of Theale, rang at the parish church a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. *W. Sims, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Hatto, 5; J. Richardson (conductor), 6. Also a 360 of Plain Bob Minor, J. Richardson (conductor), 5; and J. Hatto, 6; the rest as before. And two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and two six-scores of Plain Bob Doubles by the same band. *First 720 in the method. Tenor 13 cwt.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, December 4th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. F. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Simmonds, 3; E. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. T. Newman, 1; J. Hands, 2; F. Simmonds, 3; H. Smith, 4; E. Menday, 5; H. Simmonds, 6. And for evening service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Simmonds, 1; J. Hands, 2; J. Butler, 3; E. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, December 3rd, at the parish church, 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. W. H. Godden, 1; W. Long (conductor), 2; J. Sanders, 3; G. Smith, 4; E. Parker, 5; J. Plant, 6; W. Cooper, 7; T. Chayter, 8. Composed by H. Johnson, senr. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Leicestershire).—On Monday evening, December 5th, for practice at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins. J. Liggins, 1; H. Canner, 2; T. Jacques, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; J. Dunmore, 5; J. Jaggar (conductor), 6; W. Canner, 7; J. Curtis, 8. This is the longest length by all except the sixth man.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.—On Sunday evening, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. S. Churton, 1; H. Bailey, 2; A. Pennington, 3; T. Austin, 4; H. Page (conductor), 5; E. Montford, 6; J. Austin, 7; T. Rose, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Tuesday evening, November 29th, at St. John's church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. H. S. Taylor, 1; J. Little, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. *First 720 on a bob bell. And on Monday evening, December 5th, for practice, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Little, 1; H. L. Taylor, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; J. H. Whitfield (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—On Thursday evening, December 1st, for practice at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 of Double Court Minor in 30 mins. J. W. Forster (conductor), 1; T. H. Surtees, 2; F. Barron, 3; T. Bell, 4; W. Oliver, 5; J. Spraggon, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. First in the method by all the band. Also for Divine Service on Sunday evening, December 4th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. T. H. Surtees, 1; J. W. Forster, 2; W. Oliver, 3; T. Bell, 4; F. Barron, 5; J. Spraggon (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY NEAR ROCHESTER.—On Tuesday evening, December 6th, a muffled peal was rung, as a last tribute of respect to the late Dean of Rochester Cathedral (the Rev. Robert Scott, D.D.) who was buried on the 6th. The age of the deceased was first tolled on the tenor, then the usual whole pull and stand, and afterwards six-6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), in 26½ mins. D. Winsor, 1; E. Collard, 2; A. Ring, 3; G. Hutchings, 4; W. Hunt (conductor), 5. Tenor 18 cwt.

GRAVESEND.—On Sunday morning, December 4th, for Divine Service at St. George's church, 1260 of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Allen, 1; *W. H. Royston, 2; *C. Waterman, 3; *J. Broom, 4; B. Spinner, 5; J. W. Aitkin, 6; †G. Martin (conductor), 7; W. Louth, 8. The above was rung in honour of Mr. J. W. Aitkin's 55th birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. †Longest touch as conductor; *Longest touch with a bob bell.

ROCHESTER.—On Wednesday evening, November 30th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. E. Raynor, 1; J. Tulett, 2; A. Ring, 3; G. Lindoff (R.E.), 4; J. Kidd, 5; *G. Chantler (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROTHWELL BRANCH.

ROTHWELL.—At the weekly practice on Monday evening, November 7th, at the parish church, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung as trial peals for G. Abbishaw and R. Dobson, who had been probationers twelve months on that date, and were successful in the performances. Also on Monday evening, December 5th, 360 of Violet Treble Bob Minor were rung by them. The vicar (the Rev. F. Fawkes), offered, twelve or fourteen months ago, to his Sunday Bible Class students, to give £1 each to the two who learnt and mastered the method of change-ringing, which he has since carried out.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Monday evening, November 28th, at the parish church, the local company rang 630 of Grandsire Triples. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale, 4; J. Wager (conductor), 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also the first part of Reeves's ten-part peal (560 changes), conducted by W. Hale, and David Marment at the sixth. Also a 350, as before, with T. Ireland at the third. And on Saturday, December 3rd, eight members of the above Association attempted Holt's ten-part peal, but came to grief after ringing about 4,200 changes in 2 hrs. 40 mins., owing to a shift course in the ninth part, the changes being all that could be desired up to the shift. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Nash, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith, 8. Also a 336 and 42 in the same method. A. Gwinnett, 1; C. King, 2; W. Hale (conductor), 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; J. Wager, 5; D. Marment, 6; G. Smith, 7; E. Bewick, 8. Mr. Bewick hails from Hempstead, and is his first attempt on eight bells. The two new Jubilee bells cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, are now hung in the tower, and will be ringable in a few days, making the peal of twelve complete.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 27th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's church, 1260 of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. R. Sewell, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; S. Hayes, 4; W. Doran, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; E. A. Davis, 8. This was rung on the occasion of the dedication of the newly restored west tower window.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 3rd, at the parish church, the local society rang at the parish church 1632 of Kent Treble Bob Major, with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the wife of Samuel Wood, who was interred at the above church on that day. T. Moss, 1; T. Wroe, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Adams, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; J. Gillott, 6; J. Thorp (composer and conductor), 7; G. Longden, 8. Also on Sunday, December 4th, muffled touches in the same method were rung for morning and evening service.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, November 25th, at St. John's church, Deritend, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins., with the Queen's, Tittums, Whittingtons, and the twenty-four 6-7's. R. C. Bowkett, 1; C. Carmell, 2; C. Barnacle, 3; F. H. James, 4; J. Jones, 5; W. Davis (Liverpool), 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, December 3rd, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. E. Bennett, 1; E. F. Strange, Esq., 2; H. C. Haley, 3; C. E. Malim, Esq., 4; E. Burtenshaw, 5; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 6; G. Welling (conductor), 7; W. Ward, 8.

BUCKLAND (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 1st, at the parish church, 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. Poplett, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. And another 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. Poplett, 1; F. Sanders, 2; R. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. Also 360 of Grandsire Doubles. J. Robinson, 1; F. Arnold, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. And a 240. J. Robinson, 1; F. Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; W. Sadler, 4; R. Arnold (conductor), 5. Tenor 10 cwt.

BYTHORN (Hunts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, December 3rd, in the Reading Room, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. E. B. Howell, 1; F. Smith, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. Also 180 of Bob Minor. E. B. Howell, 1; F. Smith, 2; J. Martin, 3; W. Richards, 4; R. Dunkley (conductor), 5-6. And a plain course of Grandsire Triples. F. Smith, 1-2; E. B. Howell, 3; C. Dunkley, 4; R. Dunkley, 5-6; W. Richards, 7-8. Also 120 of St. Simon's Doubles. E. B. Howell, 1; J. Martin, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. And 120 of Bob Doubles. J. Cade, 1; J. Martin, 2; R. Dunkley (conductor), 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6. Also a plain course of Stedman's Slow Course, New Doubles, and St. Simon's Doubles. C. Dunkley, 1; J. Martin, 2; R. Dunkley, 3-4; W. Richards, 5-6.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 4th, for evening service, 1216 of Prince Albert Treble Bob Major. J. Cordingley, 1; W. Child, 2; E. Keighley, 3; C. Pratt, 4; J. Page, 5; J. Ross, jun., 6; W. Hollings, 7; W. Davison (conductor), 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EASTHAM (Cheshire).—On Monday, December 5th, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (eighteen Bobs and two Singles), in 26 mins. J. Haspray, 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes (conductor), 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Also 240 College Single, standing as above. Also for Sunday Morning Service, 360 of Plain Bob. J. Haspray (conductor), 1; C. Baxter, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Parr, 4; J. Hughes, 5; J. Rowlands, 6. Also for Evening Service 600 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Smith, the rest standing as above.

EXETER.—On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service, at St. Sidwell's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; S. Binfield, 4; W. Munday (conductor), 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Munday, 8. This quarter-peal contains twenty-four 6-7's and was composed by Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham. This is W. Munday's first quarter-peal as conductor. And on Monday, December 5th, at St. Edmund's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins. T. Meadows, T. Herbert, 2; H. Swift, 3; W. Richardson, 4; E. Pitt, 5; W. Goss, 6; W. Marsh (conductor), 7; T. Townsend, 8.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, December 4th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. R. Le Clercq, 1; H. Garforth, 2; R. Mallam, 3; G. H. Barnett, 4; J. Hawkes, 5; C. Fry, 6; A. White (conductor), 7; E. Claphaw, 8.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Thursday, November 17th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a three-part peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5088 changes), but was brought round at the first part end by two bobs at home, at the desire of one of the band, in 1760 changes, 1 hr. 3 mins. G. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; F. Wells, 3; R. Mingay, 4; W. P. Gridley, 5; J. Bird, 6; P. C. S. Scott, 7; S. Slater (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, November 27th, for evening service, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; W. P. Gridley, 2; O. Garwood, 3; F. Wells, 4; R. Mingay, 5; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; N. Hawkins, 7; J. Lee, 8. Also 560 of Bob Major. S. Slater (conductor), 1; W. P. Gridley, 2; G. Maxim, 3; F. Wells, 4; H. Smith (Lavenham), 5; R. Mingay, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; D. Ward, 8.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 29th, at the parish church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 30 mins. Joseph Slater, 1; Chas. Honeybell, 2; Z. Slater, 3; S. Slater, 4; E. W. Downs, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. On the same evening a 720 of Double Court Bob. Joseph Slater, 1; Chas. Honeybell, 2; Chas. Adams, 3; O. Garwood, 4; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. On Saturday, November 5th, a 720 New London Pleasure. John Slater, 1; Joseph Slater, 2; Chas. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; S. Slater, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. On the same evening a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. Joseph Slater, 1; O. Garwood, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; F. Wells, 4; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. This 720 contains twenty-one bobs, and was composed by Chas. Price, of Eccleston.—*Handbell Ringing*.—At the house of John Slater, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. Z. Slater, 1-2; Robt. Gowers (first 720), 3; John Slater, 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5-6. On Saturday, November 25th, at the parish church, a 720 of New London Pleasure. Joseph Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, November 28th, for practice at St. Mary's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; G. Spicer (Baldock), 2; F. Furr, 3; J. Smith (Baldock), 4; A. Squires, 5; W. Allen, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; J. Foster, 8.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Swithin's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Pegler, 1; F. White, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; W. Pegler (conductor), 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6. Also on Tuesday evening, November 22nd, the four singles and courses. E. Buick, 1; W. Dudge, 2; W. Thomas, 3; W. Pegler, 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6.

HOGHTON NEAR PRESTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 29th, at Trinity Church, for practice, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. First 120. J. Vogwill, 1; T. Dewhurst, 2; J. Dewhurst, 3; J. Margerison, 4; J. Pilkington, 5; J. Walker (instructor and conductor), 6. Second 120. J. Vogwill, 1; T. Dewhurst, 2; J. Dewhurst, 3; J. Margerison, 4; J. Walker (conductor), 5; C. Wadsworth, 6. First 120 by the above with the exception of J. Walker. J. Walker hails from Blackburn, and is instructor to the above.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—Recently the Eckington company paid a visit to the above place, and rang a 720 of Violet a. the parish church

in honour of the induction of the new rector, the Rev. — Medcalfe. F. Hancock, 1; E. James, 2; W. Price, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. And 240 of Oxford, with J. Shaw (conductor), 4.

LIVERPOOL.—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday, December 4th, at the house of Mr. J. R. Pritchard, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 18 mins. J. Aspinwall (conductor), 1-2; J. R. Pritchard, 3-4; T. Hammond, 5-6. And for morning service at the church of St. Francis Xavier, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Donnelly (conductor), 1; R. Diggle, 2; T. Moran, 3; T. Donnelly, 4; J. Donnelly, 5; W. Kennedy, 6; J. Clarke, 7; S. Hession, 8. And for evening service another 504. J. Donnelly (conductor), 1; W. Bond, 2; T. Moran, 3; T. Donnelly, 4; W. Kennedy, 5; J. Donnelly, 6; I. Clarke, 7; J. Moran, 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 4th, at the church of St. Mary-atte-Bow, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins. W. Manning, 1; A. Cutmore, 2; *E. Barnett, 3; S. Joyce, 4; *J. Priest, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; R. Turner, 7; T. Baker, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

LONG MELFORD (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 1st, at the parish church, 1680 of Bob Major, in 1 hr. and 5 mins. J. Slater, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; Z. Slater, 3; S. Slater, 4; H. Duce, 5; P. C. S. Scott, 6; J. Bird, 7; O. Garwood (conductor), 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. G. H. Bigg to Miss K. Faulkner, of this parish. On Monday, November 14th, being the day on which they returned from their wedding tour, a 720 of Bob Minor on the back six. A. Ambrose, 1; Z. Slater, 2; P. C. S. Scott, 3; J. Bird, 4; O. Garwood, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also a 560 of Bob Major. J. Slater, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; O. Garwood, 3; Z. Slater, 4; H. Duce, 5; J. Bird, 6; P. C. S. Scott, 7; S. Slater (conductor), 8. On Saturday evening, November 19th, at the parish church, for practice, 1120 of Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Lee, 1; *A. Ambrose, 2; R. Mingay, 3; Z. Slater, 4; *H. Duce, 5; J. Bird, 6; O. Garwood (conductor), 7; S. Slater, 8. *First touch in the method.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, December 1st, at the parish church, for practice, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and also a plain course and 168 of Grandsire Triples. W. Ellis, 1; R. Ellis, 2; T. Harmer, 3; E. King, 4; L. Longney (Croome; conductor), 5; A. Longney, 6; R. Prosser, 7; E. Taylor, 8. It is twelve years since a touch of Triples was rung on the above bells in which local men took part. On Saturday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), each 6-score called differently. E. Taylor, 1; R. Ellis, 2; W. Ward, 3; A. Longney, 4; L. Longney (conductor), 5; D. Pockett, 6.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Friday evening, December 2nd, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Taylor, 1; J. Davis, 2; G. A. Hatton, 3; H. Wooldridge, 4; A. Folkes, 5; F. Davies (conductor), 6. Tenor 3½ cwt.

MARKET DEEPIING (Lincolnshire).—On Monday evening, December 4th, five ringers from Witham-on-Hill paid a visit to St. Guthlac's Church, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Sewell, jun., 1; T. Allam, 2; S. Black, jun. (Maxey), 3; W. Sewell, sen., 4; W. Newham, 5; T. S. Smith (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). W. Sewell, 1; T. Allam, 2; S. Black (Maxey), 3; W. Newham, 4; G. Pearson (Lolham House), 5; S. Smith (conductor), 6. This was rung on the occasion of W. Sewell attaining his 77th year. The ringers afterwards repaired to the "George Inn," and a pleasant evening was spent.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, December 1st, at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. B. Townsend, 1; C. Daniels, 2; C. Beasley, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. This is Messrs. Daniels and Beasley's first 720 in the method, who hail from Cradley.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, November 24th, some members of the St. Peter's Mancroft society met Mr. D. Hayward, of Yarmouth, and rung at St. Andrew's church a touch of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, conducted by G. Smith. Also at their meeting-house on handbells, a course of Grandsire Cinques. D. Hayward, 1-2; E. Francis, 3-4; P. Sadler, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8; F. Knights, 9-10; J. Skinner, 11-12.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Monday evening, December 5th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins. *H. Wallis, 1; W. H. Roberts, 2; E. Hughes, 3; *A. Lambert, 4; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 5; W. Fox, 6; W. Lee, 7; W. Knibb, 8. Tenor 36 cwt. *First quarter-peal.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—At Holy Trinity church, on Wednesday, November 30th, 1008 Grandsire Major, in 40 mins. W. Bird, 1; H. Mason, 2; A. E. Parsons, 3; *J. Palmer, 4; W. Green, 5; G. W. Bassano, 6; J. Smith (Netherton), 7; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 8. *First touch of Grandsire Major. On Sunday, December 4th, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Triples (H. J. Tucker's touch), in 18½

mins. W. Green, 1; W. Bird, 2; C. W. Bassano, 3; J. Palmer, 4; W. Foxall, 5; H. Mason, 6; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 7; A. E. Parsons, 8. Also 840 Bob Triples, in 31 mins. W. Green, 1; W. Foxall, 2; C. W. Bassano, 3; A. E. Parsons, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano, 6; H. Mason (conductor), 7; W. Bird, 8.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, November 30th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; W. Snell, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by W. Snell.

SALISBURY.—On Saturday, December 3rd, for practice at St. Martin's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. H. D. Adams, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; A. Goddard, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; C. A. Clements (conductor), 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Tryhorn, 8. Composed by W. W. Gifford.

SEDLLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 26th, before Divine Service in the morning, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Goodman, 1; W. Mills, 2; Eber Screen, 3; S. Bunn, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; R. Schofield (conductor), 6; J. Davenport, 7; J. Flavell, 8. Also on Sunday, December 4th, after morning service, 672 of Grandsire Triples. J. Goodman, 1; R. Schofield (conductor), 2; D. Bruce, 3; S. Bunn, 4; J. Screen, W. Pardoe, 6; J. Davenport, 7; J. Flavell, 8. Also for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Goodman, 1; D. Bruce, 2; W. Pardoe, 3; W. Mills, 4; J. Screen, 5; S. Bunn, 6; R. Schofield (conductor), 7; J. Flavell, 8. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS" to kindly thank Mr. W. Pardoe for his attendance on these occasions, and also for taking part in the peal on the 26th inst. W. Pardoe hails from Tipton.

SHRAWLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 27th, at the parish church, by a mixed band of Hartlebury and Areley Kings ringers, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called different. W. Martin, 1; J. Thomason, 2; H. Oldnalls, 3; C. Beaman, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; T. Griffiths, 6. Also two 6-scores of Plain Bob. T. Elcox, 1; T. Griffiths, 2; W. Martin, 3; C. Beaman (conductor), 4; J. Reynolds, 5; T. Poultny (Shrawley), 6. Also four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Elcox, 1; C. Beaman, 2; H. Oldnalls, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; T. Poultny, 6. Also three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with extremes. J. Thomason, 1; C. Beaman, 2; W. Martin, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; T. Poultny, 6. And three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Martin, 1; J. Taylor, 2; H. Oldnalls, 3; C. Beaman (conductor), 4; J. Reynolds, 5; T. Poultny, 6.

STISTED (Essex).—On Thursday, December 1st, for practice at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob in 25 mins. C. Duncombe, 1; W. Bearman (Bocking), 2; E. Radley, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; F. Saunders (conductor), 5; A. Chaplin, 6.

TWERTON NEAR BATH.—On Tuesday, November 29th, for practice at the parish church, the local company assisted by Mr. J. Hinton, of Bristol, rang 840 of Grandsire Triples. G. Temple, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. Davis, 3; H. Wotton, 4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5; J. Wotton, 6; S. Blackmore, 7; C. Bendell, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins. G. Temple, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. Davis, 3; H. Wotton, 4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5; J. Wotton, 6; J. Blackmore, 7; J. Holman, 8. And a course of Stedman Triples. J. Smith, 1; G. Temple, 2; W. Davis, 3; J. Wotton, 4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5; H. Wotton, 6; J. Blackmore, 7; C. Bendell, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples, and a 252. J. Smith, 1; G. Temple, 2; J. Wotton, 3; J. Holman, 4; J. Hinton (conductor), 5; H. Wotton, 6; J. Blackmore, 7; C. Bendell, 8.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN (Gloucestershire).—On Friday, December 2nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, (1260 changes), each 6-score called differently. T. Harmer, 1; R. Ellis, 2; H. Grindon, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; R. Prosser, 5; H. Merrett, 6.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Monday evening, November 21st, the weekly practice night, 503 Grandsire Triples. E. Newman, 1; E. Holden, 2; E. Baldock, 3; G. Newman, 4; G. Bell, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Hall, 8.

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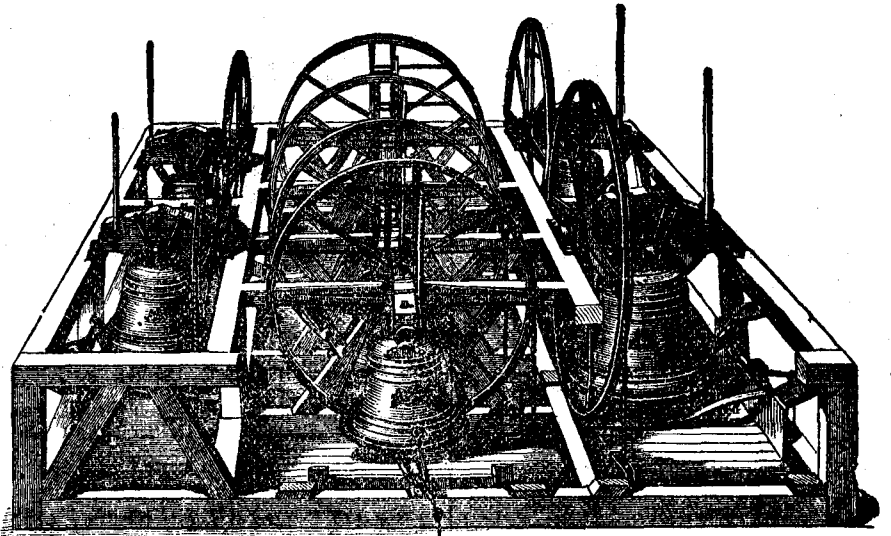


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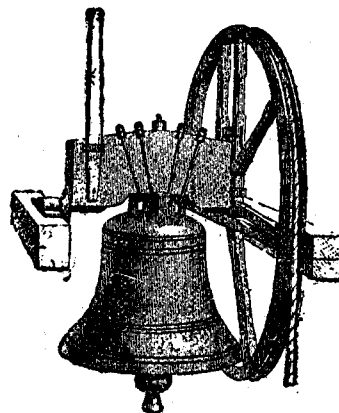
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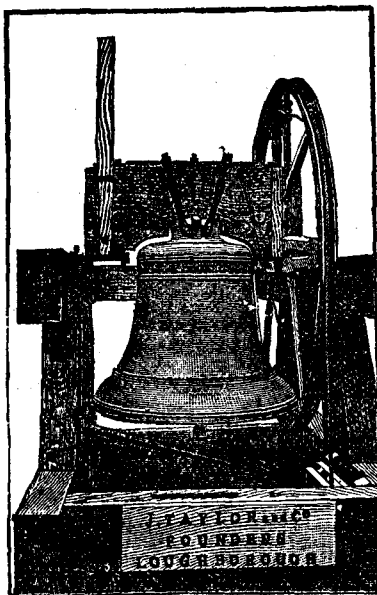
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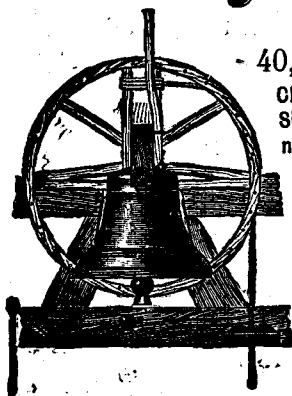
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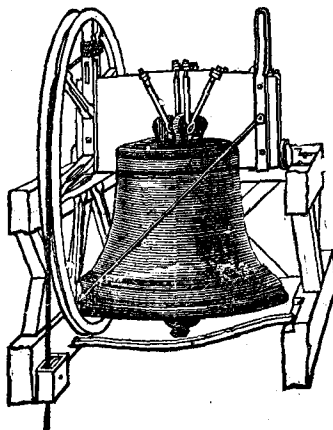
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Third.—"John Darbie made me, 1681."

Fourth.—"J. Peele me fecit E H Bvrsor, churchwarden, 1708."

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On Tuesday, November 20th, the bells were reopened. The proceedings commenced with Holy Communion at the church at eight. At ten Morning Service was held. At eleven the ceremony of planting the Jubilee oak was performed by Mrs. Woodyard in the meadow of Mr. Edward Woodyard, in which the sports were held in June. There was a large attendance of parishioners, and when Mrs. Woodyard had placed the earth round the little tree, she said, "I plant this tree in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee, and it will be called the Jubilee oak." The National Anthem was then sung, and all present in turn, the rector leading the way, shared in filling the earth in round the tree. The opening service was held at three o'clock. After the ordinary service, the clergy, preceded by the surpliced choir, marched from the chancel to the belfry, where prayers and responses were said, and a hymn sung, commencing—

"Lift them gently to the steeple,
Let our bells be set on high."

On returning to the chancel, the procession halted, and the rector unveiled a window enriched with stained glass at the expense of Mrs. Woodyard, in memory of that lady's mother. The window is in the north wall, near the fine old Jacobean pulpit. It consists of two lights, and the subject is the "Law and the Gospel;" in the left light is the figure of Moses, with the word "Lex" engraved in the diamond panes, in the right the figure of St. John, with the corresponding word "Evan." The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. Furse, Canon of Westminster. The offertory was in aid of the fund for the restoration of the church tower. In the evening a parochial tea was held.

Ringin' commenced soon after 6 a.m., when short touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung, and continued till 3 p.m., when service was held. Members of the following companies attended: Aldeburgh, Framlingham, Halesworth, Leiston, Woodbridge, and Redenhall, with their secretary, the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, who had to leave soon after the service to catch the train. In the evening the following members rang 1008 of Bob Major. W. Watling, 1; J. Heffer, 2; A. Lincoln, 3; R. Wells

(conductor), 4; F. Cooper, 5; J. Heffer, sen., 6; H. Cooper, 7; W. Lambert, 8. The Messrs. Heffer hail from Framlingham, Lincoln from Leiston, and F. Cooper from Aldeburgh; the rest are local men. On Saturday evening, December 3rd, the members of the Kelsale company met for practice and rang 1008 of Bob Major. W. Watling, 1; H. Cooper, 2; W. Lambert, 3; R. Wells, 4; T. Page, 5; F. Thompson, 6; W. Fisher (conductor), 7; J. Edmunds, 8. Also 768 of Oxford Treble Bob, standing the same as before.

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Third.—"SK. 1732."

Fourth.—"R. Phelps · Fecit 1714."

Fifth.—"R. Phelps made me · 1714."

Sixth.—"R. Phelps made me 1714."

Seventh.—"Edmond · Peché · Daniel Benison CW. Richard Phelps made me 1720."

Tenor.—"Unto the Church I doo you call.

Death to the grave will summons all.

Samuell Knight made me 1732."

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57 Chorley Road, Blackrod,

FROME, SOMERSETSHIRE.—RE-OPENING OF THE PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

To-day, Saturday, ere the arrival of "THE BELL NEWS" in this busy manufacturing town, the bells of the magnificent parish church, dedicated to St. John-the-Baptist, which was founded by St. Aldhelm, and now acknowledged to be one of the grandest, if not the best, parish churches in England, will enliven the parishioners for the first time in their history with an attempted peal of Grandsire Triples, provided no unforeseen difficulty presents itself to alter the arrangements. The bells will be opened by members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, Wilts, has been entrusted with the restoration of the frame-work, and general machinery of the bells, which has been a very laborious task, and has taken several weeks to accomplish. The visitors have the good wishes of the local ringers connected with the church, as well as that of the parishioners, for success in their attempted peal of to-day. The following has been culled from the Parish Church Magazine, but which appeared first in the history of this church by the late Vicar, the Rev. W. J. E. Bennett, M.A., and doubtless will prove of interest to the readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

THE BELLS, WEIGHTS, AND INSCRIPTIONS.—The treble, which weighs about 8 cwt., "William Cockey, bellfounder, 1724." The second, which weighs about 10 cwt., "William Cockey, bellfounder, 1724." The third bell weighs about 13 cwt., and has the inscription on its waist—"Josiah Ames and Timothy Lacey, Churchwardens, 1778. Wm. Bilbie, Chewstoke, Fecit." The fourth bell weighs about 16 cwt., and has the inscription on its waist—"I am Hee for John Lott made Mee + Anno Domini, 1624." The fifth bell weighs about 18 cwt., and has the inscription on its waist—"Water Bearens, John Phitman, C. W. + Anno Domini, 1624." The sixth bell weighs about 22 cwt., and has this inscription on its waist—"Mr. Wm. Barton and Mr. Joseph Claney, C. Wds. William Cockey, bellfounder, 1746."

It is supposed that the treble, second, and sixth, which were made by William Cockey, were cast in Bell Lane, Frome, hence the origin of "Bell Lane," one of the thoroughfares leading from the great Printing Works and the church. The name of Cockey still lives in the town, and the largest iron foundry in Frome trades under the name of Messrs. Cockey and Company, Limited.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER DISTRICT BRANCH.

The first meeting of the above recently formed district took place at Eccles on Saturday, December 10th. There was a very fair number of ringers representing the following places:—Manchester, Eccles, Worsley, Walkden, Bolton, and Northenden. Ringing commenced at 4.30, and was continued at intervals until 8.30 p.m., during which time touches in the following methods were indulged in: Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Triples. There was also various courses rung on the handbells, after which the following business was transacted. Mr. W. Diggle was initiated a member. It was proposed that the next District Meeting be held at St. James's Church, Birch, Rusholme, of which due notice will be given. Quite a gloom was cast over the meeting owing to the death of Mrs. Wood, of Ashton, a lady who was greatly respected by all ringers with whom she came in contact, her amiable disposition and generous hospitality were among the pleasant reminiscences of a ringers' visit to Ashton. It was proposed by Mr. Wreaks, seconded by Mr. Cash, and unanimously carried "That the secretary be requested to forward a letter of condolence to Mr. Samuel Wood." A vote of thanks to Mr. John Curtis (Bolton), for his services in the chair, brought a very satisfactory meeting to a close. JOHN E. POLLITT, Local Sec.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

Notice is hereby given that the two peals of Grandsire Triples rung at Holy Trinity, Newington, on the 29th April, and the 13th May last, and recorded in this paper as Waterloo peals, will not be entered in the Society's peal book, owing to the Society being unable to recover the entrance fees of the three persons elected in the tower, namely, Messrs. Waghorn, jun., Barnett, and Lucas.

By ORDER.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

On Tuesday, November 29th, Mr. H. Gardiner, of Gloucester, visited this town. The local ringers met him at the parish church, and a start was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2½ hours, the conductor called "stand," something having gone wrong. H. Gardiner (conductor), 1; G. Wright, 2; W. Hutchinson, 3; G. Woodhall, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; R. T. Holding, 6; T. Barron, 7; F. Ryder, 8. On Wednesday evening a waggonette was hired, and a start made for Market Drayton, Salop, distance about eleven miles from Whitchurch. These bells have been rehung and augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles as a Jubilee offering, Messrs. Warner and Sons securing the contract, and were opened about three months ago by the Whitchurch ringers. Arriving there, no time was lost in making a start for the peal missed the evening before, but fate was against them, for after ringing upwards of 1000 changes, the Vicar came and asked them to stop, as a man was dying close to the church. The ringers stood in the order as before, except that J. Griffiths rung the 7th, and Jno. Gibson the 5th. Tenor about 16 cwt. A move was then made to the "Elephant and Castle" Hotel, and they had not been long there when Colonel Hill, of that town entered, and having expressed his regret at the unfortunate ending of the peal, said that he hoped the same band would visit them again, and get the first peal on the bells. He then ordered the host to attend to their wants in the way of refreshments, and left them. About half-past nine news was brought that the man for whom the peal was stopped was dead. Shortly afterwards a start was made for home which was reached about midnight.

INVASION OF PERSIA BY ALEXANDER THE GREAT.—The period is among the most interesting in the history of the ancient world, because of the results which followed. The great expedition of Xerxes was about to be reversed. On that earlier occasion, the enormous numerical forces of an Asiatic despotism were poured upon the shores of Europe, with every accompaniment of barbaric splendour which boundless ostentation could prompt, and boundless wealth supply. Had the Persian invader been successful, the great ideas of Grecian polity and culture—ideas essentially European, and immeasurably superior to the ferocious despotisms of the East—might have been destroyed in their adolescence, beyond all hope of renovation in that part of the world. The invasion of Persia by Alexander was the returning wave of Greek civilization, breaking upon the enormous, but decaying, bulk of Persian sovereignty. The force thus directed by the Macedonian monarch was singularly small for such an enterprise. It had neither the multitudinous vastness nor the external pomp which distinguished the hosts of Xerxes but it was handled by consummate genius, and regulated by a scientific organization which had been advancing to perfection during many years. The expedition from Asia into Europe was the operation of matter upon mind; and it failed. The expedition from Europe into Asia was a manifestation of intellectual force, fresh, concentrated, and active, against the dull mass of Oriental immobility and tradition. It succeeded, because active forces are necessarily more potent than passive; because the Persian Empire had reached the stage of decrepitude; because the power of Macedon was youthful, energetic, and self-confident; and because the time had arrived when a new order of things was to be prepared in the most important regions of the globe. However much we may dislike the character or the personal aims of Alexander, we may say that, in a certain sense, he was a providential agent for effecting much which the world was the better for obtaining. His armies, and the kingdoms which arose out of his transitory empire, spread Greek civilization, Greek thought, and the resources of the Greek tongue, over the whole of Western Asia; and the subsequent history of the Western world has been widely and deeply influenced by the campaigns of Alexander. It is amazing that a man of the intellectual power of Demosthenes should not have seen that, as the day of republican Greece, with all its virtues and all its faults, had manifestly passed, it was better that a Hellenised Macedon should prevail over Persia, than that the designs of Alexander should be thwarted by an alliance between the commonwealth of Greece and the unprogressive despotism of Susa.—From "Cassell's Illustrated Universal History" for December.

Of late several correspondents have acquired the pernicious habit of posting their communications without taking the trouble to affix the usual penny stamp which is required. Correct and not fictitious names and addresses should also be appended, and in this particular many are exceedingly remiss. Failure to comply with these regulations inevitably brings disappointment.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"In essentials, Unity; in non-essentials, Liberty; in all things, Charity."

What a miscellaneous and interesting array of news last week's issue contains! Re-opening of peals at Egmond and Tending; establishment of a new Guild for the Diocese of Chester; Matthew Wood's 300th peal; three pages of peals, and three more of touches. Surely things must be looking up in the Exercise. No less than thirteen peals are recorded as having been rung on Saturday week alone. All this is very satisfactory and proves that there is no lack of enthusiasm (but much the contrary) in connection with our art.

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Ringers throughout the country will note with pleasure the veteran "Matt. Wood's" accomplishment of his 300th peal; and although necessarily a very large number of our brethren have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with that gentleman, yet I feel assured, they will be no less hearty in their congratulations and good wishes towards him on his accomplishment of this unequalled feat. Allow me, Mr. Editor, to add my humble word of praise to Mr. Wood, and at the same time express the hope that his work in connection with change-ringing will prove an incentive to younger men.

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While, however, Mr. Matt. Wood, of London, was gaining his laurels, his namesake, the well-known and respected Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, I am truly grieved to read, has sustained a great bereavement in the loss of his good wife. Your kindly words of condolence will find an echo in all hearts, and there can be no doubt that his many ringing friends will sympathize with him in his bereavement. I often think that we ringers—selfish that we are, like the rest of suffering humanity—do not appreciate fully the part taken by our good wives in the matter of ringing. While in the belfry, rope in hand, weaving our way through the intricacies of Stedman, Treble Bob, Grandsire, etc., or in the meeting house afterwards, enjoying good fellowship, we are too prone to forget that there is one at home—the children having been put to bed—who is waiting patiently, ever and anon looking at the clock, watching for the arrival of the "master of the house," and when we arrive home, and are greeted with a loving smile and the query "have you had a good ring?" we feel that the evening's enjoyment is complete. I maintain none but those who are thus blessed, know the value of a good ringer's wife, and none but those who have themselves experienced it, can fully comprehend the loss of such a helpmate. We may, nevertheless, by the expression of our heartfelt sympathy, mitigate in some small degree the extent of his great loss.

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On the top corner of page 455 is a piece of information which deserves special notice. Two young probationers at Rothwell, Yorks, have succeeded in qualifying themselves for membership in the Yorkshire Association by ringing a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. There might be nothing very special about this, but for the statement which follows, to the effect that some months ago the Rev. F. Fawkes, Vicar, offered to give £1 each to the two students of his Sunday Bible Class who first mastered the art of change-ringing. On reading this, I felt inclined to shout "bravo, Mr. Fawkes!" This is prize-ringing with a vengeance; prize-ringing, too, which needs no arguments in its favour. When I had the pleasure some time ago to visit Roth-

well, to be present at a meeting of the Yorkshire Association there, I was much struck with the very hearty words of the reverend Vicar at the assembly. He seems to be formed of the "true grit," and when he made the regretful observation that his education in the matter of ringing had been neglected, I respected him for it, but little thought that he had so endeavoured to make up for his own deficiency in this respect by offering such an inducement to the young men of his parish to take up their studies and perfect themselves in the art. The ringers of Rothwell ought to be—and I have no doubt they are—proud of their Vicar, and it is to be hoped that this example of his will be extensively followed in other parts of the country.

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The correspondence of Saturday last is calculated to give rise to thoughts many and varied. Mr. Hulks contends that all handbell peals should be properly umpired. So think I too; but I could go further than him, I would have every peal rung, whether on handbells or the tower bells, properly umpired before being sent for insertion. I have—very reluctantly, it is true—come to the conclusion that many peals have been recorded as having been rung, which in fact have not been actually completed and "brought round." This may be thought a serious charge against the Exercise, but I need only point to the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" week after week for evidence in support of this charge, grave though it be. I can well understand the anxiety of a company who meet for a peal to accomplish their desire; and if a "shift" occurs, or the bells do not come round in proper fashion, the temptation may be great for them to agree and say "Let us call it true, no one is about to contradict it;" but my brethren, is this right? Is this honest? Better far bear the disappointment with good grace and clear conscience, than announce a performance which has never actually existed, and by so doing perpetuate a fraud. I believe that if our county Associations and Guilds were to adopt some system of umpiring peals such as Mr. Hulks suggests, there might perhaps be less peals and "lengths" recorded, but at any rate we should then have confidence in accepting the same as having been faithfully and truly "brought round" as stated.

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The question of prize-ringing, I am glad to say, is now occupying the attention of your correspondents. This is a question which to my mind ought to be thoroughly "thrashed out" in your columns; and without expressing any opinion of my own on the point, I do hope that the advocates *pro* and *con* will endeavour to state their case fairly and with good feeling, as I believe the outcome of the controversy will be beneficial to the Exercise.

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There is just one more point I would mention this week, and that is the letter headed "A Ringer's Adventure;" which arouses in me feelings I can scarcely express. What in the name of goodness do ringers think the pages of "THE BELL NEWS" are intended for? Do they think them of no better use than as the receptacle of all the petty squabbles and personalities between one company and another? Why should your readers—who may be numbered by thousands—have inflicted upon them the pettifogging story narrated by Mr. Holman? Let neighbouring companies settle their private affairs among themselves, and not take up the circumscribed room of your valuable paper, thereby bringing upon them also the odiums of their brethren, and the censure of all true friends of the Exercise. But more of this anon.

FREE LANCE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 W B H

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

Three times repeated.

Single instead of a bob at home in last course of the second and fourth parts.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place. The 6th is twelve times each way, and the 4th and 5th each twelve times in 5th's place and sixteen times in 6th's place.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5074.

By THOMAS BEACALL, *Liverpool*.

2 3 1 4 5 6

3 1 5 4 6 2 2 4 6 7 9 10 16 17 18

* 5 1 3 2 6 4 5 16
 3 1 4 2 6 5 5
 4 1 3 5 6 2 5 16
 3 1 2 5 6 4 5
 2 1 3 4 6 5 5 16
 2 1 5 3 6 4 16
 2 1 4 5 6 3 16
 4 1 2 3 6 5 5 16
 4 1 5 2 6 3 16
 5 1 4 3 6 2 5 16
 5 1 2 4 6 3 16

6 1 2 3 5 4 4 5 16
 2 1 4 3 5 6 5
 4 1 2 6 5 3 5 16
 2 1 3 6 5 4 5
 3 1 2 4 5 6 5 16
 3 1 6 2 5 4 16
 3 1 4 6 5 2 16
 4 1 3 2 5 6 5 16
 4 1 6 3 5 2 16
 6 1 4 2 5 3 5 16
 6 1 3 4 5 2 16

The last twenty-two courses repeated except * instead call s4 16 produces:

6 1 2 4 5 3

2 1 3 4 5 6 8 9 7 1 5
 3 1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 5 8 15 16

This peal has the 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses behind the 9th.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5209.

By A. SYKES, *Huddersfield*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Repeated

A DATE TOUCH OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

1888.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

In this touch the 6th is four course-ends each way in 5-6.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

5760.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

4 3 2 5 6 1 2 5 6 7 H
 2 5 4 3 6 - - -
 4 2 5 3 6 - - -
 5 4 2 3 6 - - -
 2 3 5 4 6 - - -
 5 2 3 4 6 - - -
 3 5 2 4 6 - - -
 2 4 3 5 6 - - -

Repeated.

In this peal the 2nd is never in 5th's place at a course-end.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

6000.

By GEORGE HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

This peal has the 5th and 6th exclusively in 6th's place, and it contains all the 5-6's.

6096.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

This peal has the 5th and 6th exclusively in 6th's place, it contains all the 5-6's, also the 6th its extent home.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5184.

By JOHN SIDEBOTHAM, *Mottram-in-Longendale*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right. By using the alternate calling in the 1st and 13th courses the peal is reduced to 5120 changes.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5049.

By W. T. PATES, *Cheltenham*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Brossingham*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

Twice repeated.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6720.

By W. J. CARTER, *Biddulph, Staffordshire*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

4 3 6 2 5 8 -
 6 4 5 3 2 - -
 5 6 2 4 3 - -
 2 5 3 6 4 - -
 3 5 4 2 6 8 -
 4 3 6 5 2 - -
 6 4 2 3 5 - -
 2 6 5 4 3 - -
 5 2 3 6 4 - -
 3 4 2 5 6 8 - 8

Five times repeated.

Bob for a single at 3rd and 6th part ends.

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR.

5040.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham*.

1 2 3 4 5 1 0

5 1 3 4 2 - -
 3 1 4 5 2 - -
 4 1 5 3 2 - -
 2 5 3 4 1 - -
 1 4 3 2 5 s -

5 4 3 2 1 s -
 3 4 2 5 1 - -
 2 4 5 3 1 - -
 1 5 3 2 4 - -
 4 2 3 1 5 s -

5 2 3 1 4 s -
 3 2 1 5 4 - -
 1 2 5 3 4 - -
 4 5 3 1 2 - -
 2 3 1 4 5 - -

Twice repeated.

Bob for a single at tenth course of the third part, produce—

2 1 3 4 5 1 0

5 2 3 4 1 - -
 4 2 3 5 1 s -
 3 2 5 4 1 - -
 1 5 4 3 2 - -
 2 1 4 3 5 - -

5 2 4 3 1 - -
 3 2 4 5 1 s -
 4 2 5 3 1 - -
 1 5 3 4 2 - -
 2 4 3 1 5 s -

5 4 3 1 2 s -
 3 4 1 5 2 - -
 1 4 5 3 2 - -
 2 5 3 1 4 - -
 4 1 3 2 5 s -

5 1 3 2 4 s -
 3 1 2 5 4 - -
 2 1 5 3 4 - -
 4 5 3 2 1 - -
 1 3 2 4 5 - -

This part twice repeated.

Bob for a single at fifteenth course of the sixth part.

To obtain 5760 repeat the last three parts. This peal contains the 120 course-ends.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES.

5040.

By the late CHARLES RAVENSCROFT, *Bromsgrove*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Five times repeated.

Single instead of a bob at the third and sixth part-ends.

Rung at Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, on Thursday, November 17th, 1887, conducted by George Hayward.

A 1/2-PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES.

1260.

By J. SHOLICAR, *Ormskirk*.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Twice repeated.

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

1888.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By GEORGE HAYWARD, *Bromsgrove*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Repeated.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5120.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Repeated.

15040.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Repeated.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

5039.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford*.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

4 2 3 5 6 9 7 8 7th in & out at 3.

3 2 6 5 4 8 9
 6 2 4 5 3 8 9
 3 2 4 5 6 8 9 with s.
 4 2 6 5 3 8 9
 6 2 3 5 4 8 9
 2 3 6 5 4 7 8

The last six courses twice repeated produce:

6 4 2 5 3

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

4 5 3 6 2 8th in three
 3 5 2 6 4 8 9
 4 5 2 6 3 8 9 with s
 2 5 3 6 4 8 9
 3 5 4 6 2 8 9
 5 4 3 6 2 7 8

The last six courses twice repeated with an 8 9 in the first course instead of 8th in three, produce:

3 2 5 6 4

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

The above peal was first rung at Abingdon, Berks., on Saturday, November 19th, 1887 conducted by its composer.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

6384.

By E. FRANCIS, *Norwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 W M H

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

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

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times wrong and right, and it contains the fewest calls in any peal yet obtained in the above length with this property.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1887.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.—THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

Jubilee Peal.

On Thursday, December 8, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb.

J. G. GREEN* Treble.	J. W. DRIVER 5.
F. W. KELLEY† 2.	W. H. GEORGE 6.
J. NICHOLLS* 3.	C. F. WINNY 7.
J. W. KELLEY† 4.	S. HOW Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. KELLEY.

*First peal. †First peal on a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor.

This peal was rung to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the long peal of Stedman Caters, rung at the above church by the College Youths.

The Provinces.

NEWHEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

FRANK BIRTWISTLE Treble.	WILLIAM H. WALMSLEY .. 5.
JAMES PILKINGTON 2.	WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE .. 6.
EDWARD ISHERWOOD 3.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
HENRY H. NUTTER* 4.	JOHN MILLETT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Mr. Isherwood is a member of the local society; Birtwistle from Rochdale; Nutter from Ramsbottom; Sutcliffe from Moor-side, the rest belong to Heywood. After the peal was over, Mr. Isherwood entertained the ringers to tea, and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking him for his hospitality.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(STEYNING BRANCH).

On Thursday, December 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

New London Pleasure, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court and College Single.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. MORRIS Treble.	E. BRACKLEY 4.
G. GATLAND 2.	C. TYLER 5.
C. CHAMBERS 3.	G. SMART Tenor.

Conducted by G. SMART.

The above was rung to commemorate the birthday of Mr. E. Brackley.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
STEYNING BRANCH.

On Friday, December 9, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. MORRIS Treble.	G. SMART 4.
G. GATLAND 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
C. CHAMBERS 3.	C. TYLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHAS. TYLER.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Handbell Ringing.

On Saturday, December 10, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT SPICER STREET SCHOOLROOM,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

JOHN C. MITCHELL .. 1-2.	*GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 5-6.
CHALLIS F. WINNY .. 3-4.	*W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 7-8.
*EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. 9-10.	

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by

W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpires, Messrs. T. Waller and A. Sibley, who ticked off every lead. In an unsuccessful attempt on November 30th, 4200 changes were rung with H. Lewis 1-2 and J. C. Mitchell 9-10, but owing to business H. Lewis was unable to be present.
*First peal of Caters.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
STEYNING BRANCH.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1887, in Three Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
ON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. MORRIS Treble.	G. GATLAND 4.
C. CHAMBERS 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
G. SMART 3.	C. TYLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE-VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	HENRY BURSTOW 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY CHANDLER 7.
GEORGE CHARMAN 4.	*JAMES WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

*First peal.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

[On Saturday, December 3, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. A. WARD Treble.	J. T. HOWARD 5.
A. E. ACFIELD 2.	A. WARD 6.
W. P. GARRETT 3.	CHARLES WARD 7.
E. SHERWOOD 4.	PETO MEADOWS Tenor.

Composed by the late J. REEVES, and Conducted by
PETO MEADOWS.

W. P. Garrett hails from St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich; Sherwood from Wlckham Market; the rest are local men.

SHAROW.—THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Friday, December 9, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT PRATT* Treble.	ANTHONY INGLEBY 5.
JOSEPH BAINES HUTTON .. 2.	WALTER PICK 6.
THOMAS METCALF* 3.	*JOHN FLOWER HUTTON .. 7.
ALFRED HENRY CLARK .. 4.	THOMAS CLARK Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and conducted by THOMAS CLARK.

*First peal. This was rung to commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilee.

HULME, LANCASHIRE.—THE ST. PHILIP'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 10, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN HEALD Treble.	E. ETTOCK 5.
J. A. O'BRIEN 2.	A. EGGINGTON 6.
J. HEALD* 3.	J. F. WOODS 7.
H. WOOD 4.	T. HEALD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN F. WOODS.

*First peal inside. This is the first peal rung on the bells, since being augmented to eight.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, December 10, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. in F.

G. MILES Treble.	D. J. ASTON 5.
J. YEATES 2.	S. ROMANS 6.
H. MITCHELL 3.	*A. A. WAITE 7.
R. J. WILKINS 4.	†T. WHITE Tenor.

Conducted by A. A. WAITE.

The above is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal in the method by all. *First peal as conductor; †first peal in any method.

SALISBURY.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY LAWRENCE* .. Treble.	JAMES R. JERRAM .. 5.
ARTHUR W. BARKUS† .. 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 6.
HENRY D. ADAMS 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS .. 4.	*WILLIAM TRYHORN .. Tenor.

Conducted by T. BLACKBOURN.

*First peal. †First peal inside. Rung to commemorate the unveiling of the tablet recording the first peal rung in Salisbury (see paragraph).

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. WATLING Treble.	I. COLMAN 5.
H. COOPER 2.	F. THOMPSON 6.
W. LAMBERT 3.	W. FISHER 7.
R. WELLS 4.	J. EDMUNDS Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by W. FISHER.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, December 10, 1887, in Three Hours 1 and ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMPSON'S THREE-PART (Reversed).

O. FAZEY Treble.	*R. SMITH 5.
J. W. WILKINS* 2.	*E. ROGERS 6.
J. W. WASHBROOK* .. 3.	*E. ROGERS 7.
F. BISSLEY† 4.	†J. WOOLFORD Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

This peal was rung to commemorate the erection of a new clock. *College Youth. †First peal.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 12, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S 6-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt. in Eb.

HENRY C. HALEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM STATES .. 5.
GEORGE RUSSELL .. 2.	ALFRED BRUCE .. 6.
WILLIAM BURKIN .. 3.	THOMAS VERRALL .. 7.
ARTHUR B. CARPENTER .. 4.	WILLIAM HILL .. Tenor.
	JAMES W. MILLS ..

Conducted by H. C. HALEY.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Wednesday, December 14, 1887, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

ERNEST J MITCHELL .. Treble.	WALTER BATTLE .. 5.
E. Percy DEBENHAM .. 2.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 6.
HENRY LEWIS 3.	THOMAS WALLER .. 7.
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 4.	STEPHEN PRESTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD PERCY DEBENHAM.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung, and the first called by the conductor. It is also the first rung at the Church by a local band since 1810. Mr Preston was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association before starting for the peal.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, December 10, 1887, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. in E.

JAMES SHOLICAR* Treble.	RICHARD HILL 5.
JOHN R. PRITCHARD 2.	JOHN ASPINWALL 6.
WILLIAM JAMES 3.	*HENRY COLEY 7.
WILLIAM BOOTH* 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the Jubilee year of Her Majesty the Queen. It is also the Jubilee year of the ringer of the sixth bell, he having been born in Ormskirk in the year 1837. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Sholicar belongs to the local society, Mr. Hill to Southport, the remainder to Liverpool.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 10, 1887, in Two Hours Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

JEREMIAH BENNETT Treble.	THOMAS SALTER 5.
HARRY ADAMS 2.	RICHARD E. GROVE 6.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	HENRY J. TUCKER 7.
JOHN BENNETT 4.	THOMAS WALTERS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

This is the quickest peal on the bells. H. J. Tucker is of the Hereford Association; the rest belong to the local company.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

Jubilee Peal.

On Monday, December 12, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES; BEING SEVEN 720'S OF PLAIN BOB, EACH CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs. in Ab.

GEORGE JONES Treble.	MARMADUKE BLEZARD .. 4.
GEORGE JONES 2.	WALTER THOMAS 5.
GILBERT R. WILLIAMS .. 3.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This is the first 5040 rung on these bells, and the first by all the performers.

Date Touches.

ILKLEY (Yorkshire).—Recently, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. A: Dacre, 1; C. Stephenson, 2; W. Cook, 3; W. Beanlands, 4; F. Pell, 5; A. Critchley, 6; J. Beanlands (conductor), 7; J. Waland, 8. Composed by Mr. T. Clark, of Ripon.

SHAROW (Yorkshire).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at St. John's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Flowers (Hutton Conyers), 1; J. Baines (Hutton Conyers), 2; T. Metcalf (Ripon), 3; A. H. Clark (Sharow), 4; A. Ingleby (Sharow), 5; W. Pick (Sharow), 6; T. Clark (conductor, Sharow), 7; T. Faubert (Ripon), 8. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday evening, December 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1887 changes), in 58 mins. E. Taylor, 1; R. Ellis, 2; W. Ward, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; D. Browning, 5; D. Pockett, 6. Mr. L. Longney hails from Croome, the rest belong to the local company.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDINGTON (Kent).—On Monday, November 21st, at St. Martin's church, 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles). C. Slingsby, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; W. Post, jun., 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. And on Friday, December 2nd, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). F. Hodgkin

(first 720), 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; C. Slingsby, 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; F. Wanstall, 6. Also on Monday, December 5th, a 720 of Bob Minor (eight bobs and ten singles). C. Slingsby, 1; G. Hooker (first 720), 2; W. Post, jun., 3; P. Hodgkin, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; F. Wanstall, 6. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. All are members of the above except G. Hooker.

SPELDHURST.—On Saturday, December 10th, at the parish church, eight members of the local branch of the above Association attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's variation), and after ringing 5000 changes in 2 hrs. and 56 mins., in came to an untimely end through one of the ringers whose brace having "rung" his shoulder, attempting to remove it, thus upsetting his brother ringers. H. Edwards, 1; J. Baker, 2; J. Maynard, 3; G. Turley, 4; F. Still, 5; F. Still, jun. (conductor), 6; C. Chapman, 7; H. Anscombe, 8. This is the most changes ever rung on the bells, or by the ringers, who have only had eight bells since the Jubilee. Tenor 14 cwt.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Saturday, December 10th, at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Elcombe, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. This was rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. G. Martin, one of the local company, with Miss E. Stevens. And on Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Elcombe, 1; L. Digweed, 2; A. Cornford, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Friday, December 1st, by the voluntary band, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hendry, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; Dr. Secombe (Terrington), 5; R. Grimes, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

NEWTON (Cambridgeshire).—On Friday, December 2nd, the Walpole local company paid a visit to this place, and with the permission of the Rev. Canon Evans rang on the nice peal of six. The go of the bells is all that can be desired, but the ropes, although new ones, are very deficient, and are much too heavy for the bells. The ringers enjoyed themselves, although under adverse circumstances. The following ringing was brought round: 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Hendry, 1; R. Grimes, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; Dr. Secombe, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Grimes, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Allen, 5; W. Wright, 6. And 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Hendry, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen, 4; R. Grimes, 5; W. Wright, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, December 11th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; S. Hammond, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. This 720 contains twenty-one calls, and was composed by Charles Price, of Eccleston, and will be found in No. 290 of "THE BELL NEWS," and was rung on the occasion of the conductor's 22nd birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, December 11th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Carter's collection, composed by H. Reeves), in 46 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; A. Edwards, 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Harvey, 4; W. Hawkes, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; J. Parmenter, 8. First quarter-peal by R. C. Burrell, who is the only one among the youngest members of the Chelmsford company that has persevered with change-ringing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, December 11th, the local company rang 1120 Grandsire Triples, for Divine Service at 3 p.m., which is the longest touch by an entire local band for several years. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; D. Marment, 6; G. Smith, 7; T. Wright, 8. On Monday evening, December 12th, for practice, 672 in the same method. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; W. Ryland, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; D. Marment, 5; J. Everatt, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. Also a 168 on the front eight, to try the two new Jubilee bells, standing as before. The tone of the bells is excellent, and they will be rung in twelve as soon as they are dedicated. Also two 168s, with T. Ireland at the 3rd, and T. Wright, treble.

TWICKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Monday evening, December 12th, the Abbey Society rang for practice a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. C. W. Dyson, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Josiah Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. On Tuesday, Decem-

ber 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Cleal, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; J. Hale, 4; C. W. Dyson, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Josiah Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Hampton, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—On Monday, December 12th, 1887, at the Cathedral during practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. Thomas G. Downs, 1; Thomas Thorpe, 2; John E. Pollitt, 3; George E. Turner, 4; Edward Cash, 5; James Thorpe, 6; A. Edward Wrecks (conductor), 7; James Parkinson, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

WALSDEN (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, a 720 of Bob Minor, for evening service, in 23 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Ridyard (Worsley), 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. On Sunday evening, December 4th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. J. Welsby (Worsley), 1; J. Ridyard (Worsley), 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes (conductor), 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Friday, December 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Orme, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; T. Leach, 3; L. Bullock, 4; J. Walker, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; G. Robinson, 7; J. Carvell, 8. Composed by A. J. Perkins, of Romford, and conducted by W. J. Smith. The above was rung in honour of the 21st birthday of the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him very many happy returns of the day. Also on Saturday, December 10th, at St. Mark's church, Winhill, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. Austin, 1; W. Wylde, 2; W. J. Smith, 3; R. Logie, 4; L. Bullock (conductor), 5; C. Golder, 6. And several 120s, in which F. Sheppard, J. Woodward and others took part.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—On Thursday, November 24th, at St. Peter's in-the-East, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. West, 1; W. Baston, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; A. E. Hind (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, December 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3; W. Baston, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; A. E. Hind, 6. Also on Sunday, December 11th, 720 of Superlative Surprise. W. Jeffery, 1; C. Tolley, 2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Baston, 5; A. E. Hind, 6. This is the first time the last-named method has ever been rung in Oxford.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Monday, December 5th, at St. Michael's church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. E. Gallimore, 1; H. Meacham, 2; F. J. Cope (conductor), 3; J. Key, 4; A. E. Greenwood, 5; W. Fearneyhough, 6. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. Holland, Esq., churchwarden, who was interred that day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, December 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43½ mins. E. Jordan, 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; T. Stedman, 3; R. Jordan, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Chandler, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

NORWICH.—On Monday, December 12th, six members of the above Society met at St. Gregory's church, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor in two parts (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Skinner, 1; F. H. Knights, 2; F. Knights, 3; G. Smith, 4; J. Smith, 5; E. Francis (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. Also on Friday, December 9th, on handbells, at Mr. F. Knights' house, 15, Heigham Street, a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 20 mins. A. G. Warnes, 1-2; F. Knights (conductor), 3-4; F. H. Knights, jun., 5-6. Umpire, Mr. J. Skinner.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service at St. Anne's church, 240 Bob Doubles. A. Harding, 1; F. Francis, 2; H. Houlton, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; T. Gould (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. And 300 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Houlton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; H. Stapleton, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Harding, 6. Also in the evening for Divine Service,

360 of Bob Doubles. A. Harding, 1; T. Gould, 2; H. Houlton, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; E. Lee (conductor), 5; W. Harding, 6. And 360 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Houlton, 1; E. Lee, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; H. Stapleton, 4; T. Gould, 5; W. Harding, 6. Also on Monday evening, December 12th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles, called differently in 28 mins. A. Harding (first 720), 1; E. Lee, 2; F. Francis (conductor), 3; H. Stapleton (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; T. Gould, 5; W. Harding, 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, December 12th, for practice at the parish church, 1008 of Grandsire Triples. H. Mills, 1; W. R. Small, 2; A. Hill, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; W. Pardoe, 6; G. Hughes, 7; B. Starky, 8. This touch was composed by Henry Johnson, sen. of Birmingham, and conducted by G. Hughes. It contains the 5-6-7s in all positions. W. Micklewright hails from Dudley.

BARLOW MOOR (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 29th, at Christ church, for practice, 560 Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw, 1; W. Holbrook, 2; G. Pearson, 3; W. Mellor, 4; J. Wilde (conductor), 5; T. Brickell, 6; J. Darbyshire, 7; J. Gadd, 8. Also on Sunday, evening, December 11th, seven members of the above local company visited Rusholme, and rang at St. James' church for service a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw, 1; W. Woodhead, 2; G. Pearson, 3; W. Holbrook, 4; J. Wilde (conductor), 5; T. Brickell, 6; J. Darbyshire, 7; J. Gadd, 8.

CHEVINGTON (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, December 12th, for practice at the parish church, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. F. Newman, 1; A. Smith, 2; G. Sparrow (conductor), 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Smith, 5. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. Sharpe, 1; A. Smith, 2; E. Nunn (conductor), 3; G. Sparrow, 4; W. Smith, 5. Tenor about 13 cwt. And on handbells a (6-score. A. Cooper, 1; S. Ashman, 2; G. Sparrow, 3; E. Nunn (conductor), 4; W. Smith, 5.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Monday, December 12th, at St. Martin's church by the local company, 1260 of Oxford Bob Triples in 47 mins. F. Sanders, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; W. T. Boxall, 4; W. Sadler, 5; C. Boxall (composer and conductor), 6; H. Boxall, 7; C. Dudley, 8.

HORLEY (Surrey).—At the parish church, on Sunday, December 11th, an attempt was made for Shipway's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1442 changes, in 49 mins., a change-course occurred, and the conductor called "stand." G. Wickens, 1; T. Whitmore, 2; E. Dewey, 3; W. Edwards, 4; J. Taylor, 5; B. King, 6; F. Wickens (conductor), 7; T. Sparks, 8.

LAVERNHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday evening, December 10th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for practice, 252 of Bob Triples, and a touch of Bob Major. W. Boby, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; Rev. E. Symonds, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; A. Symonds, 7; W. Moore, 8. Also 336 of Bob Major. H. Symonds, 1; R. Theobald (Great Waldingfield), 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; H. Diggins (Great Waldingfield), 6; A. Symonds, 7; W. Moore, 8. And 420 of Bob Triples. W. Hollocks, 2; W. Snell, 6; the others standing as before. Conducted by A. Symonds, and is the first touch of Bob Major by the second and sixth men.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, November 22nd, at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, a muffled peal was rung as a last mark of respect to the memory of the late George Marriott. G. Turl, 1; W. Williams (conductor), 2; F. Bennett, 3; T. Bradshaw, 4; F. Thomas, 5; C. Holmes, 6; W. Evans, 7; J. Tingey, 8.

LONGNEY (Gloucestershire).—On Friday evening, December 9th, at the parish church, two courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Ellis, 1; R. Ellis, 2; T. Harmer, 3; C. Cook, 4; W. Ward, 5; L. Longney (Croome), 6; R. Prosser, 7; H. Merrett, 8. Also 336 of Grandsire Triples. W. Ellis, 1; R. Ellis, 2; T. Harmer, 3; L. Longney (conductor), 4; E. King, 5; A. Longney, 6; H. Merrett, 7; E. Taylor, 8. This is the longest touch by all except Messrs. Longney and King.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, November 15th, for practice at the parish church, the local company rang 720 of Bob Minor (six bobs and fourteen singles), in 29 mins. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; G. Green, 3; J. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble, 5; R. Keeble (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, November 22nd, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 of Bob Minor. F. Fosker, 1; R. Keeble, 2; C. Green, 3; C. Parker, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; J. Bigg, 6. Also on Tuesday, November 29th, 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two

singles), in 28 mins. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; C. Green, 3; J. Bigg, 4; A. Keeble (conductor), 5; R. Keeble, 6. And on Wednesday, December 7th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 29 mins. F. Fosker, 1; C. Parker, 2; C. Green (first 720 in the method), 3; J. Bigg, 4; R. Keeble, 5; A. Keeble (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, December 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. H. Symonds, 1; W. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; Jno. Moore, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the second, third, fourth and fifth men, and is fifteen years since a 720 has been rung on the bells in this method. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs), W. Snell, 5; the others as before, conducted by H. Symonds.

SHREWSBURY.—On Wednesday evening, December 7th, for practice at St. Chad's church, on the back eight, twelve courses of Grandsire Triples. J. Bratten, sen., 1; H. E. Morris, 2; G. Tinsley, 3; T. Burd (conductor), 4; J. Groves, 5; T. Groves, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Blunt, 8. Tenor 41 cwt. in C. Also on Friday evening, December 9th, at St. Julian's church, ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. J. B. Bratten, 1; G. Groves, 2; G. Tinsley, 3; T. Burd (conductor), 4; T. Groves, 5; E. H. Morris, 6. Tenor about 16 cwt. in F.

ST. ALBANS.—On Monday, December 5th, some members of the St. Peter's society met for dumb practice, and brought round a plain course of Grandsire Doubles at the first attempt. E. P. Debenham, 1; W. Little, 2; E. Hull, 3; T. Waller, 4; D. Gibbons, 5; J. Waller, 6. Afterwards some plain courses. W. Little, and A. Hull, 1; E. P. Debenham, 2; E. Hull, 3; H. Brewer, 4; D. Gibbons, 5; T. Waller, 6. On the following evening, December 6th, with the assistance of Messrs. Buckingham and Cartmel, after some plain courses, H. Brewer, W. Little, and A. Hull, each rang two six-scores on the treble. On Wednesday, December 7th, for practice with the bells open, several plain courses with 6-7-8 behind. W. Little, 1; E. Hull, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; H. Brewer, 4; T. Waller, 5; T. Conley, 6; W. Brown, 7; A. Hull, 8. And on Sunday morning, December 11th, for Divine Service, after some plain courses, two 120's with 6-7-8 behind. W. Little, 1; H. Lewis, 2; T. Waller, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; H. Brewer, 5; T. Conley, 6; A. Hull, 7; — Preston, 8. Also the same in the evening. W. Little, 1; E. Hull, 2; H. Lewis, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; T. Waller, 5; H. Brewer, 6; T. Conley, 7; — Preston, 8. And in the afternoon a 504 of Grandsire Triples by a mixed company. T. Grant, 1; C. F. Winny, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; H. Lewis, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 6; T. Waller, 7; — Preston, 8. Also a plain course was brought round with H. Brewer at the treble.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, December 4th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Superlative Surprise. C. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; G. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, December 6th, for practice, a 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Hyde, 1; E. Burtenshaw, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hyde, 1; C. Hyde, 2; R. Moss, 3; E. Burtenshaw, 4; A. Garrott (conductor), 5; J. Cooley, 6. And on Sunday, December 11th, for Divine Service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. A. Roots, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

FIGHTING THE SIKHS AT MIDNIGHT.—At midnight, the Sikhs found that Sir Harry Smith had been forced to retire from the village, and that their batteries were not occupied, brought some guns to bear, and again opened a destructive fire in the dark. On this, the Governor-General mounted his horse, and called to the 80th, or Staffordshire Regiment, which was at the head of the column, "My lads, we shall have no sleep until we take those guns." The battalion immediately deployed, advanced, and supported by the 1st Bengal Europeans (now H.M. 101st Fusiliers) drove a large body of Sikhs from three guns, which they spiked. Falling back steadily, as if on parade, the gallant 80th took up its old position at the head of the column, their steady appearance so winning the admiration of the Commander-in-chief, that he exclaimed as the soldiers passed him, "Plucky dogs!—plucky dogs!—we cannot fail to win with such men as these." The remainder of the night passed with occasional cannonades from the Sikhs, whenever the moonlight showed our position, which was one of danger; however, Sir Hugh Gough and Sir Henry Hardinge resolved to keep the ground they had won, and await the coming dawn to attack the batteries of the enemy if they still manned them, or to take them in reverse, and conquer or die. If ever troops were inspired with perfect confidence in their leaders, it was ours at Perozesah, under the gallant Sir Hugh, so kind in heart, and so heroically brave, and the veteran Hardinge. Well did they know that the struggle would be a hard one, but they cheered all around them with the certainty of victory.—*From "British Battles on Land and Sea" for December.*

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 12TH, 1887:—

By the Balcombe Branch at Balcombe.—On December 1st, 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; E. Streeter, 2; J. Cheeseman, 3; T. Streeter, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Violet Treble Bob. A. Stoner, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; H. Meads, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also on December 5th, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob Minor. R. Streeter, 1; *A. Stoner, 2; J. Gasson, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; G. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Yorkshire Court. A. Stoner, 1; *R. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; G. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. *First 720s with a bob bell. Also on December 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Streeter, 1; R. Bourn, 2; H. Meads, 3; A. Stoner, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

By the Brighton branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Monday, December 12th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Cornwall, a member of the band connected with the church, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. C. Golds, 1; H. Weston (conductor), 2; G. Worsell, 3; G. Thwaites, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; G. A. King, 6; J. Jay, 7; E. Ancock, 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, in 19 mins. G. A. King, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; H. Weston, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. Thwaites, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle, 7; W. F. Verman, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 23 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; J. Jay, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. A. King, 5; J. Searle, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. Also 560 Plain Bob Major, in 22 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; G. Thwaites, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; J. Searle, 5; G. A. King, 6; W. Palmer, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. Also at St. Paul's, on Thursday, November 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. P. Allfrey, 1; —Biggerstaff, 2; —Hill, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; G. Marshall, 5; G. King, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. Also 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; —Twales, 2; W. Allfrey (conductor), 3; —Biggerstaff, 4; —Hill, 5; —King, 6; S. Bennett, 7; —Reiley, 8. Also on Thursday, December 1st, 756 Grandsire Triples. P. Allfrey, 1; Salmon, 2; W. H. Fisher, 3; —Hill, 4; —Marshall, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. Also on Thursday, October 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Eves, 1; —Biggerstaff, 2; G. Hill, 3; G. Hill, 4; —Marshall, 5; W. Allfrey (conductor), 6; A. Bennett, 7; J. Mockett, 8.

By the Christ Church Eastbourne branch at Christ Church.—On December 1st, a 360 of Yorkshire Court. R. Howse, 1; G. Howse, 2; J. Sharp, 3; P. Peters, 4; F. Harding, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6. Also at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on December 4th, 1246 of Bob Triples, in 45 mins. H. Knight, 1; P. Peters, 2; H. Colbran, 3; J. Sharp, 4; F. Harding, 5; G. Howse, 6; T. Smith (conductor), 7; G. Aides, 8. This was meant for a quarter-peal, but had to stop one treble lead from the finish, owing to service. Also on December 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins. R. Howse, 1; G. Howse, 2; P. Peters, 3; H. Colbran, 4; T. Lewis, 5; F. Harding, 6. Also at All Saints' church, on December 9th, 588 Bob Triples. H. Knight, 1; H. Colbran, 2; P. Peters, 3; J. Sharp, 4; T. Smith, 5; G. Howse, 6; F. Harding (conductor), 7; T. Lewis, 8. Also 210 Union Triples. H. Knight, 1; T. Smith, 2; H. Colbran, 3; P. Peters, 4; J. Sharp, 5; G. Howse, 6; F. Harding (conductor), 7; T. Lewis, 8. First touch in the method by all. Also at Christ Church, on December 11th, 720 College Single, in 24 mins. *W. Clements, 1; J. Sharp, 2; P. Peters, 3; *H. Knight, 4; H. Colbran, 5; G. Howse (conductor), 6. *First 720.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Monday, December 5th, 720 Yorkshire Court Bob Minor. J. Matthews, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; F. Morris, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Duke of York Treble Bob Minor. F. Morris, 1; G. Smart, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, December 6th, 5040 in seven different Minor methods (for particulars see peal column.) Also on Thursday, December 8th, 5040 in seven different Minor methods (for particulars see peal column.) Also on Friday, December 9th, 5040 in seven different Minor methods (for particulars see peal column.) Also on Sunday, December 11th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Smart, 1; C. Chambers, 2; G. Gatland, 3; T. Searle, 4; E. Brackley, 5; G. Smart, 6. Also 720 College Single. J. Matthews, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch at Warnham.—On Tuesday, December 6th, 5040 Grandsire Triples, for particulars see peal column.

Geo. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

"CORRECT" ADDRESS WANTED.—Will the correspondent "Attentive Listener," who wrote about a peal rang at Bromsgrove, send his "correct" address. We have a letter for him, which has been sent to the address he gave, but which has been returned.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The next District Meeting will be held at Colchester, on Saturday, January 7th, 1888. The ring of eight at St. Peter's church is in good order, but change-ringing has as yet made made little progress in the town. It is hoped, therefore, that there may be a good attendance, so that the meeting may be successful. Further notice of time and place will be given.

The subscriptions of some members of the Association for the year 1886-7 (ending at Whitsuntide last), are still in arrear; and I hereby give notice that unless these arrears are paid by December 31st inst., it will be assumed that the members in question do not wish their names to remain any longer upon our books. I may also remind members of the Association that the subscription for the current year, 1887-8, was due last Whit-Monday, and should be paid as soon as possible by those who have not already forwarded it. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*
Writtle, Chelmsford.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A DISTRICT MEETING was held at Streatham Common on Saturday, December 10th, by the kind permission of the Vicar. At 6 p.m., a Committee Meeting was held at the Beehive Coffee Tavern, to which all the members present were invited. One of the sketches for the certificates of membership was selected, and a few minor alterations decided upon. This finished the business of the meeting, which then adjourned to the tower, where change-ringing in several methods was practised.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

UNVEILING OF A TABLET AT SALISBURY.

On Saturday, December 10th, a tablet, recording the first peal ever rung in Salisbury, was unveiled at St. Martin's church by Mr. T. Blackburn. This tablet was executed by Mr. J. R. Jerram, and is a black board with gold letters. There is a representation of a bell at the top with an ornamental scroll, then follows the peal as recorded in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 10th last, and below are the names of "John Wordsworth, D.D., Bishop of Sarum, Frederick Griffin, Mayor, C. N. Wyld, Rector, A. Tucker and W. T. Webb, Churchwardens," these being the officers in this the Jubilee year.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A band composed of members of this Association will again make an attempt to ring the long peal of Stedman Caters (12,345 changes), at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Boxing Day, December 26th, 1887. The peal is the composition of Mr. Henry Johnson.

F. E. WARD, *Master.*
Cheltenham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The following is the account of ringing done at Shireoaks during the month of November.—On Tuesday, November 1st, for practice, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson, 1; R. Knowles, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; S. Harvey, 5; D. Russon, 6. And on Sunday, November 6th, for Morning Service, 240 of Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; E. Russon, 2; R. Knowles, 3; H. Watkinson, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. Also for evening service, 240 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, and Violet. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. And on Sunday, November 13th, for Morning Service, 360 of Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Thursday, November 17th, for practice, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. F. Willie (Worksop, first 720), 1; E. Russon, 2; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 3; H. Watkinson, 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. Also on Sunday, November 20th, for Morning Service, 360 of Duke of York, and 240 of New London Pleasure. S. Tomlinson, 1; S. Harvey, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; R. Knowles, 5; D. Russon, 6. And for evening service 360 each of Violet and Kent, standing as above.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

	Jan. to Oct.	Nov.	Total.
Yorkshire Association	51	8	59
Ancient Society of College Youths	51	4	55
Oxford Diocesan Guild	42	4	46
Sussex County Association	36	5	41
Midland Counties' Association	33	6	39
Lancashire Association	27	2	29
St. James Society, London	25	2	27
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	22	3	25
Norwich Diocesan Association	20	1	21
United Counties' Association	19	3	19
Kent County Association	16	2	18
Essex Association	13	5	18
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	13	3	16
Surrey Association	10	3	13
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	12	0	12
Winchester Diocesan Guild	9	2	11
Worcester and Adjoining Districts Association	7	1	8
St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	7	0	7
Hertford Association	6	1	7
Bedford Association	6	0	6
The Holt Society	5	0	5
Waterloo Society, London	5	0	5
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	3	1	4
Devonshire Guild	2	1	3
Durham and Newcastle Association	1	1	2
Liverpool Youths' Society	2	0	2
Birmingham Amalgamated Society	1	0	1
Eastern Counties' Guild	1	0	1
North Lincolnshire Association	1	0	1
West Riding of Yorkshire Association	1	0	1
The Salop Association	1	0	1
Independent Societies	69	14	83
	514	72	586
Less peals entered under two Associations	40	5	45

Total 474 67 541

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Albion Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; London Surprise Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Stedman Cinques, 4; Stedman Caters, 14; Stedman Triples, 43; Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Treble Bob Royal, 11; Treble Bob Major, 86; Grandsire Cinques, 3; Grandsire Caters, 26; Grandsire Triples, 224; Grandsire Doubles (5040) 3; Bob Royal, 2; Bob Major, 37; Bob Triples, 11; Violet Treble Bob Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Rose of England Major, 1; Union Triples, 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Oxford Bob Triples in 21 Minor Methods on six bells, 1; in 14 ditto, 1; in 7 ditto, 33; in 1 ditto, 2; in 21 Methods on 5 bells, 1; in 16 ditto 1. Total 541. Greatest number of changes in one peal 10,176, quickest peal on Church bells in 2 hours and 31 minutes.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

It will be remembered that the Marquis of Ailesbury has been warned off Newmarket Heath for acts which were adjudged by the Jockey Club to be irregular; and his lordship has therefore been presented by his tenantry of the Savernake estate, to the number of 112, with an address expressing their grief and sorrow at the position in which circumstances had placed him, and an acknowledgment of his open-heartedness and genial kindness towards them. In reply Lord Ailesbury said it would not become him to discuss the circumstances, to which his tenantry alluded, but although his position as their landlord had been of short duration he had ever been treated by them with the greatest loyalty and kindness, and it was no small consolation to him to have in their address so spontaneous an expression of their sympathy, goodwill, and regard.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.]

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

ANSWER TO MR. LONGDEN.

SIR,—I thank you for taking the trouble to inform me that the peal published by me in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 3rd is false, and I see the one published on December 10th is false also in the same place, and I have to tender my apology to the Editor for sending them.
Hanley.

T. HOLDCROFT.

THE PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES AT BROMSGROVE.

SIR,—Will you allow me to answer "Attentive Listener's" remarks about the peal of Bob Triples we rang. If he will put his name to his letter, so that we shall know whether he is a change-ringer or not, as there are a great many attentive listeners in Bromsgrove who are not change-ringers, and who have congratulated us on our ringing. But there is one in Bromsgrove that professes to know, and he has been trying all he can for the last eighteen months to do us all the injury he can. But the ringers round the neighbourhood know who that man is. He did not know that we rang very near the first part of the peal, and a mistake occurred, and we stopped and commenced again, not till one of our members told him last week, and then he said he did not hear that, so how could he know we only rang 4998 changes, but for the information of the Exercise at large we have answered "Attentive Listener's" letter. He wrote several letters to our local paper about us till he had such a dressing not only from us but from the companies of ringers in the locality, so I suppose he is going to try "THE BELL NEWS" for the same purpose.
E. CRUMP.

SIR,—I beg to say that the peal of Bob Triples rung at Bromsgrove was rung correctly in 2 hrs. 59 mins., the whole of the 5040 changes being rung and the striking was good. Sir, the "Attentive Listener" says we rang 4998 changes, which was rounds and clashes. Now Sir, the "Attentive Listener" must be very clever to pick 4998 changes out of rounds and clashes. I did not know, Sir, that we had such a clever man in Bromsgrove that could tell us that we rung 4998 changes out of rounds and clashes. This is the cleverest man I ever heard of. I do not think there is such a clever man in England as Mr. Listener. I shall not correspond with you any more on this subject.
GEORGE HAYWARD.

PRIZE-RINGING.

SIR,—Mr. James S. Wilde, as the representative of the United Counties' Association, makes the assertion that prize-ringing contests alone produce constant good ringing, and sticks to what he has said in true bell-ringers' fashion, or in other words, he implies that there is no good striking excepting in Districts where meetings are held and money prizes competed for in consecrated buildings. This is a theory that Mr. Wilde or any other authority will find it exceedingly difficult to convince the Exercise of, otherwise good ringing would be yet unknown except in the United Counties' Association, and in some one or two other benighted parts where prize-ringing is still carried on. Will anyone who has been fortunate to hear a touch of Stedman Cinques by a good London band either on the Cathedral bells, at St. Martin's, or elsewhere, believe in the necessity of prize-ringing to produce good striking? I think, Sir, it is an admitted fact, that a peal is less likely to come to grief when the striking is good, than if bad time is kept, and this is why I quoted the small number of peals rung by the United Counties' as compared with other Associations. Because if the only way to secure constant good ringing is by holding prize-ringing meetings, and as the United Counties' Association encourage this mode of desecration in place of general belfry reform, therefore it follows that with their superior striking their success in peal-ringing ought to exceed those of all other Associations. With regard to the other matter referred to in Mr. Wilde's letters, they are so far from the point, that I will pass them without comment. But I must ask him to be a little more careful in keeping to facts and not to put words into my mouth which were never uttered. Instead of my proposing, as Mr. Wilde puts it, that a silver cup should be given by the Sussex County Association to the company that rung the most peals in the twelve months (which would indeed be a prize-ringing contest), my suggestion was that a model bell should be obtained, to remain the absolute property of the Association, but to be held for the year by the

branch who succeeded in ringing the greatest number of peals each year, and that the name of each branch holding it should be recorded on the bell. My object therefore was not to promote personal gain of filthy lucre, as Mr. Wilde suggests, but to encourage the desire to excel in that which we have taken in hand. In conclusion, Sir, my sole reason for writing upon this subject was that Mr. Wilde's statement (which to my mind is a degradation to the Art), should not remain unchallenged.
GEO. F. ATTREE.

SIR,—Our friend Mr. London [says he was surprised when he got his paper last Saturday to see Mr. Hattersley figuring as a prize contester. I think Mr. Hattersley's idea of good ringing far supercedes Mr. London's. As for prize-ringing, I think I have seen as many contests as the majority of ringers, and I also think I have assisted in winning more prizes than any other man living. I think Mr. London is something like the farmer's son who knew a great deal more than his father when he was eighteen years old, but at thirty he only knew about as much, but at forty he went to his father for advice. I am really astonished at Mr. London writing about the subject at all, because he is little more than a beardless youth. He may have rung a few long peals on a big bell, and so considers himself equal to anybody. I myself belong to the Yorkshire Association, and have been at a good many quarterly meetings, but I have never heard any good ringing. Ever since the quarterly meetings begun, the quality of ringing has gradually got worse. If you mean to have any good ringing, you must get up contests. I think it would be far better if Mr. Attree and some of his belfry reform friends would try and ring a few short touches, and ring them well, instead of grinding and tumbling through Holt's Original ten-part peal, which has been worn thread-bare ever since I can recollect.
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SIR,—Everybody will agree with the contention of Mr. Hulks that in the performance he alludes to umpires should be had. But it is to be hoped that we shall not have such an office abused by people clamouring for it for payment. This may be absurd though it isn't, altogether. I should to ask the Committee or those in power in the Kent County Association, how much fee the umpires had awarded to them for coming from London to Aylesford to sit in the tower and see that no one "gave the office" during the late attempt for a silent peal. I should also like to know why people should be sent for from London for this purpose. And another query: Who proposed or instigated the attempting of this peal? We see people advertising for instructorships, and this, that, and the other. If the post of umpire is made a good paying job, there will be contests for this as well as other prizes. There is too much looking out for the loaves and fishes even now, Sir; scruff-jobs and such like. I shall have a question about these later on.
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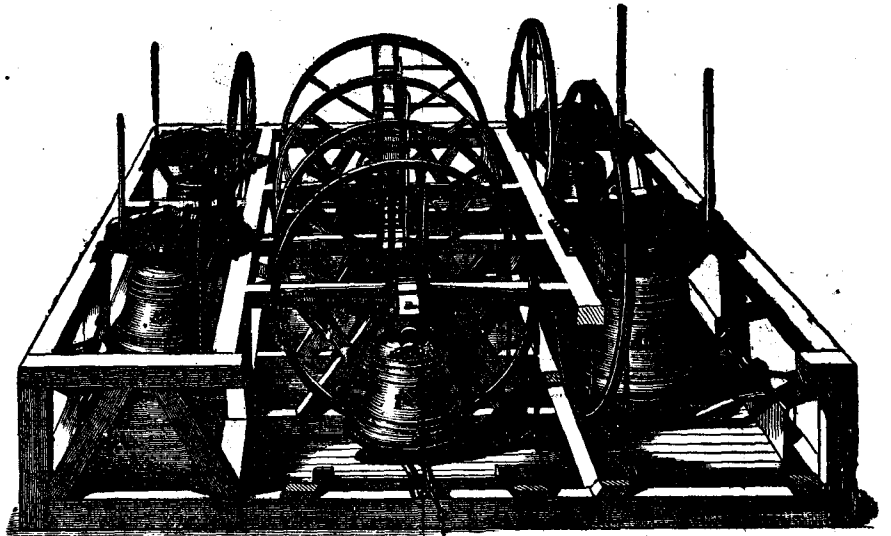


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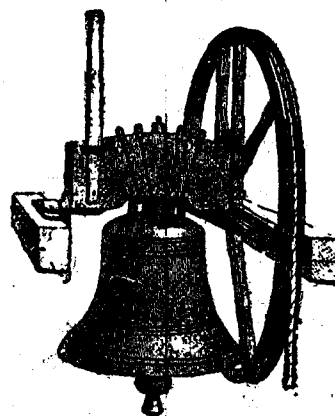
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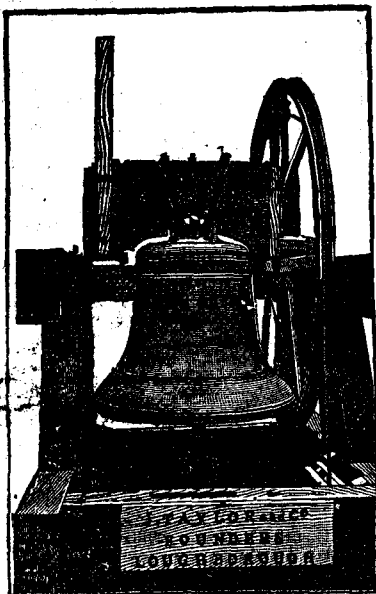
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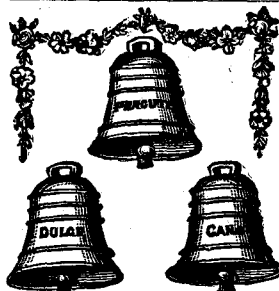
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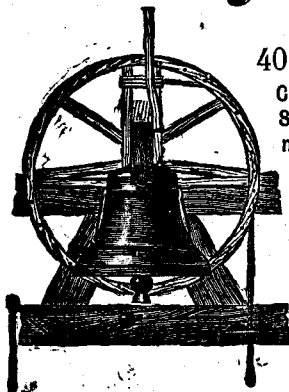
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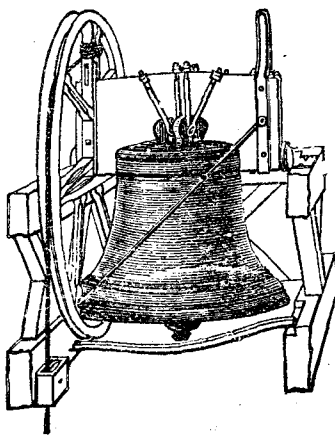
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On Monday evening, December 12th, a meeting was held in the ringing chamber of the parish church, for the purpose of unveiling a peal tablet, the gift of the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Hodson, recording the first peal ever rung on the bells by any local men. Amongst those present were Mr. E. T. and Lady Rachael Howard, Rev. H. B. and Mrs. Hodson, Rev. F. L. Haines, Mrs. Fox (Oldbury), O. E. Thurston, Esq., J. C. Gwynn, Esq., Miss Morgan, Mr. J. T. and Mrs. Chambers, Mr. J. T. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. T. J. and Mrs. Fill, Mr. Eddington, and others interested in ringing, which lately has been taken up with a good deal of zeal, in fact nowhere has the advance of education been more apparent than amongst the ringers, belfry reform having rightly taken place in the parish church. Prayers having been offered by the vicar, he said they had come together on the invitation of their captain, for an occasion of considerable interest, to unveil the peal tablet recording the first peal on the bells by any of the Thornbury ringers. The work of the ringers was essentially a Church work, the bells were considered church furniture to be used for the services of the church, and the ringing of them was a matter of considerable importance, and as all work worth doing at all was worth doing well, they naturally felt a great interest in the work of the ringers. Mrs. Hodson was then called upon by the captain, Mr. F. K. Howell, to unveil the tablet, which was done with an appropriate speech. It bears the following inscription:—

"Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers (jubilee peal). This tablet was presented by Mrs. Hodson, to record Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, which was rung on Sunday, April 24th, in 3 hrs. and 16 mins. W. Davis, treble; W. Sevier, 2; G. Daltry, 3; G. Iles, 4; J. Hinton, 5; H. Mitchell, 6; F. Howell, 7; J. Phillips, tenor. Conducted by W. Sevier. H. B. Hodson, vicar. J. Y. Sturge, J. H. Thurston, T. D. Till, churchwardens. First peal by any local men."

The following ringers then took the ropes and rang a course of Grandsire Triples. W. Davis, 1; C. Eddington, 2; G. Iles, 3; F. Symes, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., 5; T. Alsop, 6; F. K. Howell, 7; J. Phillips, 8. The Captain, on behalf of his brother ringers, then said: "We heartily thank you for the honor you have done us by your presence here this evening. Although it is the first time we have witnessed such a meeting, we hope it will not be the last by many. We tender our best and hearty thanks to Mrs. Hodson for this beautiful tablet, and we hope she may long be spared to hear the church bells rung. We also thank our worthy Vicar for his kindness in allowing us the use of the bells at all reasonable times. We also thank our late Vicar, Rev. T. Waters, and churchwardens for the improvements made in the ringing chamber for the comfort of the ringers. We also thank the parishioners for their kindness in responding to the appeal for subscriptions for our change-ringing instructor. We also thank those members who took part in the peal, Messrs. Hinton, Daltry, Sevier, and Mitchell, they being unable to attend to-night. We also thank Mr. Boutflower for coming from Bristol to assist us this evening. I also thank my brother ringers for the attention they have given to change-ringing, hoping that the time is not far distant when those whose names are not on the peal tablet, will have an opportunity of attempting a peal, hoping when that is accomplished we shall not feel that we have arrived at the top of the tree, but that we are only just at the lower branches, and that we shall endeavour to see the four standard methods rung in the tower, and try and imitate some of our brother-strings' ability as we see recorded in 'THE BELL NEWS.' We should feel very proud to have such a company present here this evening, and we heartily thank you for your presence here, wishing you all a happy Christmas, and bright New Year, and may we all be spared to hear our grand old bells announce the birth of our blessed Saviour."

E. T. HOWARD, Esq., expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be present that evening. They ought not to forget the good work commenced by their late vicar, Mr. Waters, who took such an interest in the bells, and through whose efforts the bell-chamber has been improved. Mr. Hodson was continuing this good work, and he could assure them that the bells were no nuisance to him or his family, but a pleasure; his earliest recollections were bound up with these bells, and he was glad the inhabitants were taking such an interest in the matter.

They all rejoiced at the improvement that had taken place, and thanked Mrs. Hodson for the tablet presented by her.

O. E. THURSTON, Esq., regretted the absence of the churchwardens at their meeting, but he supposed they were getting old and afraid of ascending the tower. He could recollect the Thornbury ringers a great many years back, and he was delighted to see such an improvement in the tone of the present ringers to what he could recollect, and he was exceedingly pleased to hear the bells.

During the evening various touches were rung, including a 336 and 168 of Grandsire Triples, a 6-score of Bob Doubles, and a course of Grandsire Minor.

FROME, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, December 17th, the bells of St. John's church, one of the most beautiful parish churches in England, were re-opened after having been rehung by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury. It was intended to start for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who was to have met the ringers from Salisbury, was unfortunately delayed on his way to Frome, not arriving until the afternoon, when it was too late to attempt it. During the morning a 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Alley, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; H. D. Adams, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford and Jno. Rebbeck, 8. And a 504 by the same band, conducted by W. Alley. In the afternoon a 1260. W. E. Tydeman, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; W. McCaffrey, 3; H. D. Adams, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford and J. Rebbeck, 8. Time 46 mins. Tenor 30 cwt. The Rector, the Hon. and Rev. A. Hanbury Tracy, and the churchwardens, Messrs. G. W. Willshire and C. Bailly, afterwards entertained the ringers to dinner in a most hospitable manner.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday December 19th, at the parish church of St. Helen, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to a mishap in the first part of second half, it came to grief. Time 1 hr. 47 mins. Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat. W. Liggins, 1; H. Canner, 2; T. Jacques, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; J. Dunmore, 5; J. Jagger (conductor), 6; W. Canner, 7; J. Curtis, 8. After falling the bells in peal, the ringers were entertained at supper at the residence of Mr. Thomas Jacques, who were joined by Messrs. H. G. W. Howe and R. Davenport. After doing justice to the roast beef and plum pudding and an abundance of mince pies, etc.,

The Chairman, Mr. HOWE, proposed "Success to the Ashby Society," and wished them better luck next time. Other toasts followed, including "The Midland Counties' Association," "The Chairman," and "Host and Hostess," the remainder of the evening being spent in songs, etc., interspersed with some rare anecdotes by brother Curtis.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A band composed of members of this Association will again make an attempt to ring the long peal of Stedman Caters (12,345 changes), at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Boxing Day, December 26th, 1887. The peal is the composition of Mr. Henry Johnson.

F. E. WARD, Master.
Cheltenham.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Colchester, on Saturday, January 7th. The tower of St. Peter's church (eight bells), will be open for ringing after 1 p.m. Tea (price 6d), to members who give notice beforehand, at No. 19, Head Street, at 4 p.m., to be followed by the usual business meeting. Return tickets at reduced fares will be issued by the Great Eastern Railway, to members of the Association who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, January 4th, from what station they intend to travel.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.
Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

RINGING BY ELECTRICITY.

How wonderfully ignorant appear to be the general readers of *Modern Society*, when such a suggestion as appeared in that paper recently, is made by one of their correspondents without contradiction, viz.

His Holiness the Pope is certainly in luck's way. Presents continue to flow in upon him, whether in celebration of his jubilee, or as memorials of his birthday. The latest of these gifts is from a French engineer, who has designed and completed an apparatus for ringing church bells by electricity. Now that every modern house is fitted with electric bells, it is certainly right that the House of Prayer should not be forgotten or given over to the tender mercies of some old sexton whose rheumatic limbs feebly set the church's clapper twanging on Sunday mornings. For it is not to be supposed that the Pope will have a monopoly of this invention, which will doubtless speedily find its way over here, and revolutionise the present old-world mode of summoning the congregation to worship. The vicar will but have to press a button while he is buttoning on his dog-collar, and the intinnabulations of the "church going" will be heard far and wide.

It will doubtless be a long time before such an invention will find favour in the Ringing Isle. "Ringing" must entirely die out, which does not seem probable judging by the contents of this paper, or our church bells will have to be hung on a "dead stock" similar to those on the continent. The electric invention of Mr. Lane, of Beaconsfield, could, we believe, have been well adapted for such a purpose, and that was patented long before we heard of the Frenchman's design. W. H. F.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX BELL RINGERS.

On Saturday, December 17th, the quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at St. Mark's, Preston. Shortly after 3 o'clock a mixed band ascended the tower, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, after which they handed the ropes over to the Leyland Company, who rang a 720 of London Single Bob. The members then adjourned to the School-room where the usual meeting was held, Mr. William Bowling in the chair, and Mr. George Higson, vice-chair. After the business was gone through it was decided to hold the next meeting at Chorley. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and school-room. The bells were again set in motion, and a 720 of Bob Minor, and other touches brought the afternoon's ringing to a close.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The anniversary meeting of the above Association will be held at Almondsbury (eight bells), near Bristol, on Monday, January 9th, 1888. The nearest station is Patchway, two miles. Divine Service at the parish church of St. Mary, at 11 a.m. Short address by the Vicar, Rev. Canon Cooper. Dinner at the Swan at 1 o'clock, at two shillings and sixpence per head; one shilling and sixpence allowed by the Association to all members who inform the Hon. Secretary of their intention of being present by the 4th inst.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, January 7th, 1888, and the bells of the parish church (eight) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee Meeting in the Vestry at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Queen's Hotel at 5 p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each. General Meeting immediately after tea, to which all ringers and friends are invited. It is particularly requested that those members who intend being present at the tea will send their names to the local Hon. Sec., Mr. John Jaggar, 145, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, on or before Wednesday, January 4th, 1888.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5, St. Paul's Street, Burton-on-Trent.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

NOTICE.—Ten members of this society will attempt to ring the 120 courses of Stedman Caters on Boxing Day, at St. Stephen's, Hampstead. Meeting time, 10 a.m.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 19TH, 1887:—

By the Billingshurst branch at Billingshurst.—On Sunday, December 11th, a 720 each of Warnham Court Bob and Oxford Bob Minor. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; W. Wadey, 5; J. T. Chantler, 6. Conducted by J. T. Chantler and W. Wadey.

By the Brighton branch at St. Paul's, Brighton.—On Thursday, December 15th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which failed after ringing 4950 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. H. Eves, 1; W. Palmer, 2; G. Biggerstaff, 3; H. Weston, 4; G. A. King, 5; J. Reilly, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; G. Murray, 8. And on Sunday, December 18th, a 504 Grandsire Triples, in 19 mins. P. Allfrey, 1; W. Allfrey (conductor), 2; J. E. Worsell, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; A. Marshall, 5; G. Thwaites, 6; A. Bennett, 7; J. Mockett, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins. H. Eves, 1; J. Salmon, 2; G. Thwaites, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; A. Marshall, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; A. Bennett (conductor), 7; J. Mockett, 8. And at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Monday, December 19th, a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 23 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. Thwaites, 2; J. Reilly, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. Searle, 5; J. T. Rickman, 6; G. A. King, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples, in 20 mins. H. Weston, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; J. Reilly, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; J. T. Rickman, 8.

By the Christ Church Eastbourne branch at Christ Church.—On Wednesday, December 14th, 792 in six Minor methods. F. Dyer, 1; J. Sharp, 2; G. Howse, 3; H. Colbran, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, December 15th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. P. Peters, 1; G. Howse, 2; H. Colbran, 3; J. Sharp, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all. And on Monday, December 19th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. P. Peters, 1; J. Sharpe, 2; G. Howse, 3; H. Colbran, 4; T. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6. And a half-peal, 2520 changes, being a 720 each of Yorkshire Court, Warnham Court, and College Single, and a 360 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 22 mins. P. Peters, 1; J. Sharp, 2; H. Colbran, 3; G. Howse, 4; F. Smith, 5; F. Harding (conductor), 6.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Tuesday, December 13th, a 5040 in seven Minor methods, in 3 hrs. and 8 mins. (for particulars see peal column.) And on Wednesday, December 14th, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; W. Wadey (Billingshurst), 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Morris, 1; E. Brackley, 2; W. Wadey, 3; G. Gatland, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. T. Searle, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Chambers, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6. And at Henfield, on Thursday, December 15th, a 5040 in seven Minor methods, in 2 hrs. and 56 mins. (for particulars see peal column.) And at Steyning, on Saturday, December 17th, a 5040 in seven Minor methods, in 3 hrs. and 5 mins. (for particulars see peal column.) And on Monday, December 19th, a 5040 in seven Minor methods, in 3 hrs. and 12 mins. (for particulars see peal column.)

By the Ringmer branch at Ringmer.—On Sunday, December 18th, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Painter, 1; H. Jones, 2; A. Slarks, 3; J. T. Rickman, 4; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 5; G. Taylor, 6. And for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. A. Slarks, 1; H. Jones, 2; A. E. Paris, 3; J. T. Rickman, 4; G. C. Hammond (conductor), 5; G. Taylor, 6. This is the longest touch by Messrs. Slarks, Jones, Paris, and Taylor.

By the Warnham branch at Warnham.—On Tuesday, December 16th, Shipway's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. and 54 mins. (for particulars see peal column.) And on Sunday, December 18th, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. and 55 mins. (for particulars see peal column.)

By the Worth branch at Worth.—On Wednesday, December 7th, a 720 of Oxford Bob. F. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; J. Tullett, 3; G. Illman, 4; B. Payne, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 360 of Violet Treble Bob. P. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Rice, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, December 14th, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob, the band standing as above. And a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Tullett, 1; W. Denman, 2; E. Streeter, 3; H. Meads, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, December 17th, a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, in 2 hrs and 40 mins. (for particulars see peal column.)

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

Hate keeps the heart always at full tension. It gives rise to oppression of brain and senses. It confuses the whole man. It robs the stomach of nervous power, and, digestion being impaired, the failure of life begins at once. Those, therefore, who are born with this passion should give it up.

Miscellaneous Touches.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, December 20th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, a 720 of Plain Bob, in 25 mins. J. S. Tipple, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; J. Aitkin, 3; B. Spinner, 4; H. D. Davis (conductor), 5; F. Hayes, 6.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, December 22th, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; J. C. Mitchell, 5-6; A. Sibley, 7-8.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday evening, December 19th, at the Parish Church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. W. Jackson, 1; A. Cornford, 2; G. Elcombe, 3; F. King, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THIRSK (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, for Divine Service, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. Tenor 19 cwt. in F. H. Wright, 1; H. Brown, 2; G. Wright, 3; J. Harrison, 4; G. Neesam, 5; H. Dale, 6; Joseph Wrightson (conductor) 7; D. Long, 8.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, December 18th, at St. Laurence's church, 630 of Grandsire Triples. J. Middlecote, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; J. Yeates, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; S. E. Romans (conductor), 6; W. Gregory, 7; T. White, 8. Also 360 in the same method. H. Gardner, 1; S. E. Romans, 2; J. Yeates, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston (conductor), 5; H. Mitchell, 6; A. A. Waite, 7; T. White, 8.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, December 15th, at Christ Church, 720 of Bob Minor. J. King, 1; W. Smith, 2; T. Wood, 3; G. Cornell, 4; A. H. Gardom (conductor), 5; E. Barnett, 6.

CHRISTMAS SIGNS.

The creaking wain, with wheels which tell
Of ruts cut through the red marl soil,
Laden with boughs from knoll and dell,
Red-berried holly—Forest spoil,
And mystic plant whose luring spell
Tangles young hearts in love's soft coil,
Moves slowly up long Westgate slanting way—
A welcome sign of coming Christmas Day.

O'er city din, in street and lane,
O'er suburbs wide—the city round,
O'er Severn's flood and village green,
O'er hill and dale without a bound,
To young and old, and grand and mean,
The bells ring out with glad some sound,
To busy town and quiet countryside,
Right cheerful signs of merry Christmastide.

Displayed before our eyes awhile,
In varied form of tempting show,
Choice fruits of our own fruitful isle,
And with red tints and golden glow,
In dainty box, and fancy pile,
Fruits such as might in Eden grow;
Sweet spoils of many a summer clime,
All welcome signs of Festive Christmas time.

The larger heart, the broader thought,
Hope's brighter smiles, Love's warmer words,
The mind with plans of kindness fraught:
The strengthening of old friendship's cords,
Good deeds attempted, good deeds wrought,
The joys which love for love affords.
Welcome, ye best of signs; come and abide,
Signs of a good and happy Christmastide.

Church News.

The consecration of Archdeacon Matthew as Bishop of Lahore will take place on the Feast of the Epiphany at Westminster Abbey.

Intelligence has been received at Thirsk of the safe arrival at Adelaide of the vessel in which the Bishop of Bathurst (Dr. Camidge) sailed.

On Sunday morning, Professor Lumby, Norrisian Professor of

Divinity, Cambridge, was installed at York as Prebendary of Wetwang, in succession to Dr. Camidge.

The son of the Rev. H. M. Fearn, vicar of Arkesden, Essex, who unaccountably disappeared last week, has been found. The lad, who was only nine years old, ran away to London, and for some days nothing was heard of him. He was, however, discovered by the police wandering about the docks, and was taken to Poplar Workhouse, when a telegram was sent to his friends, and he was removed home. It is stated that he had expressed a wish to become a sailor.

On the 7th inst, at the annual meeting of the London Gregorian Choral Association, the chair was taken by the Duke of Newcastle, who has been elected president, in succession to Lord Beauchamp. In the course of address he said the idea had struck him whether it might not be possible later on to form a branch in America. He happened to be going there next month, and he could then bring the association to the notice of some who would be likely to take an interest in its object, and ask them to join it; and when their American friends had grown strong enough in numbers they might form a branch of their own.

In response to an influentially signed requisition, Canon Gray, vicar of Blythe, and senior Rural Dean in the archdeaconry of Nottingham, has consented to be nominated to the Proctorship of Southwell, vacant by the advancement of Canon Hole to the deanery of Rochester. Canon Gray was formerly Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, Canon of Ely, and examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester. He has been working in the diocese for over twenty years, and enjoys the respect of all classes of society. The *Record* says a requisition is being signed asking Canon Vincent Jackson, vicar of St. Peter's, Nottingham, to allow himself to be nominated. Canon Jackson opposed Canon Hole at the last election, and obtained the support of a large number of the clergy on Evangelical grounds.

The Bishop of Colchester presided last week at a meeting at the town hall, Brentwood, in aid of the Bishop of St. Albans Fund. He said that the population of the district was estimated at 300,000, and it was rapidly increasing. The fund had been instrumental in building many churches, and maintained seventy clergymen and layworkers. Without this fund he did not think the work of Church extension could be extensively carried on in the diocese. Canon Proctor, the hon. secretary, said although the income for the year amounted to nearly £10,000, they had not been able to renew the grants to the living agents for more than six months. Mr. David Howard and the Rev. F. G. Nash, of the Tilbury Docks Mission, also addressed the meeting.

A correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* states that the Rev. Bartholomew Edwards, rector of Ashill, Norfolk, still takes his share of the Sunday services, and preaches alternately with his curate. Mr. Edwards, who has now entered his ninety-ninth year, graduated at St. John's, Cambridge in 1811, as Seventh Senior Optime, and was ordained in the year following. The Rev. E. Oldfield, curate of Wilmslow, writes:—"The church, which, like many others in that part of the country, is built of Norfolk flint, has been well restored by Mr. Edwards at his own cost. He also maintains the schools without aid from any one, although there are many in the locality who would gladly give their share. But the worthy rector is more like a father to the parish than anything else, and the general opinion of the parishioners may be expressed in the words, "Mr. Edwards must have his own way as long as he lives."

Last week the Bishop of Ripon, who preached at the opening of an organ presented by the family of Mr. J. T. Leather, to Swillington Church, said that at the beginning of this year it was hoped that the task of raising the Wakefield Bishopric Fund was done; but it was found that £10,000 which had been expected from a society in London was not forthcoming, and after waiting a while in the hope that the society would take some action, the promoters of the scheme were obliged to go forward themselves. Under the circumstances they felt themselves justified in once more throwing themselves upon the kindness of the people, and asking them once more to put their shoulders to the wheel. The story of the last five or six months had been a story of the response to their appeal. One friend when he knew that £9,000 was wanted, generously said that if the promoters could get the rest by the end of the year, he would give £1,000. Another promised £100 if £900 was contributed in sums of £100, or £50. There was just a fortnight before the end of the year. They wanted to secure—and he thought they would—these conditional promises. All he could say was that they were very near the goal. It was difficult to say within £100 or £200, how much had been raised, because there were offer-tories which had yet to come in; but it could be said that a few hundred pounds would just make the difference between absolute certainty and a feeling of doubt.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5024.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich*

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	4	5	3	6	1	-	2	2
5	6	3	4	2	2	-	2	2
3	2	4	6	5	2	-	2	2
2	5	4	6	3	2	-	1	2
2	4	6	5	3	1	-	2	2
3	2	5	4	6	2	-	1	2
3	5	4	2	6	1	-	2	2
2	3	5	6	4	2	-	2	2
3	4	5	6	2	2	-	1	2
2	3	6	4	5	2	-	1	2
2	6	4	3	5	1	-	1	2
3	4	6	2	5	2	-	2	2
2	3	4	5	6	2	-	2	2

This peal has the 6th the extent in 5-6, with 11 out 12 8-6's and 8-6-7's; the 5th the extent wrong with 10 8-5's and is the first yet produced in thirteen courses having these properties, and has not yet been rung.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5076.

By JAMES MOTTS, *Ipswich*,

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

This part thrice repeated produce:

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

This peal was rung at Ipswich, on Tuesday, May 11th last.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5280.

By JOHN THORP, *Ashton-under-Lyne*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	1	-	2
6	2	4	5	3	1	-	2
2	6	3	5	4	2	-	2
2	3	5	6	4	1	-	2
3	6	5	2	4	2	-	2
6	4	5	2	3	1	-	2
4	3	5	2	6	1	-	2
2	5	3	4	6	2	-	2
3	4	2	5	6	1	-	1
5	2	4	3	6	2	-	2
2	3	4	5	6	2	-	2

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent at home at five course-ends.

Rung at Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, December 17th, 1887, and conducted by A. Edward Wrecks.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
2	6	3	5	4	2	-	1
5	3	6	2	4	2	-	2
6	4	2	3	5	1	-	2
6	2	3	4	5	1	-	2
4	3	2	6	5	2	-	2

Repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By W. T. PATES, *Cheltenham*.

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

Five times repeated

Single instead of a bob at six in the 6th course of the 3rd and 6th parts.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5139.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

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

Repeated

Omitting the call at 1 in second course produces:

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

Bobs at 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, round in two sixes and one change.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5000.

By THOMAS POLLITT, *Bradford*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2	-	2
2	4	3	6	5	1	-	2
2	3	6	4	5	1	-	2
3	5	6	4	2	1	-	2
5	3	2	4	6	2	-	2
3	4	2	5	6	2	-	2
5	3	4	6	2	2	-	2
5	4	6	3	2	1	-	2
5	2	4	3	6	2	-	1
2	3	4	5	6	2	-	2

5000.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1st M	2nd M	H
5	6	3	7	2	8	4	2	and out	2
3	6	4	7	2	8	5	1	2	
6	2	4	7	3			1		2
2	3	4	7	6			1		2
3	2	6	7	4			2		2
2	5	3	7	6	8	4		2	2
5	4	2	7	3	8	6		2	2
4	3	2	7	5			1		2
4	5	3	7	2			2		1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4ths and in		1

This peal was rung for the first time at Halifax, on December 17th last, by ten members of the Yorkshire Association.

A DATE TOUCH OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

1888.

By CHARLES PRICE, *Eccleston*.

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

This peal has the sixth its extent at home.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, *Liverpool*.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	1	-	2
4	2	5	6	3	1	-	2
6	4	2	3	5	2	-	2
5	2	4	3	6	1	-	1
5	4	3	2	6	1	-	2

Repeated.

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

1888.

By WILLIAM WALKER, Leeds.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
5	2	3	6	4		I		2
2	5	4	6	3		I	I	2
3	5	6	4	2	2	I		I
4	3	5	2	6		I		2
2	5	3	4	6			2	2
2	3	4	5	6			I	2

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By ROBERT WILLIAMS, Liverpool.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
B	3	2	6	5	4	2	2
5	6	2	3	4		2	2
5	2	3	6	4		I	2
5	3	6	2	4		I	2
6	4	2	3	5	I	I	2
6	2	3	4	5		I	2
2	5	3	4	6	I		2
4	3	5	2	6		2	2
4	5	2	3	6		I	2
B	B	2	3	4	5	I	I

5040.

2	3	4	5	6	M	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	2	2	2
2	6	3	5	4		2	
5	2	6	4	3	2	2	2
5	3	2	4	6	2		I
4	5	2	3	6		I	

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5021.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, Liverpool.

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

*Bobs at 2, 6, 8, 17, 20, 24. The last twenty-two courses repeated produce 314652. Round by bobs at 2, 5, 6, 10, 16, 18, in three changes. 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses behind the 9th.

TWO PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

5008 and 5020.

By HENRY JOHNSON, Birmingham.

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

This three times repeated, except first cours which must be 4 16, produce:—

4 1 3 6 2 5.

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

*3, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, for 5008.
*2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, for 5020.

The 5008 was first rung at Aston, and was conducted by Henry Bastable.

A 1/2-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1260.

By C. W. CLARKE, Bedford.

2 3 4 5 6 7

S	7	6	2	4	2	3
S	3	5	7	2	4	6
B	5	7	3	2	4	6
B	4	6	5	3	2	7
B	7	3	4	2	6	5
S	5	6	7	4	2	3
S	7	6	5	4	2	3
S	3	2	7	5	4	6
B	2	7	3	5	4	6
B	4	6	2	3	5	7
B	7	3	4	5	6	2
B	4	6	7	3	2	5
S	3	5	4	2	6	7

Twice repeated.

The above contains the twenty-four 4-6's.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

5040.

By MATTHEW PAILTHORPE, Staleybridge.

2 3 4 5 6

4	3	6	5	2	M
6	3	2	5	4	M
5	3	2	6	4	H
3	2	5	6	4	H
2	5	3	6	4	H
3	5	4	6	2	M
4	5	2	6	3	M
5	2	4	6	3	H
2	4	5	6	3	H
6	4	5	2	3	H
5	4	3	2	6	M
3	4	6	2	5	M
4	6	3	2	5	H

Four times repeated.

The above peal was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Castle Hall, on Monday, January 12th, 1885, and was conducted by James S. Wilde.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

1888.

By JNO. T. HOLLIS, Wakefield.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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

First lead.

3 4 5 2 6 8-9
5 3 4 2 6 7th in & out at 3.
4 5 3 2 6 9th in three.
3 4 5 2 6 9th in three.
4 2 5 3 6 8th in three.
2 3 5 4 6 8th in three.
5 2 3 4 6 9th in three.
3 5 2 4 6 9th in three.
2 4 5 3 6 8th in three. s.
4 3 5 2 6 8th in three.
5 4 3 2 6 9th in three.
3 5 4 2 6 9th in three.
5 2 4 3 6 8th in three.
2 3 4 5 6 8th in three.
3 4 2 5 6 7-8
4 2 3 5 6 7-8
4 2 3 5 6 7th in & out at 5.
3 4 2 5 6 7th in three.
2 3 4 5 6 7th in three.

A PEAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

13140.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

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

Eleven times repeated.

Adding singles at 6 in the last course of the 6th and 12th parts.

Omit the half-way single and the bells come round at 6720.

This peal contains the extent with the tenors together.

The Rev. Aneurin Lloyd Lodge, rector of Holy Trinity, Wavertree, died yesterday. Mr Lodge graduated from Jesus College, Oxford, in 1845, and was ordained the same year. He was presented to Wavertree in 1859.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1887.

ONCE more we have the pleasure of wishing our many kind friends a merry and happy Christmas, trusting that it may indeed be a time of hearty good will and affectionate regard one toward another, friendship being more closely cemented, and where differences exist, may they be surveyed in the light of our own necessity of forbearance to those against whom we may have offended. It will be the duty of most who read these lines to take their part in welcoming this glad Yuletide in that exercise to which they devote so much patience and energy, and as the joyous voices of the bells go forth, let them remember what a momentous anniversary they are celebrating, and the many important lessons it teaches. First, glory to Him "from whom all blessings flow;" appreciating the privilege of joining in the acclamations of the heavenly and terrestrial host; "Gloria in excelsis" being specially rendered to Him on this occasion for that it was ordained in the Divine Counsels that "Emmanuel" should establish a sure and certain method for the salvation of "all who put their trust in Him." Such contemplations naturally lead to the second part of the angelic anthem "On earth peace," and it should stir the hearts of all as to what is their duty in establishing and maintaining this most desirable beatitude. What good will it be that "the organ rings, and the sweet choir sings," and the bells tell out their joyful clamour, if something is not done to warrant the grand harmony and provoke the jubilant sounds? The practical issue should be the reuniting of friendships broken, the forgiveness of injuries sustained, and the putting aside of those emotions tending towards strife and animosity. We all have heart burnings and bitter feelings of resentment at many wrongs, real or supposed, which we have received from those who professed true attachment to us, and as the Christmas greeting falls on our ears it should stimulate us to our duty in doing what we can to make "In terra pax" universal. The business and social aspects at present are anything but cheering, trade in most departments being very much depressed, consequently money

stagnates, and bread winning becomes an arduous task. In such circumstances it behoves those who can afford the luxuries of life, to consider their poorer fellow creatures. A little self denial will ensure many comforts to those who sorely need the necessities of existence, and the restraint will bring its reward, the liberality of the donors winning the thanks of the needy recipients. There are a thousand ways of gladdening the hearts of the distressed, discrimination being used according to the circumstances of those whom we would befriend. How cheering are a few gentle words and kindly wishes sent through the medium of a Christmas card, and how acceptable comes a present from any one who sympathises with a friend or acquaintance on whom adversity's sad mantle rests. Only to-day we heard of a city gentleman, who sent to an old friend: "I know your pecuniary circumstances are not so flourishing as hitherto, so I trust you will not be offended at the little present I have sent to somewhat appease your wants this Christmas." Noble the impulse, and graceful the way of offering the gift. The delightful imagery of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will be vividly recalled at this festive season, and should any of our readers not be acquainted with that beautiful composition we recommend them to let no further delay transpire ere they secure it. The perusal of that charming narrative cannot fail to stimulate brotherly love and generous sympathy, whilst the characters depicted are such as cross our every day path. We earnestly trust that the moral taught by the great novelist will be exemplified this year, for who does not delight to hear of avarice overcome and oppression discarded, and the wrongs of a lifetime repented of and restitution made as far as practicable? In many homes will be found "the vacant chair," and memory will fondly dwell on the lives and loves of those endeared to us by kinship and sacred ties of natural affection; and we will remember them when in the midst of our convivial friendly gatherings. we are called upon to pledge the toast "May old friends never be forgotten for new ones." The ringing fraternity are now a very large family, and to them all we wish health, plenty, and prosperity, trusting that all will endeavour in every way to elevate the art of change-ringing. There have of late been a few differences of opinion on certain subjects, and the discussion has sometimes been a trifle acrimonious, we sincerely hope, however, that no enmities have been formed, and that future controversies may be based upon the good old adage, "May difference of opinion never alter friendship."

The Metropolis.

SOUTHWARK.—THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

Jubilee Peal.

On Thursday, December 15, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY LANGDON Treble.	† WILLIAM W. THORNE .. 5.
FREDERICK BATE 2.	RICHARD FRENCH 6.
WILLIAM CECIL 3.	ARTHUR HAYWARD 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE* 4.	GEORGE WOODAGE Tenor.

Conducted by R. FRENCH.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal in the method.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, December 17th, 1887, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	JOHN ROGERS 6.
JAMES HANNINGTON 2.	HENRY HOPKINS 7.
C. J. MALIM, ESQ.* 3.	WILLIAM BARON 8.
HENRY DAINS 4.	HENRY SWAIN 9.
ARTHUR JACOB 5.	JOHN MANSFIELD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal in the method. This peal has the 5th and 6th only behind the 9th in the tittum position.

The Provinces.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING BRANCH.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and Yorkshire Court.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. MORRIS Treble.	C. TYLER 4.
C. CHAMBERS 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
G. GATLAND 3.	G. SMART Tenor.

Conducted by G. SMART.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS REYNOLDS Treble.	JAMES PLANT 5.
JOHN ASTBURY 2.	SAMUEL REEVES 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3.	ALFRED THOMAS 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is the composition of the late J. B. Lates, and has 240 bobs and 10 singles, and is also the first peal rung on these bells.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal. Handbell Peal.

On Saturday, December 17, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF MRS. E. MEE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM MOTTS 1-2.	JAMES MOTTS 5-6.
CHARLES MEE 3-4.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8.

Composed by D. PRENTICE, of Ipswich, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Referee: D. Prentice. The above peal, which has been published in "THE BELL NEWS," is a three-part peal, and contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, and has never previously been rung. This is the first peal on handbells at Sproughton, and the first on handbells by W. P. Garrett. The above are all members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

A correspondent from Fowey, Cornwall, states that he lately gathered a small dish of green peas.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1887, in Three Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in Eb

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	JAMES PLANT 6.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	MARTIN MURPHY 8.
REUBEN HALL 4.	CHARLES PRICE 9.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 5.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal has the sixth 24 courses at home, and 24 courses behind the ninth, with out a 89 or a 78 being called.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Friday, December 16, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S 10-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY COOK Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	HENRY CHANDLER 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
GEORGE CHARMAN 4.	JAMES WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BURSTOW.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, December 17, 1887, in Three Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE ORIGINAL BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

H. EDWARDS Treble.	FRANK STILL 5.
J. BAKER 2.	FRED STILL, JUN. 6.
J. MAYNARD 3.	C. CHAPMAN 7.
G. TURLEY 4.	H. ANSCOMBE Tenor.

Conducted by FRED STILL, JUN.

HALIFAX.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JAMES ANGUS* Treble.	*THOS. HAIGH 6.
J. H. FISHER* 2.	JAMES BARRACLOUGH 7.
H. RAISTRICK 3.	*J. H. HARDCASTLE 8.
THOS. POLLITT* 4.	F. LONDON 9.
J. BROADLEY 5.	W. DARBEY Tenor.

Composed by THOS. POLLITT, and Conducted by J. H. HARDCASTLE.

*College Youths. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is the first Association peal on these bells, and is the first rung here by any company for over sixteen years back; it has the bells in the tittum position throughout. Messrs. Haigh and Barraclough hail from Huddersfield; Mr. F. London from Shipley; and the remainder from Bradford.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, December 17, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES GRATRIX* Treble.	EDWARD CASH 6.
GEORGE E. TURNER 2.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
WILLIAM WALMSLEY* 3.	GEORGE LONGDEN 8.
THOMAS G. DOWNS 4.	*WALTER INGHAM 9.
JOHN E. POLLITT 5.	JOHN EACHUS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal of Treble Ten. Messrs. Walmsley and Ingham hail from Macclesfield; Longden from Ashton; the rest belong to Manchester. This peal has the fifth and sixth their extent at home at five course-ends.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
STEYNING BRANCH.

On Thursday, December 15, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
ON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

DOUBLE OXFORD, KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE COURT, OXFORD TREBLE BOB,
PLAIN BOB, COLLEGE SINGLE, AND CANTERBURY PLEASURE.

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. MORRIS Treble.	G. GATLAND 4.
E. BRACKLEY 2.	G. SMART 5.
C. CHAMBERS 3.	C. TYLER Tenor.

Conducted by C. TYLER.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
STEYNING BRANCH.

On Saturday, December 17, 1887, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
ON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 of each of the following:—

Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire
Court, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. SEARLE Treble.	E. BRACKLEY 4.
G. GATLAND 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
C. CHAMBERS 3.	G. SMART Tenor.

Conducted by G. SMART.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
WORTH BRANCH.

On Saturday, December 17, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS:

Being 720 each of the following:—

YORKSHIRE COURT, KENT TREBLE BOB, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, CANTERBURY
PLEASURE, PLAIN BOB, WARMHAM COURT BOB, AND OXFORD SINGLE BOB.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

B. PAYNE Treble.	H. MEADS 4.
F. STREETER 2.	G. ILLMAN 5.
E. STREETER 3.	F. RICE Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICE.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
WARNHAM BRANCH.

On Sunday, December 18, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	HENRY CHANDLER 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
GEORGE CHARMAN 4.	GEORGE WOODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

SALISBURY.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 19, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMPSON'S THREE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY LAWRENCE Treble.	JAMES R. JERRAM 5.
ALFRED GODDARD 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN 6.
HENRY D. ADAMS 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

*First Peal. No. 4, 5, and 7 are also members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, December 17, 1887, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN CURTIS Treble.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 5.
THOMAS HARRISON 2.	GEORGE LORD 6.
HENRY H. NUTTER 3.	JAMES THOMAS STOTT 7.
JAMES ASHWORTH 4.	JOHN TATTERSALL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CURTIS.

First peal by all but the treble and third man. Mr. Curtis hails from Bolton; Messrs. Nutter and Tattersall from Ramsbottom; J. Ashworth from Waterfoot; the rest belong to the local company.

SALISBURY, WILTS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Handbell Ringing.

On Sunday, December 18, 1887, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE HOUSE OF MR. BLACKBOURN, ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH STREET,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

*WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN 1-2.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 5-6.
*THOMAS BLACKBOURN 3-4.	*HENRY D. ADAMS 7-8.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Umpires: W. W. Gifford and C. A. Clements. W. Gifford had a copy of the peal before him, and marked off the bob leads as they were rung. *First peal on handbells.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
(STEYNING BRANCH).

On Monday, December 19, 1887, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

Woodbine, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford
Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Court.

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. SEARLE Treble.	G. GATLAND 4.
G. SMART 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
C. CHAMBERS 3.	C. TYLER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. JAMES'S
SOCIETY, LONDON.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM LEADER* Treble.	REV. WM. S. WILLETT 5.
A. C. FUSSELL* 2.	*WM. H. FUSSELL 6.
T. WM. UDELL* 3.	*WM. WILDER 7.
ALFRED ANDREWS 4.	*REUBEN FLAXMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED C. FUSSELL.

Wm. Leader has been steeple-keeper of this Tower for 32 years, and this is his first peal. *First peal with a Bob Bell. *Members of the Society of Royal Cumberlands.

Date Touches.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Thursday, December 15th, the local company rang a date touch of 1887 changes of Stedman Triples, in

1 hr. 10 mins. Geo. Rochester (conductor), 1; N. W. Tarling, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; W. Morris, 5; H. Saban, 6; P. Springham, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. This touch was composed by Mr. H. Johnson, sen., of Birmingham, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of April 2nd last, and is the longest touch of Stedman rung on the bells; the longest by all the ringers except G. Rochester, and the longest in the method by him as conductor. Tenor 25 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Friday, December 16th, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, ten courses of Stedman Cinques (1318 changes), in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; S. E. Joyce, 2; R. French, 3; W. Cooter, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; H. Springall, 7; E. Carter, 8; R. T. Woodley, 9; F. E. Dawe, 10; E. Horrex, 11; W. Prime, 12. The above was taken from a peal by the late H. W. Haley. And on Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, four courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettit, 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; H. Springhall, 3; H. Shade, 4; G. Mash, 5; S. Joyce, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; E. Horrex, 8; J. W. Taylor, Esq., (Loughborough), 9; R. Woodler, 10; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 11; F. G. Newman, 12. Tenor 52 cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Saturday, December 10th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Allen, 1; T. Hill, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), standing as before. And on Thursday, December 15th, for practice, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Pass, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; T. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Chapman, 1; T. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; M. Warwick, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; W. G. Biggs, 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; T. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. Pass, 6. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles. F. Hull (first 120), 1; M. Warwick (conductor), 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; H. Chapman, 4; J. Spencer, 5; — Bettles, 6. On Sunday, December 11th, at St. Paul's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a 504 Grandsire Triples, with Queen's, tittums. H. Toll, 1; W. Allen, 2; C. Pass, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Keech, 5; H. Chapman, 6; M. Warwick (conductor), 7; T. Hills, 8. And 168 of Grandsire Triples; M. Warwick, 1; H. Chapman, 2; C. Pass, 3; T. Hills, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; W. Allen, 8. And for Divine Service in the evening, an attempt was made to ring a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, but got out after ringing about 800 changes. M. Warwick, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Allen, 3; H. Chapman, 4; T. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; W. G. Biggs, 7; J. Spencer, 8. And on Tuesday, December 13th, for practice, 279 of Grandsire Triples. H. Toll, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; F. Keech, 6; W. G. Biggs (conductor), 7; W. Allen, 8. And a 503 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Keech, 3; H. Chapman, 4; T. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; W. G. Biggs (composer and conductor), 7; H. Toll, 8. And on Sunday, December 18th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Toll, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Allen, 3; T. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Hull (first touch on eight bells), 8. And for Divine Service in the evening, 336 of Grandsire Triples. H. Toll, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Keech, 3; M. Warwick (conductor), 4; H. Chapman, 5; T. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; J. Spencer, 8. And a 279 of Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; C. Pass, 4; H. Chapman, 5; F. Keech, 6; M. Warwick, 7; H. Toll, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Monday, December 12th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. G. Moss, 1; F. Hill, 2; C. Privett, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. Whiting, 7; R. Oates, 8. And on Monday, December 19th, 559 of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Moss, 1; C. Privett, 2; F. Hill, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; H. Carter, 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. W. G. Moss, 1; F. Hill (conductor), 2; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 3; C. Privett, 4; J. Whiting, 5; G. Passingham, 6; G. Grafham, 7; H. Carter, 8. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Grafham, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Whiting, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; G. Passingham, 5; H. Carter, 6.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Wednesday, December 14th, at the church of St. Michael, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. H. Barnett, 1; J. Staples, 2; H. White, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; T. Newnham, 5;

J. Whiting, 6; A. White (conductor), 7; T. Wheeler, 8. Also 602 Grandsire Triples. G. H. Barnett, 1; J. Staples, 2; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 3; H. White (conductor), 4; T. Newnham, 5; J. Whiting, 6; A. White, 7; T. Wheeler, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Staples, 1; C. Mitchell, 2; P. Beale, Esq., 3; J. Higgins, 4; W. Tiller, 5; G. Morgan, 6; Rev. H. A. Spyers (conductor), 7; W. C. Anstead, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH.—On Sunday, December 4th, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Knights, 1; W. Easton (conductor), 2; J. Brewster, 3; D. Huff, 4; A. Peachey, 5; W. Green, 6; G. Knock, 7; G. Barclay, 8. On Thursday, December 15th, 501 in the same method. A. Knight, 1; G. Knock, 2; — Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; A. Peathey, 5; — Ramplin, 6; W. Easter (conductor), 7; G. Barclay, 8. And 360 Bob Minor. A. Knight, 1; — Aldis, 3; D. Huff, 4; — Ramplin, 5; W. Easter, 6; Barclay, 7, covering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Thursday, December 15th, at St. Andrew's Church, eight members of the above Association, rang a 1008 of Bob Major in 42 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; C. Draper, 2; W. Poyser, 3; J. W. Thompson, 4; C. E. Hart, 5; W. B. Midgley, 6; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 7; R. Bosworth, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in Eb. The above was rung on the occasion of the 57 birthday of the Sexton, and as there was sickness near the church, were unable to go for a peal, the above having to suffice.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON, NEAR FAVERSHAM.—On Friday evening, December 16th at the church of S.S. Peter and Paul. A 720 of Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 25 mins. W. Hope, 1; J. Burch, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; W. W. Boulden, 4; F. T. Harriss, 5; S. Snelling (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except S. Snelling, who hails from Sittingbourne; the rest belong to the local company. Also on Sunday, December 18th, for Divine Service, four six-scores of Bob Doubles, each called differently. W. Hope, 1; J. Burch, 2; W. W. Boulden (conductor), 3; G. A. Ransom, 4; F. T. Harriss, 5; W. Clackett, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DEAL (Kent).—On Friday, December 16th, five members of the Lyminge branch, with Mr. E. Potter, of Dover, visited this place, and rang at St. Leonard's church two 720's of Bob Minor, the first with eighteen bobs and two singles, and the second with fourteen singles and four bobs, each in 27 mins. H. Cheeseman, 1; J. Andrews, 2; T. Beer, 3; E. Potter, 4; C. Laker, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. These are the first 720's rung on the bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Wednesday evening, December 14th, for practice, at the church of S.S. Mary and Cuthberts, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure in 32 mins. Anthony Meyers, 1; William Brown, 2; John Swinburn, 3; James Anderson, 4; John Huntley, 5; F. Harrison (Yarrow, conductor), 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BRISTOL.

On Monday, December 12th, at Christ Church, by eight members of the above Society, with the assistance of Messrs. A. and J. York, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1260 changes), in 50 mins. W. Paddock, 1; H. Tucker, 2; A. Howell, 3; J. York, 4; G. Pymm, 5; G. Pearce, 6; W. W. Porch, 7; A. York, 8; H. Porch (conductor), 9; F. Gooding, 10. This is the first quarter-peal of Caters in the method in Bristol since the year 1860, when a peal of 5001 changes were rung on the bells of the above church, Mr. A. York taking part in it.

WORCESTER AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

COSEBY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, December 17th, seven of the Tipton Band, paid a visit to the above mentioned place and with the assistance of Mr. J. Goodman, of Dudley, rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples 1260 changes in 45 mins. Tenor 1 ton. H. Mills, 1; W. Pardoe, 2; E. Goodred, 3; W. R. Small, 4; A. Hill, 5; G. Hughes, 6; J. Goodman, 7; B. Starky, 8. This quarter peal was composed by Henry Johnson, Sen., of Birmingham, and was conducted by G. Hughes.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SLOUGH (Bucks).—On Tuesday, December 6th, at St. Mary's church, 720 of Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Leader, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; T. W. Udell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; A. C. Fussell (conductor), 6. And on Saturday, December 3rd, an attempt was made to ring Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which failed after ringing 1 hr. 23 mins. W. Leader, 1; A. Fussell, 2; T. W. Udell, 3; W. Fussell, 4; A. W. Garraway (Boyne Hill), 5; W. Wilder, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; J. Perryman, 8. Also on Saturday, December 17th, Reeves's variation of the above peal was attempted

but owing to a shift when within four leads of the ninth part-end, "stand" was called after ringing 2 hrs. 43 mins. W. Leader, 1; A. Fussell (conductor), 2; T. Udell, 3; W. Fussell, 4; Rev. W. Willett (Windsor), 5; R. Flaxman, 6; W. Wilder, 7; J. Perryman, 8.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, November 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. G. Brown, 1; J. Tidey, 2; F. Smith, 3; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 4; W. Mayne, 5; L. Killick, 6; W. Hawkins, 7; J. Balcombe, 8.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, December 11th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. T. Alden, 1; A. Whatmore, 2; R. Perkins, 3; H. Hartshorne, 4; A. Beddall, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. The above was rung as a farewell peal to the present ring of six, which is about to be augmented to a peal of eight.

DURHAM.—At the church of St. Oswald's on Sunday, December 4th, a six-score of Bob Doubles. William Prince, (conductor), 1; W. H. Craggs, 2; William Noble, 3; C. Bradford, 4; J. E. Avery, 5; F. W. Hutton, 6. Also on Monday, December 5th, touches of Bob Minor (180 and 120), W. H. Craggs, 1; William Noble, 2; Chas. Bradford, 3; C. J. Butterworth, 4; J. E. Avery, 5; L. Newton (conductor), 6. Also on Monday, December 12th, 180 of Bob Minor, ringers standing as before with William Prince at the treble. Also on Sunday, December 18th, 120 Bob Doubles. W. H. Craggs (conductor), 1; William Noble, 2; C. Bradford, 3; William Prince, 4; J. E. Avery, 5; G. Hinchley, 6, and also a plain course of Bob Minor with L. Newton at the tenor. Also on Monday, December 19th, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Prince, 1; W. Noble, 2; C. Bradford, 3; C. J. Butterworth, 4; J. E. Avery, 5; L. Newton (conductor), 6. First peal in the method by all except L. Newton, also the first peal of Minor rung at Durham with a company comprising local ringers.

HEMPSTEAD (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at the church of St. Swithin's, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Pegler, 1; W. Brown, 2; W. Sevier, 3; W. Pegler (conductor), 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. Harris, 6. Also on Wednesday, December 14th, being Mr. W. J. Sevier's birthday, a number of six-scores were rang. A. Pegler, 1; W. Dudge, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. Pegler (conductor), 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. Harris, 6. And on Friday, December 16th, eight 6-scores of Doubles. A. Pegler, 1; W. Dudge, 2; W. Thomas, 3; W. Pegler (conductor), 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. Harris, 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—*Muffled Peal.*—On Saturday, December 10th, at St. Peter's church, the last half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), was rung with the bells muffled at the hand-stroke, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. William Hatton, who had filled the office of clerk at the above church for the last fourteen years, in 1 hr. 32 mins. George B. Walker (conductor; Wigan), 1; Alexander Shaw (Wigan), 2; James Leyland (Wigan), 3; Samuel Hayes (Leigh), 4; John Gummerson (Wigan), 5; Joseph Prescott (Hindley), 6; Edward Bentham (Wigan), 7; William Gregory (Leigh), 8. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HITCHIN (Herts).—On Monday, December 5th, at St. Mary's church, the local company rang for practice 503 of Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Foster, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. And on Monday, December 19th, 546 of Grandsire Triples. W. Allen (conductor), 1; J. Spicer (Baldock), 2; F. Finn, 3; A. Squires, 4; Robert Jackson (Baldock), 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare, 7; J. Foster, 8. Tenor 28 cwt.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, December 19th, at St. Mark's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Hubbard's), 1260 changes, in 47 mins. W. Challenger, 1; Jas. Jarvis, 2; H. Clayton, 3; G. Burrows (conductor), 4; J. Needham, 5; J. Cooper, 6; W. A. Clayton, 7; G. Needham, 8.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 18th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, a 720 of Double Court Minor. T. Wood, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; W. Manning, 4; J. Priest, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

MARLOW (Bucks).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Wednesday afternoon, at the house of Mr. J. C. Truss, St. Peter's street, the first 546 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Truss, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; J. W. Washbrook, 3-4; J. C. Truss, 5-6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7-8. Also 336 in the same method, with Queen's, Tittums, and rounds. C. Smith, 1-2; H. Buckingham, 3-4; J. W. Washbrook, 5-6; J. C. Truss, 7-8. Also two courses of Grandsire Caters. First course. W. Truss, 1-2; H. Buckingham, 3-4; J. C. Truss, 5-6; J. W. Washbrook, 7-8; J. C. Truss, 9-10. Second course. H. Buckingham, 1-2; J. C. Truss, 3-4; J. W. Washbrook, 5-6; C. Smith, 7-8; J. C. Truss, 9-10. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques. W. Truss, 1-2; H. Buckingham, 3-4; J. C. Truss, 5-6; J. W. Washbrook, 7-8; C. Smith, 9-10; J. C. Truss, 11-12. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), hails from Oxford; H. Buckingham from Hitchin.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. T. Andrews (conductor), 1; W. Andrews, 2; R. Scott, 3; F. J. Gamlin (Rhyll), 4; R. Andrews, 5; W. Chapman, 6. Tenor 21 cwt. Also in the evening, for Divine Service, several 120s of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, by the same band.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday evening, December 17th, for practice, at the parish church, six members of the local company, rang their first touch of Bob Minor (120 changes with 2 singles). W. Adler, 1; J. Clarke, 2; G. Winter, 3; T. Chapman, 4; T. Bates, 5; H. Horwood, 6. Also on Sunday morning, December 18th, for Divine Service, 168 of Grandsire Triples, with 3 bobs twice repeated. W. Adler, 1; J. Clarke, 2; T. Lingard, 3; W. Swain, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; T. Bates, 6; H. Horwood (conductor), 7; G. Winter, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E. Also a plain course of Grandsire Triples, on hand bells retained in hand. J. Clarke, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Horwood, 5-6; G. Winter, 7-8.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday evening, December 14th, the local company assisted by Mr. William Greenleaf, rang 1008 of Grandsire Triples in 39 mins, being the first part of Reeves and the 5th, of Holt's ten part peals. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett, 2; D. Marmont, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Wager, 5; W. Greenleaf, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Powell, 8. The twelve bells were also rang round for the first time, the tone being excellent and in perfect unison.

RADCLIFFE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 18th, at the parish church, for afternoon service, 1008 Bob Major, in 35 mins. W. T. Hutton, 1; J. Gratrix, 2; F. Emerson, 3; J. Morris, 4; Abraham, Hardman, 5; J. Hardman, 5; William Fielding, 7; Arthur Barrett (conductor), 8. Tenor 12 cwt. J. Gratrix belongs to Manchester.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, December 12th, on handbells, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. W. Barkus, 1-2; W. E. Tydeman, 3-4; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 5-6; A. Goddard, 7-8. And at St. Thomas's church on the heavy peal of eight, 1260 of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. W. Gifford, 1; T. Blackburn, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor 32 cwt.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

PRIZE RINGING.

SIR,—In answer to my letter, Mr. Cordingley says he has seen as many contests as the majority of ringers, which I do not dispute at all, but I hope he does not think it right to hold contests, just because he has witnessed a great number of them; then again he says he has assisted in winning more prizes than any other man living, which I have no doubt will make him look very big in the eyes of prize-ringers, but I should like to know how many decisions he has been satisfied with out of the number of contests he has competed in, and not taken a prize. Again, he says he is astonished at me writing on the subject at all, "because I am only a beardless youth." According to his ideas, we young ones should not learn to write or ring, so that such as himself will have the honour of holding a situation which no one else can fill after he is gone. Of course he is to be excused, as I think he is one of those who cannot bear to see any one get on only himself and his company, and if he sees any one up the ladder on the same step as himself, and he cannot get another step higher, then the only way to be above them is to push the others down as much as he can. And as for asking father for advice at forty, I think it is high time Mr. Cordingley went to his father for a lesson or two (or three) in letter writing. He writes (or rather pretends to do) about twenty lines on prize-ringing, but ten out of the twenty is on me and not on the above subject at all. And as for considering myself equal to anybody, I do say that if I cannot ring Prince Albert, etc., the methods I do know I can ring as well as Mr. Cordingley or any of his Calverley company, and that is saying a great deal, taking into consideration the small number of years that I have been a change-ringer. Of course he will say this is a little self praise, and so it is, but I do not feel inclined to be pushed down by a man like him, especially when he sets the ball himself. He also refers to me ringing a few peals on a big bell; I should like to ask him how the ringers of the little bells would score as many peals as they do if the young ringers did not come forward and take hold of the heavy end; perhaps this accounts for the small number of Association peals (one) which I see at the end of his name in the last report. Perhaps if he helped the young ones instead of pushing them down all he can, we

should see this small number increase. He says he has been to a great many meetings of the Association, but has never heard any good ringing, but I think the majority of the meetings he has attended were at the commencement of the Association, as I find on referring to my report that he is a younger member than myself, although he may have been a member before, which I think he has. He takes the ringing at the meetings as samples of what the Association can do, but I think it is unfair of him to do so, as members do not go for the sake of ringing only, but to see what progress the Association is making, and to see how matters stand. If he wants to hear any good ringing he should go and listen to peals that are constantly being rung by the Association in different parts of the county, and not stick at home till there is a contest, then go out and say he never heard any good striking *except* at contests. He can give as good a prize as he likes, he will not get good striking unless the company is a picked lot, and I am pleased to say the Yorkshire Association can get plenty of good ringers together without offering a prize at all. It is to be hoped the next time he writes a letter under the head of prize-ringing, that he will write on that subject only, then I shall be able to go further into the subject with him if he wishes.

FRED LONDON.

Moor Head, Shipley.

SIR,—I have read with great interest the recent remarks of your correspondents regarding prize-ringing, and I should like to ask Mr. Hattersley and his party one or two questions, the answers to which will I think be of assistance in arriving at a decision in the matter, as far as regards the practical side, that is the attainment of good striking, and the advancement of the Art. 1. Is it not a fact that since prize-ringing has gone out of fashion, and the leaders of the Art have rung for the love of it, it has spread, advanced in attainments and taken, along with its followers, a purer and more elevated social position? 2. Do such evil and bitter feelings exist between bands of ringers, and even between whole towns and districts, as existed under the old condition of matters, and do our friends wish to tempt or risk a return to such a state? 3. Do these gentlemen consider that it would have been possible with prize-ringing in force, for such bands of ringers, as, say our Burton and Ipswich bands, to have attained the high pitch of excellence which they at present practice. Would their time not have been consumed in *winning* and *practising* for prizes, instead? 4. Are these gentlemen sceptical as to there being any ringing in the country equal to that found in the prize-ringing centres. Looking at the localities where prize-ringing was most common, say Devonshire and Yorkshire, in the latter of which districts its ashes still seem to smoulder, let us try to trace any benefits that may have resulted from its practice, and let us weigh them against the benefits that have accrued in other parts where the low feeling of greed or gain which exists in every man's heart has not been applied to in order to induce superiority. Let us take Devonshire first. I think everyone will admit that there the plan has signally failed, or rather instead of inducing progress, it seems to have stifled it in its infancy, and prevented it making any headway. As a result, this corner of the country has until recently, been more backward in ringing than any other part. Then with regard to its stronghold in the north, the one thing—good striking—for which no one could be more anxious than I, and as to which no one more critical, this has certainly been secured at the cost of a most intolerable monotony. I have had some experience of ringing in various parts of the country, and it is most distressing to find in the neighbourhoods to which I allude, the almost invariable contentment with which bands ring day after day the everlasting Kent Treble Bob Major, till one is sick of the first few leads. Of late years, I think, a satiety of this one method has been felt in several parts, and owing to the lack of prizes to keep ringers in the long worn rut, there has been a strong inclination to break out into new methods. But if the prize for the half peal of Kent is established, I fear the numerous belfries which have shown an ambition to progress will return to their own level. Perhaps our friends will reply, Yes; but look what perfect striking you get. In answer to this, I deny that the practice of various and higher methods is detrimental to good striking. On the contrary, I contend that it is the wisest, most scientific, and most successful way to ensure this object, as difficult methods cannot be rung without clear and precise striking, whereas the easier methods, unless there is some special object, may be rung in a very slipshod manner, and a band of prize-ringers might perform very slovenly until shortly before a match, when they would exert their energies for a time so as to be prepared for the match. On the other hand, with a band continually advancing in new methods, good striking must continue with them, or they will do no good at any method at all. The very fact of a closer study and a wider knowledge of the Art, must produce a more experienced and proficient ringer, as compared to the man who sticks in a sort of rule of thumb way to one method. As an example of this, I may fairly quote the band at Ipswich, where I have heard Double Norwich Royal rung on an ordinary practice night with as much precision as any Major in Yorkshire. Now this band is I

believe quite beyond the influence of prize-ringing, and where as a general rule a Yorkshire band that can win a prize, can ring little beyond the one method, this band can ring almost anything from a 5000 on a heavy peal of five, to Maximus, and strike it too. In my own locality I can point to a six bell band equal to any in the kingdom, where the perfection of striking is attained, purely from the love of the art, and although all working men, with one exception, I suspect they would be insulted if it were seriously proposed to them to ring for a prize. Would Mr. Hattersley make me believe that he rings more carelessly when ringing in an ordinary way to what he would do if he had a £5 note in view? I think we know him better, and any man who would avow such a statement, would I think be promptly sent to Coventry by all good ringers. No Sir, these gentlemen have the right thing at heart, but wish to go the wrong way about it. Unfortunately, while I think their means will not attain their object, they at the same time violate principles which I consider cannot be disregarded, being moral and religious, and which I think, even if the practical side of the case were made good, would be sufficient to condemn it. I leave however this side of the question to the able advocates it has. Although comparatively a young ringer, I trust Mr. Cordingley, for whom I have a great respect, will not have the same fault to find with me as he had with a recent writer, for I heartily sympathise with him in his object of improving the striking, and I have also often wondered like him at the records of Grandsire Triples rung week after week be the same bands, frequently to my surprise, including some of our noted ringers. This is especially the case in the Metropolis, and here one would expect much better things. I have frequently thrown my "BELL NEWS" aside in disgust, to see the list of peals headed by perhaps three or four of Grandsire Triples from the Metropolis, followed by an overwhelming majority of the same bald method in the country. Give me Kent Treble Bob before this. Could not peals be given a value, say, make a peal of Grandsire Triples equal, one, a peal of Superlative twelve, all to a properly drawn up scale. If such an arrangement of value of peals could be carried out, I think some of our ringers with their great number of peals, would after all, cut an indifferent figure. By-the-by, before I close this letter, for the length of which I must apologise, may I ask if the stars of the Exercise, say, Holt, Stedman, Jasper Snowdon, Shipway, Mr. Heywood, the inventor of the latest new method, are the products of prize-ringing or not. DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE.

SIR,—Having read the correspondence which has appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" for the past few weeks on prize-ringing, I shall esteem it a favour if you will grant me a small space in your valuable paper, to say a few words on the subject. Now, as a prize-ringer myself, and taken part in many contests throughout Yorkshire, and also won many prizes, I ought to know a little about how they are carried out. Now, Mr. Editor, if the rules laid down at a contest be properly carried out, which I have always found them to be, I can't see why any vicar, or churchwardens, or even the ringers, has anything to be ashamed of. Now, Sir, I am also a member of the Yorkshire Association, and have attended a great many meetings, but have always found the ringing three or four standards below that at any contest I have ever been to. It is all very well for a band of ringers to go into a tower and tumble through a peal of nobody knows but themselves whether it is Grandsire, or Treble Bob, or Choppy, or something worse. I wonder the grave stones don't rise in a body and strike against such like rubbish. And we are told by some of these so called ringers that prize-ringing is an evil. Now, Sir, you will see that I hold the same opinion as Messrs. Wilde, Hattersley, and Cordingley; that is, if you want good ringing you must get up contests. I should advise Mr. Attree to give up talking about prize-fights, and playing at skittles, and so forth, and start ringing a few short touches, and do them well, and when his band is qualified to take part in a contest by all means enter one, and get a prize, if this can be done Mr. Attree will for ever after hold his peace with regard to prize-ringing. Has Mr. London, I won't say anything, he got enough last week, it was rather too bad, John, striking him so hard as you did, he is only a youth you know, and a promising young man, all I can advise him is to keep out of the muddle, and leave it in the hands of experienced men to be well thrashed out. TENOR BELL.

SIR,—As to prize ringing contests, ringers in the eastern counties do very well without them, even for a set of gloves. There is one part of Mr. Hattersley's letter rather sweeping where he says "that we can in this part of the country (for it is here, viz., Yorkshire and Lancashire) that we can beat anything in Treble Bob Major ringing. Well Sir, I had the honour to be umpire last Saturday when four members of the Ipswich Society rang a three-part peal of 5088 changes of Treble Bob Major, when from the slowest to the fastest part only varied ten seconds. I have rung Treble Bob in Yorkshire and out of

it with Yorkshire men. They make the bob just as we do in the eastern counties, which, was, once famous for Oxford Treble Bob. As for umpiring, no peal on handbells ought to be recorded without one, its very easy to change place when passing three. In the steeple with three or four able conductors there is not much fear of recording a false peal.

DANIEL PRENTICE.

SIR.—I have read with interest the correspondence on this subject which has appeared during the last few weeks, and hoped to gain some information on the question of prize-ringing. It was not my intention to have troubled you with any remarks of my own, but I feel I must enter my protest against the letter of Mr. Cordingley's which appeared in last Saturday's issue, containing as it does such an ungentlemanly attack upon a brother ringer. I imagine that Mr. Cordingley will be by this time sorry he wrote it; at any rate if he is not he ought to. I should be thoroughly well ashamed of myself had I in a hasty moment so far forgot myself as to have penned such a tirade of abusive language. But what does his letter amount to as regards the point at issue? Literally nothing. His boast about his successful prize-ringing experience does not affect the subject under discussion; he might have won fifty thousand prizes, that would not prove prize-ringing to be either right or wrong. Neither do his remarks about the ringing at the meetings of the Yorkshire Association. The idea of forming an analogy between prize-ringing and meetings of the Yorkshire Association is as ludicrous as it is absurd. The first named are got up with the specific object of ringing the best touch or half-peal, as the case may be; for which object the competitors too often forget the real work for which they engage themselves, and go about on Sundays practising on different peals. On the other hand, the Yorkshire Association meetings are not, and never were, intended as mere occasions of "exhibition ringing," their motive is to get ringers together for mutual intercourse, and by the recognised strength of unity raise the art from the slough of despond to which it had sunk prior to the establishment of these county associations. Mr. Cordingley's statement that the ringing at these meetings "has gradually got worse," is only calculated to create a smile and a wonder that a man will travel so far away from the truth in order to make an assertion in support of a cause which he is defending. "If you mean to have good ringing, you must get up contests," so he says. That assertion must have been made without due thought, for it carries its own condemnation. If change-ringers will not endeavour to perfect themselves in the science without the bribe of a money prize, then I say let them give it up; they are unworthy of their calling; and if that has been the inducement which has caused Mr. Cordingley to ring through life, then I am sorry for him and his ideas of the objects of change-ringing. Should he ever write again, I hope he will let us have fewer personalities and more argument.

FAIR PLAY.

SIR.—Mr. Attree cannot admit the truth of my assertion, viz., that contesting is the only means of producing constant good striking. He was evidently under a false impression when he wrote that I implied that there was no good ringing done outside a contest. What I did imply, and what I mean to maintain, is that to have ringing constantly good (not occasionally good) we must frequently hold contesting meetings. Some of your readers, most, I hope, can appreciate the difference between the kind of ringing known as fair, and the kind which by reason of the accurate regularity and general uniformity is distinguished by the appellation of "clockwork." There are good ringers, and many of them who know by reason of their long experience that it is only on isolated occasions that they hear anything approaching this kind of ringing, unless it be at a contest. Now I take it for granted that Mr. Attree and those who think like him, have never attended a contest. Well I will try to give them a faint outline of the proceedings. First of all the necessary leave is obtained from the Vicar of the church. Then the local company (who we may assume are the promoters), after working hard all day long, turn out every night (Sundays excepted) until sufficient money has been collected. In the poorer districts the collecting extends over a period of three or four months, notwithstanding the dogged perseverance of the collectors. The money having at length been obtained, circulars are issued, stating the contest will take place in about two months, and also setting forth the rules and regulations to be observed, together with the touch about to be rung. The prize may amount to £20, divided as follows: first, £10; second, £5; third, £3; fourth, £1 10s.; fifth, 10s. Imagine nine or ten companies practising separately twice or three times a week, some of which will occasionally have to go a long distance to practice on a peal of bells near the weight of those they will ring on at the contest day, the bells at their own tower being much too heavy or light, as the case may be. After long and regularly continued practice, the eventful and anxiously

looked for time arrives. Every company is allowed what is considered sufficient practice on the first day, a privilege which is invariably taken advantage of by all. The draw for order of ringing takes place very early next morning, the judges previous to the draw having been located in a neighbouring building. Shortly after the draw the first company ascends the tower, and the ringing is kept up till all the competing bands have finished, and finally the decision is announced. Take the case of the eight men who have won the first prize. Their individual share amounts to £1 5s each. What has it cost each man to gain the prize? Practice twice or three times a week for two months, and occasionally getting off work; railway fares and loss of two days work while the contest has been in progress. How much has each man left out of his twenty-five shillings I wonder? Yet Mr. Attree would have us believe that these competitions are got up for the sake of "filthy lucre" and personal gain. Sir, I think the above outline is sufficient to dispel any ideas your readers may have of ringers ringing for the sake of pecuniary gain, and consequent degradation of the Church. In answer to Mr. Attree's query, I may say that I have had the pleasure of hearing the twelve at St. Paul's Cathedral ringing Stedman Cinques very well indeed, but at the same time I have no doubt I should have heard them rung better had the honour of the society been at stake. He writes with their (the United Counties' Association) superior striking their success in peal-ringing ought to exceed those of all other Associations. Has some one informed him that the ringing done by us is so very superior that he must needs comment upon it, or has he dreamt it? I rather fancy the latter. Respecting peal-ringing he would have your readers think that we have started for as many peals as those Associations who head the list in peal-ringing. This assertion is as false as it is unfounded; for I can assure you, Sir, we accomplish nearly all the peals we start for, accidents excepted. I apologise for misquoting Mr. Attree in my last; though in justice to myself I must state I quoted from memory. But now he has given his suggestion in his own words. Does he find himself clear of the stigma he would fasten upon others, and does he not confirm what I said in my last—prizes for quantity, but none for quality.

JAMES S. WILDE.

Hyde.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS.

SIR.—I have been studying Mr. Geo. F. Attree's analysis of peals in this week's "BELL NEWS" with a deal of pleasure, and though I usually get a deal of information from these monthly reports, I am this time fairly puzzled. In my young time we could ring Tombstone Bob on as many bells as we liked and no questions were asked, but things is different now, and I can hardly keep all the different methods in my head. Of course I know that Bob Triples is an eight bell method, because St. James's Society says so, and Murray Haze's Original is capable of extension to more or less, but how Oxford Bob Triples can be rung in 21 Minor Methods on six bells, fairly bothers me. Kindly enlighten me, Mr. Attree, and tell us where it happened and how. The "ditto" I can understand, as they doubtless refer to attempts at "Murray Haze's Original," which I understand is getting a very popular method, though I prefer the old name best. I hope that among the eleven peals of Bob Triples mentioned Mr. Attree does not include the Tottenham peal; but there, I need not fear, as I know he has too much respect for the powers that be to think of counting it after their fiat has gone forth.

BOB ROPER (His + Mark).

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

SIR.—In your last issue you have a notice that the peals rung at Trinity Church, Borough, are not to be booked in the Waterloo Society's peal-book, because they cannot recover the entrance fees of Messrs. Waghorn, jun., Barnett, and Lucas. Now Sir, I think it would have been more straightforward of that Society if they had stated the reason in their notice why the entrance fees were not paid up at the time the peals were rung. The entrance fee is two shillings, and after expending one shilling and three pence to get the affair settled satisfactorily, I get a note on December 3rd to say that the Society will not delay the business any longer than Wednesday, December 7th. I saw Mr. Waghorn on Sunday evening, when he promised me that he would go to the meeting on the above date and pay the money, so I gave him the two shillings to pay for me; but, owing to unforeseen circumstances in his business he was unable to attend.

G. B. LUCAS.

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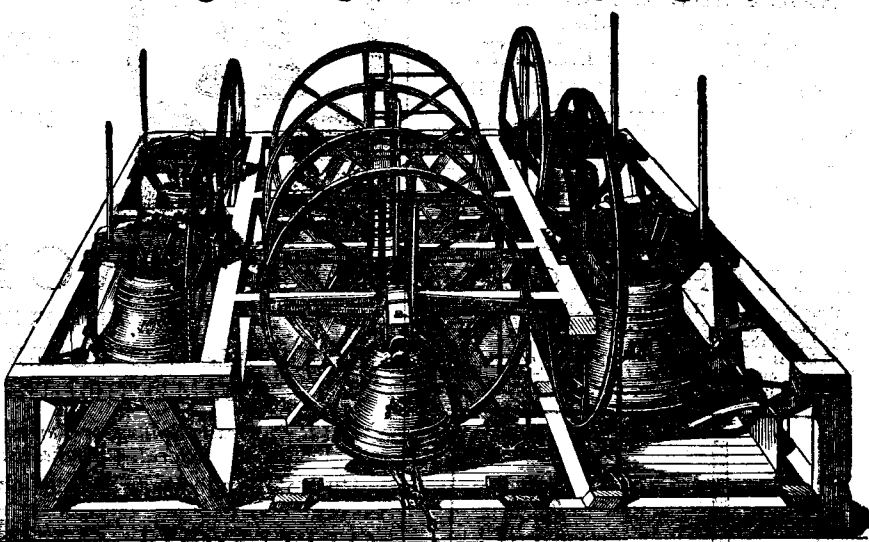


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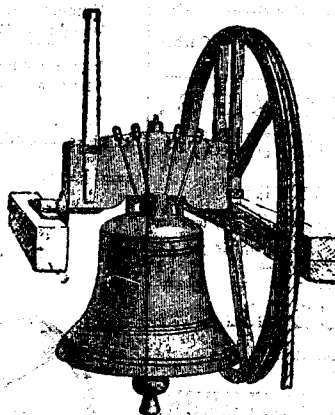
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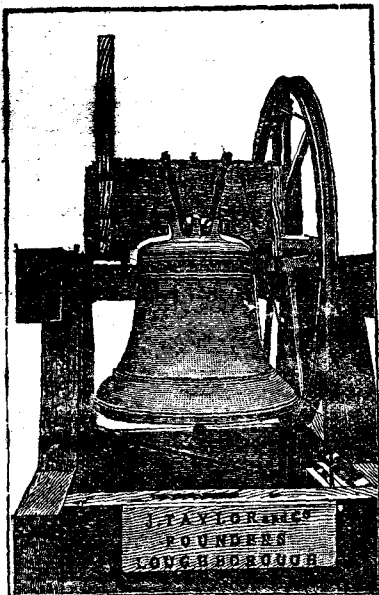
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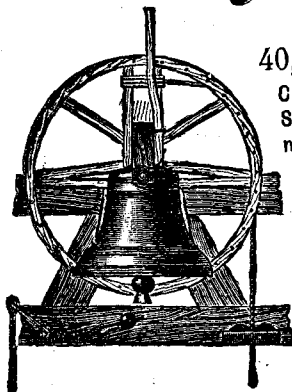
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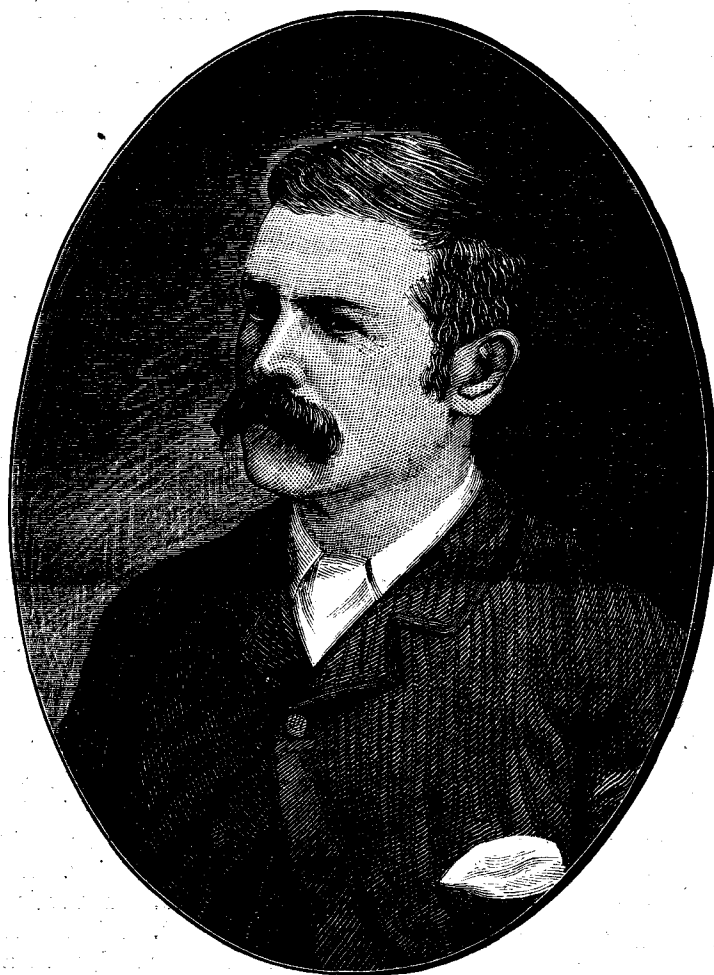
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CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT
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MR. WILLIAM WAKLEY was born at Gittisham near Honiton in Devonshire, in the year 1853. His education in ringing began on the three bells of his parish church, and he became a noted call-change ringer, visiting most of the neighbouring belfries, and eventually taking his place as one of the regular band at Ottery St. Mary, where, on the peal of six, he proudly

called 24 changes, quite a feat in a locality in which scientific ringing was as yet unknown.

It may be mentioned as a curious coincidence that among this band was Mr. F. T. Gover, who left for London in the same year in which Mr. WAKLEY entered into business at Burton-on-Trent, and who took part in the College Youths' peal of Double Norwich Court Bob

Major which antedated the first in that method at Burton by five weeks, both companies having begun to practice simultaneously in the early part of 1882 (see Snowdon's *Double Norwich*, p. 60).

It was in the spring of 1874 that Mr. WAKLEY came to Burton, at the very time at which the now well known church of St. Paul's, built at the sole expense of the late Mr. Bass, was consecrated. Towards the end of the same year the then vicar, the Rev. J. H. Fish, occupied himself in starting a company to learn change-ringing, and requested Mr. WAKLEY, who had already found his way to the belfry, to join it. With him came his brother, Mr. Arthur Wakley, and provided with copies of Troyte's treatise, the young band set to work, Mr. WAKLEY being elected secretary.

In April, 1876, he was successful in conducting the first peal on the bells—Grandsire Triples. The years 1877 and 1878 saw each another peal in the same method, but as the company did not pull well together, Mr. Fish broke it up, and commissioned Mr. WAKLEY to select such of the old members as he saw fit, and to form a new one. It was now (1879) that the present distinguished "St. Paul's Society" took shape; Messrs. Jaggar, Stone, and Griffin enlisting about this time. A peal of Treble Bob Major was, as a result, scored before the end of the year, and, after considerable labour, Brook's peal of Stedman Triples in 1881, both conducted by Mr. WAKLEY. This was followed up within the month by Thurstan's peal, and thus in seven years seven peals were recorded, including one of Grandsire Triples by the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham. Considering that forty years had elapsed since a peal was heard in Burton, such progress was considered wonderful, but in fact the work of the company had scarcely begun. In 1882 nine peals were achieved, three of them being "Double Norwich"; among the latter the 7200 which remained until last year the longest length in the method, and in which Mr. J. W. Snowdon took part.

Twelve peals followed in 1883, the greater share of the conducting falling to Mr. WAKLEY. In this year the "Midland Counties' Association" was formed, and was joined by the St. Paul's Society with the Rev. J. H. Fish as the first president. How the Burton company, led by the energy of their Vicar, have been the main-spring of the success of this Association is a matter too well known to need notice here; suffice it to say that their brilliant example has been the cause of a responsive vigour among several of the neighbouring bands, and of a more enthusiastic regard for the science throughout the district.

In 1884 among many other peals came a remarkable and historical performance. On the death of the founder of the church, Mr. Bass, the St. Paul's Society rang four muffled peals within six days in the methods of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise, the latter being the first peal of the band in the method. These peals were all conducted by Mr. Wakley, and he thus performed the extraordinary task

of calling four peals in four different methods within a week, no mean illustration of his ability in that capacity.

Since the year 1884, the St. Paul's society have, further, under Mr. WAKLEY'S leadership, succeeded in ringing peals, not only of Superlative Surprise, but also of New Cumberland Surprise and Cambridge Surprise, crowning all their previous achievements with the recent performance of a peal in that most intricate of known methods, London Surprise; a climax which, alas, their late Vicar, always the life and soul of his ringers, was not spared to witness.

Mr. WAKLEY'S total score of peals, of which he has conducted 58, is 113, made up as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	14
Stedman	...	...	...	...	24
" Caters	...	...	...	...	2
" Cinques	...	...	...	...	2
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	16
" " " Royal	...	...	...	...	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	...	...	...	...	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	...	...	...	22
New Cumberland Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	1
Superlative	"	"	...	...	23
Cambridge	"	"	...	...	5
London	"	"	...	...	1

Such a list of performances is unique, and we can but hope that the ability and energy that has been in great measure the means of placing the St. Paul's society a great way ahead of any Society of eight bell ringers that has yet existed, may long continue to lead and to encourage progress in the art of ringing.

As an acquaintance, Mr. WAKLEY'S popularity is wide spread. Courteous and obliging both to strangers and friends, dignified in manner and address, thoughtful and pertinent in speech, he well illustrates the old saying that "the more you know him the better you like him." As a conductor, calm and clear-headed, seldom speaking yet usually righting any mistake; as a bob-caller, rigidly unflinching and exact; as a ringer, sure in his work and particular in his striking. Although at home in any part of the circle, MR. WAKLEY is seen to greatest advantage at the heavy end. His muscular *physique* is well adapted to the continuous and, with a weighty tenor, heavy work of the "back-stroke dodging" so common in the more advanced methods, and to a young ringer who aims to excel "on the box" there can be few more instructive sights than that of seeing MR. WAKLEY'S neat form and perfection of judgment in the handling of his favourite, an exhibition which has not seldom evoked the admiration of the best judges.

Outside the belfry MR. WAKLEY is a keen volunteer of twenty years standing, during the first few of which he was under the command of Colonel Troyte; while for the past ten he has earned credit as a sergeant. He has also held successively the offices of church-warden and sidesman in his parish, and with excellent health and a vigorous and active mind has, it may be hoped, before him at the age of thirty-four a long career of usefulness as a churchman, a ringer, and a loyal subject of the Queen.

THE BELLE OF BELSHAM.

WE have a grand peal of bells at Belsham. There are six of them, tenor about 17 cwt., though they call it a ton. They were all cast by the Rudhalls of Gloucester, 150 years ago, except the third, which was broken when the tower fell in grandfather's time. This bell has a curious inscription:

"Recast by J. Taylor and Son.
Who the best prize for Church bells won,
At the Great Exhibition
In London,
1851."

Each bell bears the name of a member of the family of Sir Thomas Devereux, who was Squire at that time, I mean in 1740, and the tradition is that all of them could ring. My father is the Rector now, you know. We are all of us ringers, more or less, even the girl. Charlotte, that is the eldest, has rung the treble through a six-score, but mother came to hear of it, and since then they have not been allowed to touch the ropes. However, they can do almost anything with the handbells. Charlotte composed a date touch for last New Year's Eve, and the girls and Tom rang it, while Uncle John and I were at the ringers' supper at the club. But I was going to tell you Uncle John's story. He told it to us after the supper when we were sitting up at home to hear them ring the old year out and the new year in. Uncle John, you must know, is General John Milford, C.B., a distinguished Indian officer. Father was in the Indian army too, but he was badly wounded at Chilianwalah, and afterwards when he was home on sick leave, he went up to College and was ordained. This suited very well, because grandfather was terribly disappointed when Uncle John enlisted.

Well! we were sitting over the fire, and conversation began to flag. Perhaps we were getting rather sleepy, as it was after our usual bedtime, and Emmy, who generally keeps us alive, seemed to have something on her mind, for she was very quiet and thoughtful. At last she said, "What a handsome old woman Mattie Robson is!"

"Five-and-thirty years ago she was the prettiest girl in the county," said Uncle John emphatically.

"And so she is now, though she is not exactly a girl. But, Uncle John, why are you such friends with her? You always go to see her when you come here."

"Well, my dear, you know she is my foster-sister, and we used to see a good deal of each other when we were children."

"Yes, I suppose that accounts for it. But, Uncle John, why did you enlist? Was it anything to do with Mattie?"

Uncle John started as if he had been shot, and we all began to contemplate the toes of our shoes in fear and trembling except the audacious Emmy, who calmly regarded the changing features of her uncle.

"Well! my dear, he said slowly, as soon as he had recovered himself, I never told that story yet, but I don't know that there is any reason for making a mystery of so common-place an affair, so here goes."

UNCLE JOHN'S STORY.

When I was an undergraduate at Cambridge, the people of Belsham were much what they are to-day, though most of the old faces have disappeared. Your grandfather was not so good a man of business as the present rector, but he had a high reputation as a scholar and divine, and I believe had been candidate for the Professorship of Poetry at Oxford. As he grew old he seemed to find the parish work rather a bore, and the Sunday duty always knocked him up. He would have been glad of some help, but could not bear the idea of a curate. There was not enough work, he thought, to keep them out of mischief. If they were serious they would want daily services and night schools, and if they were frivolous there would be

croquet and complications with the young ladies of the flock. So, until one of his sons should be of an age to be ordained, he was content to leave a good deal of the work—perhaps more than he should have done—to his right-hand man, Henry Frost, who was sexton and clerk, and had a finger in most of the parochial pies. He might have done worse. Frost was in his way a man of considerable ability, and strictly upright. If he had a fault it was a weakness for a glass of spirits. Not that he was ever the worse for liquor, as it is called, but certainly he was none the better for it. It made him dictatorial and offensive, and probably shortened his useful life by ten years. I would rather speak of his good qualities. He was a born ruler of men, and might have been one of Oliver Cromwell's Major-Generals, if he had lived two centuries before. He was a tailor by trade, and a radical, though he seldom talked politics, and ignored most of the party questions of the day. He used to sit plying his needle upon a table in a bow window overlooking the village green, and seemed to know his neighbours' affairs and characters by intuition, for he never gossiped. Some of you may remember him, and of course you know that he was Mattie's father. Mrs. Frost was rather an elegant person. She had been ladies' maid in great houses, and latterly at the Hall, and all her tastes were aristocratic. She had a fine voice when she was young, and used to sing in church. That is how she came to marry Frost, who used to train the choir. Her singing seems to have been too much for his republican principles, much in the same way as his love of ringing had drawn him away from the chapel. Mattie was their only child, and the parlour at the back, opening into a charming little garden, and in full view of the Church, was considered the prettiest room in the neighbourhood. It was embellished with wedding presents from duchesses and such people, and quite took the shine out of the drawing-room at the rectory, which had been overrun from time immemorial by troops of unruly children. I should add that Mrs. Frost was an amiable good woman, though she had not the talent of her husband or daughter.

Mattie, who was the same age as myself, was very clever with her needle, and had wonderful taste in dress. She had several advantageous offers of employment from milliners, but her parents were well off, and preferred to keep her at home, except that her services were always in request for the ladies at the hall and rectory. In fact, Frost had his own plans for Mattie's future. She was so pretty and well-behaved that she might easily have made a fine match. But this was not at all in accordance with her father's ideas. The husband he designed for her was young George Robson, the son of a man after his own heart, a self-made man who a few years before had been simply the village carpenter, but was now becoming a person of some consideration in the place. Old George Robson was about ten years Frost's senior. When a young man he had been one of the ringers, and this had led to his becoming a bell-hanger in addition to his other work. Bell-hanging was not such a good business then as it had been in the last century, or as it is now, but it took him away from home and led to other things. Then he began to take contracts and made money by them, and lastly he had bought a farm. It was now his intention to move to the farm, leaving the carpenter's shop to his son, who, it was supposed, would marry Mattie and set up house for himself. Young George was quite ready and eager to fall into this arrangement, but Mattie, without absolutely setting her face against the wishes of her parents, was inclined to procrastinate. Not that she admitted, even to herself, a preference for any one else, and she liked young George better than any other of her suitors, but she did not like the idea of being taken over with a business, and did not happen to be in love. Some people said she had no heart. This was a mistake, but she inherited from her father a habit of coolness and self-possession which might deceive a superficial observer. Apart from that she had a natural grace and brightness of manner which charmed everyone who came in contact with her.

Of course I had fallen in love with her to the extent that every undergraduate falls in love with every pretty girl he sees, but she was so used to keeping lovers at a distance, and managed them so skilfully that flirtation between us was out of the question, although I used to meet her constantly when I was at home. She used to come to the rectory for one reason or another, and I used to be at her father's house to get the keys of

the belfry, or for practice on the handbells. Frost was steeple-keeper, and an enthusiastic change-ringer. He had trained us all, and I believe one of the chief reasons why he was so bent on Mattie's marriage was because young George Robson was a first-rate ringer. Young George knew more about ringing than any of us. Latterly he had done all the bell-hanging business for his father, and this took him among first-class ringers with whom he had rung several long peals.

I must now tell you something about myself. At this time I had been two years at Cambridge, and on the whole had done pretty well there, though not so well as to satisfy my father's expectations. He was one of those persons who are always building castles in the air, and then are terribly disappointed when things do not turn out as they have arranged them. I had been one of Dr. Kennedy's favourite pupils at Shrewsbury, and under him it was impossible for anyone to help learning, if he had anything of the nature of a scholar in him. Dr. Kennedy had assured my father that I ought to get a fellowship if I worked, and I dare say I might have done so, but there were obstacles. I did not want to be a parson, and I wished to go into the army. I liked Latin and Greek, and Mathematics well enough, but the three R's which absorbed my enthusiasm were riding, rowing, and ringing. A young man must have exercise and amusement, and there was no harm in the ringing, nor much in the rowing. I cannot say that for the riding, which got me into debt and bad company, though afterwards I turned it to good account. However, at the end of my first year I had given all that up, and with the help of your father, whose pay had been accumulating when he was on service in India, I paid off my debts and turned over a new leaf.

One afternoon in June I came home to spend the long vacation. The first thing I heard was that there had been a discussion about the safety of the church tower, and that the bells were no longer rung for practice, or even for service. There had always been a formidable-looking crack from top to bottom of the north wall of the tower. This was supposed to be an original settlement, and not to affect the stability of the tower, which had been strengthened by buttresses. Whenever the crack opened, as it would do from time to time, it was thought sufficient to close it up with cement. Recently however a corresponding crack had appeared in the south wall. The architect had been consulted, and he had chipped off a bit of the mortar, and declared that the tower would stand for a hundred years. The Churchwardens were of the same opinion. They had known these cracks, they said, for the last fifty years, and there was no harm in them so long as the weather was kept out. On the other hand Frost, who knew every stone of the church, and Robson, who had a good eye for a building, declared that the tower would come down within six months. These two generally opposed the magnates of the parish, whom they regarded with some contempt, and it was no doubt because Frost had raised the alarm that the architect and churchwardens went the other way. My father, as usual, was ruled by Frost, who, indeed, was master of the situation so far as the ringing was concerned, as he kept the keys of the belfry, and now he would not have any bell rang except one which he "clocked" himself for service, a thing he was known to abominate under other circumstances. I was disappointed to find that there was to be no ringing, and wished to judge of the cracks in the tower for myself, so I went to the village and called at the Frost's for the keys of the belfry. Mattie, who was laying the tea table in the little garden opening into the churchyard, went to fetch the keys. She was neatly dressed for the evening and I thought I never saw her looking so lovely. "How are you Mattie?" I said, "I am sure you are looking quite"—

I did not venture to use the word which was at the tip of my tongue, and stood staring at her. She blushed a little—which was a good deal for her—and changed the subject.

"Whatever you do, Master John, do'n't touch the bells. Father says the tower is'n't safe, and he won't let anyone ring them but himself."

"All right, Mattie," I said. "I'll take care of myself." I went into the churchyard, and began to survey the tower from the outside. Somehow I was thinking now more about Mattie than the cracks. Could there be such a thing as love at first sight between people who had known each other all their lives? If so, would it not be embarrassing for us both on Sundays when

she was singing in the choir, divinely, and I facing her from the rectory pew on the other side of the chancel? I had great confidence in her presence of mind, but not at all so much in my own, with the eye of the congregation upon us.

In the meantime I had completed my investigations below without coming to any conclusion, and went into the church. There was a turret staircase at N.E. angle of the tower, which opened into the bell-loft by a door on the same level as the windows a foot or two below the upper part of the cage. This arrangement, which is I think unusual, probably saved my life. Standing in the doorway with one foot on the cage, and was studying the cracks which had an ugly gaping look, I saw that a wedge which had been put between the wall and the bellframes to prevent them from rocking, had dropped out, and that some fresh crumbs of mortar had fallen. Forgetting Mattie's caution, and wishing to see if anything would move I put my hand upon the stay of the bell which was nearest to me, and swayed it gently. There was an ominous noise, such as you may hear when skating upon unsound ice. I started back, and in a moment bells and tower had gone down with a tremendous crash, and I was standing upon a ruin in the open air. Of course I had a terrible fright, but the danger was over, so I had nothing to do but to walk down stairs, at the bottom of which I found Frost much alarmed for my safety. While I was in the church, as I heard long afterwards from your Aunt Jane, Mattie's father and mother had joined her at the tea-table in the garden, and they were seated there when the tower fell. Mattie cried out "Oh mother! master John was in the tower," and went into hysterics in her mother's arms. Frost rushed off to the tower, and in less than five minutes we both came back looking scared, and covered with white dust. When Mattie saw us she seemed dazed, and then sat down in a chair and began to cry. After a bit she got up and went into the house, and her mother followed her. After a few words with Frost I went home and much as I was upset by my wonderful escape, I was still more disturbed by Mattie's behaviour. It was plain that she cared for me a great deal more than I had imagined, and that she knew that she had betrayed herself. For my part I was by no means indifferent to her, and the more I thought about the deeper I became involved. When I next saw her she was pale, and had a hard determined look which I could not bear to see, instead of her usual bright cheerful smile. In short, at the end of a week I had formed a resolution, which was perhaps not very unreasonable under the circumstances. A friend of mine, one of the masters at Shrewsbury, had gone out to New Zealand as Principal of a College. He had often asked me, half in jest and half in earnest, to come out and join his staff. I knew he would be glad to have me there. Why should I not read hard, get a good degree, marry Mattie, and settle in the colonies? Mattie was fit to be anyone's wife, and for any society, and in the colonies there were not the same differences of rank as in the old country. The more I thought of my plan of campaign the better I liked it. I felt sure that Mattie would consent. Why should she not? And then I should have an object in life, instead of wasting my time, waiting for something to turn up. Of course my father would not like it, nor any of my relations, but there are times when a man must put those considerations aside. I knew that I was right, and meant to do as I pleased. Accordingly one afternoon when I had seen Mattie going to the hall, I lay in wait for her, as I felt sure she would come back about tea time. At the bottom of the park on the footpath to the village there is a spot suitable for such an interview as I contemplated. A deep lane skirts the park through a kind of ravine, and the ground rises and falls again on either side of it. The place is overlooked from two or three points, and you might be surprised by anyone coming along the lane, but no one, I thought, was likely to be about at that time of day. I posted myself here, and had been waiting about half an hour when Mattie appeared. As soon as she saw me, a shade of displeasure passed over her countenance, and I perceived at once that the course of true love was not about to run smooth. However, I put on a bold face, and when she came up I said, "Mattie, I have something to say to you."

"Oh! Master John," she replied, "you didn't ought to meet me out here. You can always find me at home when you want to speak to me."

"But I have something very particular to say to you, and I must say it at once."

Thus appealed to, she was obliged to listen, and I unfolded my plans with as much eloquence as I could command.

"Oh! no, Sir," she said, "you are too young, and it is too sudden. You would have never thought of it if I had not been upset about you being in the tower, and that should not make any difference. Father would not hear of it, and I've often heard mother say she never knew any good come of young gentlemen marrying beneath their station. You would be sorry for it all the rest of your life, and what good would that be to you or to me?" Something more was said to the same purpose, but the end of it was that she would not give me the slightest encouragement. She had her Father's determined look, and I saw that nothing on earth would move her. Besides, she had reason on her side.

"Very well, Mattie," I said, "you must judge for yourself, and I dare say you know best, though it is a great disappointment to me, and I really don't know what I shall do now. I hope we part friends." And I held out my hand.

"I am sure we shall always be that, Sir, and I am very much for your good opinion of me."

Then we shook hands somewhat effusively, and she left me and hurried home.

Unluckily at the moment of our leave-taking, young Robson had reached the high ground near the clump of firs. He also had seen Mattie go to the hall and wanted to catch her in the lane to say something of importance to her. But he had been delayed by a job at the hamlet, and had taken a short cut across the fields in hopes of being in time to carry out his purpose.

He was too far off to observe the expression of our features, and the wicked baronets of whom he had read in the *Family Magazine* made love to their victims in a different fashion, but hand-shaking was bad enough and might lead to worse. For a moment he stood rooted to the ground, and then surprise gave way to a tempest of emotions—jealousy, suspicion, rage, revenge, and he felt that he must do something desperate to relieve his mind.

I was leaning on the stile watching wistfully the path where Mattie had disappeared over the brow of the hill, when I heard a quick step behind me and an angry voice.

"You call yourself a gentleman! Stand up if you are a man."

I turned round and saw young George white with rage, and bent on mischief. There was no time for explanations, and I threw myself at once into an attitude of defence. I had the advantage of him in length of arm, and I knew how to use my fists, which he did not. Besides, his position was bad. The ground sloped away towards him, and was slippery from recent rain. He struck at me furiously. I parried his blow with ease, and planted one between the eyes which knocked him down flat.

"Stop! I cried," as he picked himself up for a second onslaught, "It's all a mistake. I have just asked Mattie to be my wife, and she won't have me. I suppose there is no harm in that."

"Bless it all!" he said after a pause, during which we both collected our ideas. "I never thought of that. I ought to have known you better, Sir, after so many years. And her too. But my feelings when I saw——. All the same, if it had been on the level I would not have gone down like that."

"Never mind," I said, "a man who can take punishment like you is sure to win in the end. I suspect your head is harder than my fists. You have crippled my right hand already, and if you could stand another blow like that, you would have it all your own way afterwards."

"No thank you Sir," he laughed. "I've had quite enough for to day. Only if I had been on the level——."

"You have a good deal to learn besides that, Robson; I'll give you a lesson with the gloves some day, and shew you." So we parted the best of friends, as indeed we always had been heretofore.

In the meantime Mattie was pursuing her path and making her plans, unconscious of the quarrel which had arisen on her account. "Mother," she said, as soon as she was in the house, "I think I will go to Aunt Richard's. I will send her word by the post. Father can drive me in with him to market to-morrow, and she will take me back with her."

"Very well, dear," said Mrs. Frost, rather surprised. "How long will you stay?"

"Till Michaelmas. Aunt Richard has been waiting me to come for a long while, but I didn't like to leave the Sunday School and the choir. But I think I had better go now." Here there was a little catch in her voice, and her mother saw that something had gone wrong. However nothing more was said on the subject.

Nothing more was said by the principals, but it could not remain unobserved in the village that Mattie Frost had gone to Aunt Richard's, that young George Robson's forehead bore the marks of knuckles, and that my hand was in a sling. Mrs. Clack Free remarked that she had long ago said that pride would have a fall, that she had seen Master John and Mattie ogling each other in church, and that for her part she thought the Robsons were well rid of people who gave themselves airs without being any better than their neighbours, or than they should be. However, young George was not at all of that opinion, and two years afterwards he prevailed upon Mattie to become Mrs. Robson, and an admirable wife she has been to him, I have no doubt.

Well, my castle in the air had fallen to the ground like the church tower, and unfortunately there were no materials, or not enough of them, to build it up again. But I felt that home would not be the same place to me that it had been, and that I could no longer go on without an object in life, waiting for something to turn up. My favourite author at this time was Samuel Taylor Coleridge. When a young man Coleridge had enlisted in a dragoon regiment because he disliked horses and soldiers, and thought it right to try to conquer his aversion. At least that was the account which he gave of it himself. His adventure did not turn out very happily, as might have been expected; but I was passionately fond of horses and soldiering, and I did not see why I should not enlist and get a commission after a time, as some others I knew of had done, without being half as fit for such a career as I thought myself. At the end of another week I had made up my mind. I packed a few things in a knapsack, and under pretext of a walking tour in Scotland, went to Hounslow, and enlisted in the 4th Light Dragoons. After a fortnight or so, when I had given the new life a sufficient trial, I wrote home to say what I had done, and begged them not to think of buying my discharge, as I was determined to make my way in the world in the line which I had chosen for myself. I never repented of the step which I had taken. It was a hard life till I got used to it, and some things I never got used to, but I don't know that I was not as happy as a private soldier as I ever was before or after. I like the work, and my riding brought me into notice. Of course the riding-master told me that I should have to forget more than ever I learnt before I came to him, but he took so much pains with me that I did not mind what he said, and I soon picked up all he had to teach me. And I must say that I learnt in the ranks a good deal that came in useful to me afterwards, when I was adjutant of the Lancers, and when I had to raise and train a regiment of native cavalry in the Indian Mntiuy. So on the whole I look upon that affair with Mattie Robson as the beginning of my success in life.

"After all, Uncle John," Emmy said, "I don't see why she should not have married you."

"Ah! We shall get out of our depth if we go into that question."

At this moment the bells struck up, one, two, three, four, five, six, and we listened to hear them raised in peal.

"Well done, Belsham ringers;" said Uncle John, as soon as the bells were on the stays, "not a fault after the clappers struck on both sides."

Then they tolled the old year out, and struck twelve upon the tenor, and then all the bells burst out into a merry peal, and we wished each other a Happy New Year, and went to bed.

HIS FIRST ATTEMPT.

SIMPKINS was a poor but pertenant ringer; he had floundered about for a whole year before he managed to get

through his first 6-score, but now, after continual practice, he was able to manage Grandsire Triples fairly well.

His own company consisted of a lot of old stagers who had rung a few touches over and over again for years past, but were too lazy to attempt a peal. Simpkins had rang these touches, (none of which exceeded 1000), till he nearly knew them by heart, and he dearly longed for a chance of trying for a peal.

He was not acquainted with any of the companies whose exploits he read of weekly in "THE BELL NEWS," in fact, he had never handled a bell anywhere but in his own tower, and occasionally in one or two other towers in the neighbourhood where there were no change-ringers at all.

At last an opportunity for gratifying his long-cherished wish presented itself. He had recently joined a newly-formed association of ringers which had been started in the district in which he resided, and at one of the quarterly meetings of this association which he attended he made the acquaintance of the conductor of the Slopminster ringers, who were pretty well known for their achievements in ringing throughout the county and district.

Now Slopminster was nearly fifty miles from Sludgecombe, the town where Simpkins lived. However, Mr. Fetchemround, the Slopminster conductor, informed him that any Saturday afternoon he liked to name, if he would write a day or two beforehand, he and his company would be very pleased to meet him at their own tower and go for a peal with him, unless anything of a special nature prevented them, in which case he would let him know. He further pointed out that there was a train left Swindlesham Junction (a station about two miles from Sludgecombe) about mid-day, by which he could arrive at Slopminster by 2 p.m., and need not leave until the last train at 9.5 p.m.

Thanking Mr. Fetchemround for his kind offer and his information Simpkins returned home, and a week or two afterwards he wrote to him asking if the following Saturday would be convenient to go for the peal. He received a letter by return of post saying that as far as he knew everything would be all right.

Accordingly on the next Saturday Mr. Simpkins took the mid-day train for Slopminster, arriving there at 2 p.m. He soon found out the address of Mr. Fetchemround, in fact the street in which he lived was not five minutes' walk from the station. That gentleman had just finished dinner when he arrived.

"Well, I am glad to see you" said Fetchemround, "but now I think of it, it's almost a pity you didn't come last Saturday or next; you see to day's Dufferton flower show, and I expect a lot of our chaps will be off there this afternoon, and we shall have a job to get a company. I forgot about that when I wrote, but never mind, we'll see what we can do. Just wait a minute and we'll go round and see Jack Dodger, he's sure to be at home."

So saying, Mr. Fetchemround left his visitor and proceeded to the back kitchen to have a wash at the tap, whence he returned in a few minutes, wearing a different coat and looking quite another man. "Have a glass of ale?" said he; "I have'n't got any in the house, but we can stop at the 'Dragon,' at the corner of our street, they keep some capital stuff there."

Now Simpkins did not really care for any beer just at that moment, in fact he was so nervous about the success of his first attempt at a peal that he had made up his mind that morning to drink no beer till it was over. However, he did not like to refuse Mr. Fetchemround's offer, as he thought it would look unsocial, so they entered the "Dragon" together and had a glass. Here they met a man, a gardener by occupation (but not a ringer), with whom Mr. Fetchemround was well acquainted. Now Mr. Fetchemround had a small slip of garden at the back of his house, and he dabbled a little in growing vegetables. A long discussion ensued with this man as to the best method of raising cauliflowers, and what with one thing and another it was nearly three o'clock when they left the "Dragon." They then proceeded to Jack Dodger's house. Fetchemround knocked, and the door was opened by a blushing and stylishly dressed damsel.

"Is your father at home?" said Fetchemround.

"If you mean my papa, he's in the shop," said the girl with a toss of the head.

"All right, we'll go through to him," said Fetchemround,

and so saying he and Simpkins made their way down a passage into a small tinman's shop, where they found Dodger at work. "Now then, can you make one for a peal this afternoon? Here's the gentleman from Sludgecombe come. Mr. Simpkins, allow me to introduce you to one of the oldest members of our company—Mr. Dodger."

The introduction over, Jack slowly put a copper bit in the stove, and scratching his head remarked that it was rather a bad day to come for a peal on. "You see," said he, "there's a lot of our men sure to be off to the flower show; you should have come next Saturday sir, mostly we could raise enough hands for two companies when there's nothing on. I am a bit busy to-day too, but there, we'll see, just wait a bit till I've finished this little job, I shan't be five minutes, and we'll go and see if Dick Sloper can come. I know he's at home."

The five minutes swelled into a quarter of an hour before Jack had finished his job, and then he took quite another quarter of an hour to get cleaned and dressed, so that it wanted only a quarter to four when they arrived at Dick Sloper's house. Dick kept a small general retail shop in a back street. They found him in his shirt sleeves behind the counter. When he had been informed of their errand he said "Well you see, it comes rather awkward to me to-day; Saturday evening is a busy time with me. I shouldn't mind though, only the missus went up to London by that cheap trip this morning to visit her relations, and she won't be back till Tuesday, and I'm all alone till my daughter comes home at five o'clock. Howsever I'll see what we can do."

In the end, Dick was pretty sure he could manage to be at the tower by half-past five at a pinch, and with this promise they left him.

They then called on one or two more ringers and at last secured seven men, only a tenor man being wanting. It must be confessed that several of the band were rather unsafe, and two of them had never rung a peal before. By this time it was getting on for five o'clock, and Dodger suggested that they should go and have a glass together at the "Eight Bells," the company's meeting house, and consider what to do about getting a tenor man.

This they did, although Simpkins was getting somewhat fidgetty and would rather not have gone in.

While at the "Eight Bells" Dodger suddenly bethought him of a man named Platten who was employed at the office of *The Slopminster Dustcart*, a weekly local paper which collected all the scandal of the week and disbursed it in its issue which came out on Saturday evenings. Unfortunately, when they came to consider the matter over, they remembered that this man would not be able to get away from the printing office before the paper came out, which was generally about eight o'clock at night.

Just then the landlord entered, and overhearing the conversation, said that his son William was at home just now for a few days. Now this young man had been a ringer some years before, but since he had left the town he had done very little ringing. However they managed to get him to promise to try and ring the tenor for them that evening, with the stipulation that if he began to feel knocked up, he should stop—peal or no peal.

Fetchemround, Dodger and Simpkins, now made their way to the church. The clock struck a quarter past five as they entered the churchyard. Arrived at the ringing-chamber, they found three men there already, among whom was old Tom Binks, the steeplekeeper, who was splicing a rope and did not appear to be in any hurry about it. The clock struck the half-hour before the rope was put on, and they then proceeded to get the bells up. Whilst this was going on, Mr. Fetchemround called Simpkins' attention to the numerous tablets which adorned the walls of the ringing-chamber, and he enlarged on the merits of each performance at full length. At any other time Mr. Simpkins would have been greatly interested in all this, but just now it nearly drove him wild. At last all had arrived except Dick Sloper. They waited a few minutes for him, and then the landlord's son from the "Eight Bells" said "he wasn't going to stick about there waiting,"—no, not he,—he he should go home—and when the other man came, they were to give him a call by pulling one of the bells off. So he left the belfry.

After he had been gone about five minutes, Sloper arrived. They pulled off a bell, and in another ten minutes the young man came back again. It was now nearly six o'clock; however, after ringing a few preliminary rounds, they started into changes at just one minute to six. The striking was not good, and soon the want of proficiency in some of the company was evident. To do Simpkins justice, he for his part rang well, but after they been ringing nearly an hour, somebody forgot to make thirds, and persisted in running up behind, thereby interfering with the bells dodging in four-five, which caused the whole thing to smash up.

The company expressed their regret, and proposed to go for a half-peal. This also unfortunately came to grief. It was now nearly eight o'clock, but Mr. Fetchemrownd said there was still time for a quarter-peal if they started at once for it. They accordingly started and rang nearly to the end of it, but broke down close to the finish.

Simpkins now looked at his watch, and found he had only ten minutes left in which to catch his train, and he had nearly a mile to go; so he took a hurried leave of the rest of the company and made his way to the station as fast as he could.

He arrived at the station just as the train came in, and it was moving off as he rushed on to the platform. "Here you are, Sir" said a porter, and opening a carriage door he gave Simpkins a helping hand, and pushing him in, he shut the door. When he had time to look about him, he found only one seat vacant, the compartment being nearly filled with women, two of which had babies, which squalled during the whole of the journey. Thus Simpkins returned home, and I can hardly say that he "returned well satisfied with his days' outing," which we so often read of ringers doing in "THE BELL NEWS."

X.Z.

CURIOSITIES.

There are three well known ringers in London, members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who, if ever they should stroll in the neighbourhood of Oxford Street, W., will find three thoroughfares in close proximity to each other, bearing their surnames,— "Mansfield," "Moore," and "Orchard." The two former are excellent steeple-keepers, the latter a musical "W. H."

Don't imagine that "Carpenter" of Croydon is an undertaker as well, far from it, his profession is to preserve as many patients as possible from the hands of these gentlemen.

"Hounslow," of Oxford, was not born on "Hounslow Heath," and we cannot believe for a moment that the "Hayes" brothers first saw daylight at a small town of the name of Hayes near Hounslow.

When you mention the name of "King," of "Windsor," don't think that the steeple-keeper of St. John's church is the owner and occupier of "Windsor Castle."

You will be wrong in supposing "Griffin," of Hornsey, is a brother of "Griffin," of Burton, and neither of these gentlemen were ever Landlord of "The Griffin" at Caversham, neither are they anything to do with that effigy which now occupies the place of Temple Bar. By the bye, "Hands" and "Young," of Caversham, don't make bad "Hands" for "Young" ones, do they? in Minor ringing.

Generally there are two "sides" to a "Page," but it is doubtful if any has ever seen the "inside" of Mr. "Page," of Highgate. Should you feel disposed, however, at St. Anne's, you may get on the "wrong" and the "right" side, any practice night.

It is to be hoped very few ringers were "let in" by backing "The Baron," at the last Derby races, the owner is not an able conductor residing in London, of that name. Mr. Baron is not the author of the song entitled "The Baron" of Battersea "Park," notwithstanding the fact that he is often in a certain "part" of "Battersea," neither did he supply the "Baron of Beef" to Her Majesty this Christmas.

EPITAPH.

"St. Matthew's" Green, at Bethnal "Wood,"
Has rung three hundred peals,
When cased in "Wood," and neath the "Green,"
We'll wonder how he feels.

The members of the Cumberlands seem to be partial to Birching-on, we never heard that "The Powell Arms" was named after the

late member of this society, Mr. T. Powell, now residing at Waltham Abbey.

Ringers, when travelling on the Metropolitan railway, who hear the station porters call out "Mark Lane," must not conclude that it is one of the "Apsley End" ringers who is being enquired for.

Mr. "R." "Martin" is still steeple-keeper of "S." Martin's, "Ruislip," so is W. "Leader," of Slough, the latter, who has held office for twenty-five years, always rings the treble, "Leader by name, leader by nature, so follow my leader."

"Gordon," the Bellhanger, is not an offspring of "Chinese Gordon," "The Plough Inn" at Beddington, is not kept by "Flowman," the steeple-keeper, neither he nor the landlord are "Plowmen."

"Ye 'Banks' and 'Brayes' of 'Bonnie' Doon,
And ye 'Bonney' and 'Woods' of London toon."

It would be out of place to conclude that "Rumsey Abbey" was the birthplace of Mr. "James Rumsey." That the "Thomas's" of Battersea or Birmingham are lineal descendants of "Thomas-a-Beckett," or that Mr. Jones, the lifeguardsman, was at the battle of "Waterloo,"—when his regiment is in town, he may be frequently found in "Waterloo Belfry."

"Dainsene" is a nickname applied to one of our best composers. "Danes Inn" is situated in the Strand. "Danesbury House," the title of an excellent novel, and Mr. "Henry Dains" is the secretary of the Society of Cumberlands.

It would be interesting to read of the following ringers being together: "Perryman," of Slough; "Merryman," of Bradford; "Merrison," of Hull; "Merrishaw," of Walpole; "Kitchener," of Bennington; "Titchener," of Highgate; "Heffer," of Crawley; "Bullock," of Winhill; "Honeybell," of Glemsford; "Treadgold," of Alrewas; "Viner," of Abingdon; "Vinen," of London.

Do not mistake "Pheasant," of Worcester, for a "Hen" merely because the initial H precedes his surname, nor believe Mr. D. "Living's" christian name is dead, nor suppose by their appellations that Messrs. "Hogsflesh," of Warnham, and "Bacon," of Loughton, are breeders of Berkshire "Porkers."

Observe by the following how ringers delight to reside in places bearing their cognomen: "Albert" Edward Wreaks, "Albert" Terrace; W. H. L. "Buckingham," "Buckingham" Terrace.

It is untrue that "Privett," Hants., was the birthplace of Mr. "Privett," in the same county, or that Mr. W. Hoverd joined the "Cumberland" Society because he resided in "Cumberland" Street, Pimlico. Also that the "Cash" Brothers, of "Eccles," have so much spare "cash" that they intend presenting a new ring of bells to "Ecclesfield" parish church.

We think it very unfair that four "Popes" should only allow one "Nunn" to ring in their peal at Staplehurst. They should also have invited the "Chaplin," of Yarmouth, "Parsons," of Bolney, and "Bishop," of Bury, to take part in it.

The peal rung at Ipswich by the "Motts" and "Mees," was a very extraordinary handbell achievement, it was performed "in no time" and by "no society,"—if you doubt it read "BELL NEWS."

In years to "come," when our successors read of Messrs. "Jacob" and "Moses," they will exclaim naturally enough—"what an old society the Cumberlands must be, wonder if "Adam" was a College Youth or Cumberland?"

It would be a novelty to record a handbell peal by Messrs. "French," of London, "English," of Tottenham, "Ireland," of Diss, and "Scotcher," of Galleywood, on a set of bells by "Welch," of Bankside, S.E.

NURSERY RHYME.

"Wash" me in the "brook" and I shall be "white" as snow,
Stedman "White," of Appleton, last summer told me so,
Said the sexton, Mr. "Lamb," of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.

Now the dreariness of winter is upon us, we can look back with pleasure to the time when we enjoyed, during the summer months, the "Shades" of the "Greenwood" trees at "Greenwich," the delightful stroll, after a heavy week's work in the smoking city, through the country "Meadows" and "Fields" of Suffolk and Oxford, and later, as the autumn advanced, saw the ever varying colors of what once were only "Greenleaf."

In conclusion, this opportunity is taken of respectfully wishing "The Compliments of the Season" to three special performers, whose names we have had the honour to see in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS":—Miss E. C. Sharland, of Tiverton; Mrs. J. W. Washbrook, of Oxford; Mrs. W. Lawrence, of Whitchurch.

W. H. F

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Nothing extenuate: naught set down in malice."

By the time these lines reach your readers, Christmas-tide will be close upon us once more. Allow me, therefore, to hold out the right hand of good fellowship to all my "brother-strings," and to give utterance to the grand old time-honoured sentiment—may we all have "A Merry Christmas!" a merry one in the truest sense—merry in the sense in which a good Christian man accepts the term—merry by being in pleasant concord with each other—merry so that we may in after-time look back with pleasure to this festive season, which is once more added to our brief life's span. And while we are swinging joyfully

"Those glad Christmas bells,"

let us remember our ringing brethren scattered all over the world. Let us hope that, though they cannot like us commemorate this great festival with merry peals, they may at any rate have happiness and joy in their far-away homes. And as we cannot doubt that their thoughts will "oft homeward turn," and that they will in imagination once more hear the melody of the bells in the old tower at home, let us every one, as we ring on Christmas morning, breathe a hearty wish that they may all with us have a right merry commemoration of the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour.

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Two more rings have been re-hung and re-opened—at Kelsale and Frome. Well done! People are fond of talking about the prevalent bad trade, but it would appear as if bell-hangers at any rate have little cause to complain. Every week we read of new peals being opened, or old peals augmented or re-hung. There can be no doubt that this new life which is being infused into our belfries, is in a very large measure due to the establishment, the organisation, and the efficient working of our County Associations and Guilds. I would say to these societies, "Go on and prosper," do not relax for one moment your efforts until every bad and unmusical peal has been cast into the melting pot, and replaced by a good musical ring; till every bell-frame and every belfry has been put into proper condition; till you have got every ringer in the land within the ranks; and last, but by no means least, till you have brought every ringer to a true sense of his position and have made him not only a good scientific ringer, a true striker, but also an ornament to his profession and to the Church to which he belongs.

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The number of peals recorded last week is nineteen. That is again creditable to the Exercise; but what strikes me most in this list of peals is the constant recurrence of "Holt's ten-part," which I notice has been rung no less than six times out of the total of nineteen for last week. To a person who has not rung or conducted this now venerable peal before, there is, of course, as much credit due as if he had rung any other for the first time; but I venture to suggest, would it not be preferable to strike out into new lines instead of falling back time after time upon the old "Original." Let us have some new "Originals"; let us have more peals with the note appended, "This peal is now rung for the first time," &c. It will then be seen that our brethren are bringing intelligence to bear in connection with the science, and there will be a brighter look out for the change-ringing of the future.

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The correspondence on prize-ringing still continues. Last week I expressed the hope that personalities would be avoided,

and that the disputants would argue the point fairly. I am very sorry to see this week a letter, the characteristics of which are the very reverse to what I had hoped for. Personal attacks on one another prove nothing; they too often denote the losing side, for we generally find that when argument fails, abuse is brought into requisition. Let us have no more of this discreditable mode of conducting a controversy: it fulfils no useful purpose, and the gentleman of Calverley may be assured that he is simply laying himself open to attack by adopting it, and moreover does the object which he supports far more harm than good.

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THE BELFRY OF BRUGES.

The most conspicuous object in approaching or perambulating the town of Bruges, is the lofty octagonal brick tower in the market place, called the Tour des Halles, which commands from its top an extensive view of the surrounding country. It was originally isolated from the buildings which now are connected with it, being one of those belfries which, in the thirteenth century, every town in the Netherlands claimed as a right, not only for the custody of its archives and public records, but for the purpose of enabling the municipal guard to watch over the safety of the inhabitants. They were therefore provided with enormous bells, which were duly christened and honoured with sponsors, who like other godfathers, found they had little control over the objects of their adoption when they, under the mandates of the popular will, sounded the tocsin of rebellion. The ringing of these ponderous bells, on all occasions, summoned the citizens to meet together; but it was customary in Bruges for the night patrols on duty at the top of the tower to blow a trumpet every hour, as a security for their not slumbering upon their post. The public records and the great town seal (Zegal Van Serban), were here safely kept in an immense coffer, which was secured by ten different locks: one key of which was consigned to the Corporation of the college of burgomasters, while the other nine were confided to the nine deacons of the principal trades. The civic authorities, therefore, could not complete any treaties for the levy of money, or make any other contracts affecting the interests of the people, without the college convoking the heads of these trades to obtain their respective keys, for the purpose of procuring the impression of the town seal, without which all such documents were null and void. The warders of the tower still keep their night watch on the top of the tower, and give the alarm in case of any fire occurring in Bruges, or any of the surrounding villages. It also contains one of the sweetest toned carillons in Belgium. The old edifice which this belfry originally surmounted, and which was replaced by the present Market Hall in the thirteenth century, was called the Water Hall, because it was constructed over a canal which permitted the boats of merchants to pass under the vaulted arches, and land their goods under its galleries.—*Chambers Journal*.

OLD CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

'Good old English fare' is a phrase very much in people's mouths; much oftener than the thing they praise. Let us see what a Christmas dinner consisted of in the reign of Charles I. 'A soup of snails,' 'a powdered goose,' 'a joll of salmon,' 'a dish of green fish buttered with eggs.' This was a first course. Then came a 'Lombard pie,' 'a cow's udder roasted,' 'a grand boiled meat,' 'a hedgehog pudding,' 'a rabbit stuffed with oysters,' 'Polonian sausages,' 'a mallard with cabbage,' and 'a pair of boiled cocks.' To these succeeded, as *hors d'œuvres* and *entremets*, 'a spinnage tart,' 'a carbonadoed hen,' 'a pie of aloes,' 'eggs in moonshine,' 'christeal jelly,' 'jumballs,' 'quiduny,' 'bragget,' and 'walnut suckets.' Cock-ale, surfeit water, canary sack, and Gascony wines, served to moisten this heterogeneous repast.

WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Monday, December 5th, at the parish church, six of the local company rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Humberstone (conductor), 1; T. Humberstone, 2; J. Tailby, 3; R. Roe, 4; H. Smith, 5; H. Vann, 6.

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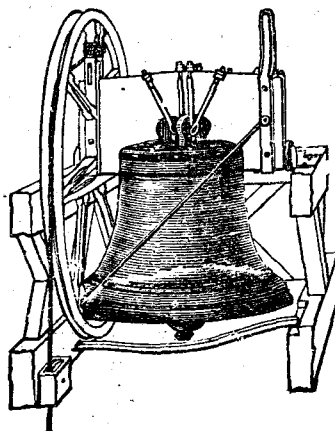
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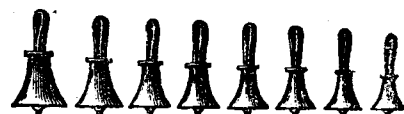
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DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS AT SETTLE,
YORKSHIRE.

This town, so effusive in loyal demonstrations at Midsummer, has been happy enough to secure a more permanent memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. The dedication of a peal of eight new bells, which took place on Thursday, December 22nd, at its church of the Holy Ascension, is, we believe, an unique occurrence this year in the diocese, and up to the last moment it was hoped that the Bishop himself would be present. The cost of the bells has been raised by subscription. The scheme originated at a vestry meeting, where a Jubilee Bells' Committee was formed and the vicar promised one bell. The success of the project was largely due to the prompt and unexpected liberality of Mr. Christopher Beverley, of Stanningley, who gives the tenor bell in memory of his father, Christopher Lodge Beverley, a Craven man, and formerly educated at Giggleswick Grammar School. Thus stimulated, local interest followed, and the committee were speedily encouraged by several handsome donations in the town, and by the cordial help of W. Morrison, Esq., M.P. The bells, which promise to be a musical peal, were cast by Warner, of London, and hung by the Yorkshire firm of Mallaby Brothers. They average in weight from six cwt. to fourteen cwt., and bear the following inscription in Latin, pentameter verse:—

Pro te, Ecclesia, adit vox renovata Deum.
Qui Domini ascendent in juga sancta rogo.
Pura quibus manus est puraque cardo, cano.
Christie, poli clavis, te celebramus, adi.
Jubilat ascendens voce tubaque Deus.
Integra sit patrie pax, sine tæbe fides.
Vox mea, presbyteri voce tacente vocat. I.M.
Vox mea Christopherum Lodge Beverley memorat (with crest).

Some readers may prefer an English version ;

Church of God in newer mould,
I'm thy prayer-bell as of old.
Pure their hand and heart must blend
Who the hill of God ascend
Christ the key of realms on high,
Open, open to our cry ;
Voice and trump with one accord
Tell of our ascending Lord.
Peace in Britain would ye see,
Stand United loyally.
When the priest's voice silent falls,
Loudly mine his people calls.
Him of pious name sing I,
Christopher Lodge Beverley.

On the four walls of the belfry are four rhyming scrolls illuminated by ladies in the parish.

Numerat Aurea,
Lustra Victoria.
Pax ei laurea.
Sit Deo Gloria.

Also a brass plate bearing the inscription:—

"This peal of bells was raised by public subscription in 1887, the fiftieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria, and dedicated to the Glory of God and the welfare of his Church. Jackson Mason, Vicar; Thomas Clark, John Handby, Churchwardens."

The ceremony of the day began in the belfry, where Canon Pulleine receiving the ropes from the churchwardens, dedicated the bells to the glory of God, and then delivered them as a sacred trust to the vicar as custodian. Then followed a musical service in the church, which, with the sermon by Canon Pulleine, was most impressive. Much both of the words and music was original, and Mr. Barnett's setting of the 150th Psalm was much admired. The bells were first heard during the service, at the conclusion of which Mr. Arthur Knights' peal of Treble Bob Major (5440 changes), was attempted by the following members of the Yorkshire Association. J. H. Bell, 1; W. Clarke, 2; W. Mallinson, 3; W. Wilks, 4; J. Broadley, 5; W. Whitaker, 6; J. McKell (conductor), 7; J. McGoun, 8. All went well for over two hours, when, through the intrusion of a very talkative verger, a change-course took place, and "stand" was called at the end of 2 hrs. 10 mins., to the very great disappointment of everyone concerned.

A DAY'S OUTING TO SHEFFIELD.

On Bank Holiday, December 26th, accompanied by my brother, I paid a visit to the above town, where we arrived at 10.15 a.m., and soon afterwards found ourselves in company some of our brother strings. After a ramble through the town, we journeyed back to the "Brown Bear," the meeting-house of the St. Mary's Society, where we were met with that welcome so well known to Yorkshire ringers. After refreshing the inner man we ascended the tower of St. Mary's, and rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. O. Dixon, 1; G. Seed, 2; C. Williams, 3; R. Williams, 4; J. Mulligan, 5; W. Biggan, 6; T. Dixon (conductor), 7; G. Taylor, 8. Time not permitting for any more ringing on these bells, being due at the parish church, where Mr. C. H. Hattersley and his band would be in waiting. After a minute's walk we soon found ourselves in the above tower, and was soon ringing a touch of Grandsire Caters. W. Midgley, 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; C. Williams, 3; J. Mulligan, 4; W. Biggan, 5; T. Hattersley, 6; J. Dixon, 7; A. Brearley, 8; R. Williams (conductor), 9; G. Taylor, 10. Also a course of Treble Bob Major on the back eight. J. Dixon, 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; J. Lomas, 3; C. Williams, 4; T. Dixon, 5; T. Hattersley, 6; R. Williams, 7; A. Brearley, 8. This was followed by 537 of Stedman Caters. C. H. Hattersley, 1; T. Hattersley, 2; J. Lomas, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. Mulligan, 5; W. Lomas, 6; J. Dixon, 7; A. Brearley, 8; R. Williams (conductor), 9; W. Midgley, 10. We descended the tower, and made our way to the meeting-house known as "Queen Victoria," where we found a large gathering of brother-strings from different parts of Yorkshire, among whom was our friend "The Skipper," who as is usual with the class of seafaring men who bear the above cognomen, could not be comfortable without that very useful vegetable, viz., an onion. The kind landlady made every endeavour to oblige him, and upon it being placed before him, he shed his tears. The remainder of the evening was spent in great jollification—by toasts, handbells, songs, etc., till time gave us the signal for departure, and after the friendly parting, we soon found ourselves with the steam horse, jogging along, and landed safely home in Liverpool at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, well satisfied with our outing.

ROBERT WILLIAMS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, January 7th, 1888, and the bells of the parish church (eight) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Committee Meeting in the Vestry at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Queen's Hotel at 5 p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each. General Meeting immediately after tea, to which all ringers and friends are invited. It is particularly requested that those members who intend being present at the tea will send their names to the local Hon. Sec., Mr. John Jaggard, 145, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, on or before Wednesday, January 4th, 1888.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5, St. Paul's Street, Burton-on-Trent.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

The anniversary meeting of the above Association will be held at Almondsbury (eight bells), near Bristol, on Monday, January 9th, 1888. The nearest station is Patchway, two miles. Divine Service at the parish church of St. Mary, at 11 a.m. Short address by the Vicar, Rev. Canon Cooper. Dinner at the Swan at 1 o'clock, at two shillings and sixpence per head; one shilling and sixpence allowed by the Association to all members who inform the Hon. Secretary of their intention of being present by the 4th inst.

PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

Magor Vicarage, Newport.

THE HOLT SOCIETY, ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of this Society will be held on Thursday, January 5th, at the "King of Bells." Chair to be taken at 7.45 p.m. As important business will be considered all members are requested to attend. W. H. GODDEN, Sec.

THE YEAR'S OBITUARY.

The obituary for the year includes among politicians Lord Iddesleigh, whose sudden death was mourned by all parties as a national loss; Peter Rylands, well known as a useful economist in the House of Commons; Mr. Beresford Hope, whose consistent, though independent support of Church views and munificent contributions to Church action leave a void which will not easily be filled; Lord Wolverton, who was equally liberal in the promotion of party objects; and Lord Dalhousie, by whose death, a few hours after that of his wife, a promising career was brought to an early close. Abroad the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Depretis, who in this respect as well as in his clever management of conflicting parties recalls Lord Palmerston, has died at his post. Among soldiers General Macgregor, the conqueror of Burmah, was snatched away in the hour of victory; Sir Henry Gordon has followed the more illustrious brother whose life he has done so much to illustrate; and Valentine Baker Pasha, whose career in the English army was cut short by the just punishment of a dishonourable crime, did what he could to redeem his reputation by valuable services in Egypt, and at last succumbed unexpectedly to disease. Of those who minister to soldiers by supplying the material of war there are no more famous names than two which have passed away during the year, Sir Joseph Whitworth and Herr Krupp. Russia has lost in Katkoff the one great journalist who exercised an independent power. An eminent scholar has been lost in Dr. Scott, the late Dean of Rochester. A sad fate has overtaken Alexander Heriot Mackonochie, who, after an ardent but stormy life, perished at last in a holiday walk through a Scotch snowstorm. Sodor and Man has lost its Bishop, Dr. Rowley Hill; and two eminent clergymen have been removed in Archdeacon Harrison and J. W. Joyce. A famous American preacher, Henry Ward Beecher has gone; and so have so have two Roman Catholic ecclesiastics, occupying prominent but very different positions, Monsignor Jacobini, the Papal Secretary, and Father Beckx, the General of the Jesuits, though the latter had previously resigned the practical control of the society in the hands of his successor, Father Anderledy. Rome has also lost a recent convert in Lord Lyons, who had only just retired from a long and successful diplomatic career. A modified opponent of Rome, Johannes Ronge, has also passed away, who enacted in Germany something of the same part which Father Hyacinthe has played in France. We have lost a great and original schoolmaster in Dr. Thring, of Uppingham. An eminent light in science has been extinguished in Professor Balfour Stewart, one of the joint authors of the "Unseen Universe." Besides Richard Jefferies, literature regrets two lady novelists of repute in Mrs. Henry Wood and Mrs. Craik, the author of "John Halifax," and a lady traveller in Lady Brassey, who was cut off prematurely at sea by malarial fever: while Music has lost a well-known composer in Sir George Macfarren, and a famous singer, though she had long retired from the public eye, in Madame Lind-Goldschmidt, better known as Jenny Lind.

THE CHURCH IN 1887.

The Church history of the year has been interesting, but hardly eventful. Attention was greatly drawn last winter to the sufferings of the clergy owing to the agricultural depression, and we are glad to think that we were able to contribute in some degree to the diffusion of accurate information on this important subject. One result of the interest excited by this very grave state of things was a creation of a Clergy Relief Fund, under the direction of the Corporation of the Sons of the

Clergy. In this way about £40,000 was raised, a sum which, though quite inadequate to the permanent relief of the distress, has it may be hoped, done something to lessen it in individual cases. In the early part of the year the two Archbishops and the Bishop of London determined to consecrate a Bishop to superintend the Anglican congregations in Palestine. The motives of this revival of a bishopric with so unfortunate a history have not been disclosed. We only mention it here as having evoked a unanimous expression of regret from an unusually representative body of Churchmen. The embers of the ritual controversy have been shown to contain more fire than was supposed by the imprisonment of Mr. Bell Cox, and though for the time he is at large owing to the intervention of the Queen's Bench Division, the Court of Appeal has already pronounced his discharge illegal, and if the House of Lords confirms this judgment he will probably be sent once more to gaol for adopting a ceremonial which in London and elsewhere has been in use in certain churches for many years and with the general consent of all concerned. The consecration of Truro Cathedral drew together an imposing gathering of Bishops and clergy, and gave striking evidence of the renewed life of the Church in a county which at one time was regarded as almost wholly given over to Dissent. The ecclesiastical legislation of the year extended the time in which loans to incumbents must be repaid, and made the pensions payable to incumbents who have resigned their benefices vary with the tithe averages. Of proposed legislation there was a good deal, the most important measures being the Glebe Lands Occupation Bill, the Church Patronage Bill, which underwent a complete and most beneficial revolution at the hands of Lord Salisbury in the course of its passage through the house of Lords, and the Tithe Rent-Charge Bill. How important it was that so much at all events of this Bill as dealt with the incidence of the charge should have become law has been abundantly proved by the tithe riots in Wales and by the growing lawlessness in the Principality of which these riots are at once the evidence and the encouragement. In the Convocation of Canterbury there has been much useful discussion, but it has rather prepared the way for conclusions to be arrived at next year than yielded any which can be recorded as part of the history of 1887.—*Guardian*.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

The late Mr. W. H. Henson (Churchwarden), Finedon, having been an influential member of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Ringers' Society, the church bells at Wellingborough and Raunds were rung muffled on Tuesday evening, the funeral taking place at Finedon in the afternoon. Born at Kettering in 1826, Mr. Henson was one of a noted family of Kettering ringers, and learned to manage a bell when quite a boy. All through his life he took great interest in everything appertaining to the belfry. As churchwarden of Finedon, he was leader of the ringers there, and was instrumental in bringing about the re-casting of the Tenor, and re-hanging of the bells in 1875. His father was present at the opening of the bells in 1825, fifty years previous. At the Society's Meeting at Rushden, in 1884, the Finedon Ringers with Mr. Henson at the treble, and Moon on the tenor, rang Grandsire Doubles in a style never equalled, the "time" and "striking" being simply perfection. Mr. Henson was particularly well known to, and much respected by the Wellingborough men, for he often rang at the parish church in the "old days," and frequently expressed a wish to have a pull on the increased ring of eight. He generally rang the seventh (the old fifth), therefore this was, according to custom, raised and rung by itself, previous to the muffled peal.

THE ATTEMPTED LONG PEAL AT CHELTENHAM.

The attempted long peal of Stedman Caters was unfortunately not accomplished here yesterday. It collapsed after about 5500 changes had been rung, in 3 hrs. and 21 mins.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"Ring out the false, ring in the true;
Ring out the old ring in the new."

A Happy New Year to all! The festal season is once more over, and Christmas of 1887 is a thing of the past. Following closely, the few remaining days of the Old Year are fast drawing to a close: and "Anno Domini 1887" will soon cease to exist save in history, as the memorable Jubilee Year of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

From a ringer's point of view, the year which is now virtually over, can scarcely be said to have possessed many extraordinary features. Two events, however, will no doubt cause the year to be remembered throughout the Exercise, viz., the lamented death of the late Rev. J. H. Fish, and the uncovering of the memorial window to the late Jasper Snowden. Another event too, is hardly likely to be forgotten—the introduction by Mr. Heywood of his new method "Duffield."

But if the year has not been characterised by "startling occurrences" amongst us, it cannot by any means be regarded as a twelve months of lethargy. On the contrary, its records will be especially satisfactory. If we take the number of peals and touches that have been rung, and the variety of methods which have been performed, I feel sure that 1887 will be found to have been equalled—not to say excelled—by no previous year in the history of change-ringing. Again (no doubt in a great measure due to the fact of its being Jubilee Year), bell-founders and bell-hangers have had a pretty brisk time of it, from the reports given week after week of new peals "mounted," and old ones augmented, rehung, or otherwise put into better order than they were before. Our County Associations have steadily but surely been making progress, increasing their numerical strength, and bringing the art more to its proper position, and causing it to receive its due recognition and support from the authorities of the Church.

We may thus fairly assume that altogether the year has been one of good substantial progress; one calculated to give the best friends of the Exercise cause to rejoice and take heart for the future. Let us all, therefore, while rejoicing in the successes achieved and the progress made in the past, resolve to do our best in the future—humble though our individual efforts may be—to help on this march of improvement; so that at the close of the coming year, those of us who are spared to ring in its successor, may likewise view with satisfaction the accomplishment of much good work, and have the happy consciousness of being able to say that they have each and everyone done their duty.

I have no desire to lay myself open to the charge of flattery, but I must compliment you, Mr. Editor, on the appearance of your Christmas number, with its very acceptable portrait of Mr. Wakley. I have only had the pleasure of that gentleman's personal acquaintance once, but the remembrance of that brief experience convinces me of the truthfulness of your commendatory remarks respecting him. We want men like him who always "cast a sunshine" about them wherever they go, imparting good feeling and brotherly love amongst us. Apart even from his abilities as a ringer, I do not wonder at the fact that he is such a popular officer of the Midland Counties' Association.

The Sussex Association is "pulling up" well with its peals; seven being recorded in its name last week. I am anticipating with some interest Mr. Attree's final analysis for the year, and imagine there will be a "tight run" for the top places in his list. The members of the Sussex County Association evidently do not intend to be far away from the premier position. I have had a notion for some time of analysing Mr. Attree's analyses (if I may be excused the term), but will wait till the appearance of his "final."

The controversy on prize-ringing still "grows apace," but so far, I fear, with little good result. And so I am of opinion it will continue so long as the disputation is carried on on its present lines. My brethren, if this controversy is to be carried on, do not let it develop into a series of mutual recriminations, but argue the question on its proper basis—that of principle. If I may not be deemed presumptuous, I would suggest, let us have a right, fair, honourable "pitched battle" on the matter, taking as the question to be debated "Is prize-ringing justifiable or expedient?" I think if the question was thoroughly well "thrashed out" on the broad basis of principle, we should all learn something by the correspondence. We should at any rate get acquainted with the arguments for and against. Recriminations and cutting personal remarks, however smart they may be considered, will never tend to convince anybody or settle the point at issue. If that object is to be attained, it will have to be by real arguments upon the matter in question. I am almost ashamed to be found recurring to this question, but my only excuse is my anxiety for the good of the Exercise.

FREE LANCE.

THE CHURCH TOWER, IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

An appeal is very reluctantly made for funds to take down and rebuild this well-known structure. The tower has, notwithstanding the erection of large and costly buttresses during the early part of the present century, and further efforts at preservation made some forty years ago, become so unsafe that it has been resolved, after obtaining the advice of the best authorities, to remove the whole building. Mr. Pearson examined the tower in 1883, and reported as follows: "The tower is a most interesting work, and I have the strongest feelings in favour of keeping it up; yet in spite of this, I cannot arrive at any other conclusion than that it must come down and be rebuilt." The cracks in the tower have continued to widen year by year, and the fall of stones from time to time has given the clearest warning of a quickly impending catastrophe, if the building be not taken down. Its fall would not only have endangered life, and property adjoining, but would also have rendered the expense of rebuilding immensely greater. To avoid this contingency, the upper stage has been already removed, and the lower stages are now in process of pulling down. The greatest care is being taken to stack and mark the stones as they are brought down, so as to render their exact replacement possible, and it need hardly be stated that the most careful drawings and measurements of every part of the building have been taken. The Committee are most anxious to commence the re-erection of this extremely interesting Tower, which formed part of the conventual buildings of the college of Irthlingborough, and contained in its upper stages arrangements for domestic occupation. They therefore do not hesitate to appeal far and wide to all interested in the preservation of ancient and historical buildings, to aid in providing funds to enable them to carry out the work in 1888, believed to be the 500th anniversary of the original erection of the building.

RINGERS' CONCERT AT CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

The Third Concert given by the Clun change-ringers took place in the National Schools on Tuesday, December 20th. There was a good attendance. An attractive programme was provided, and all its items were very satisfactorily rendered. The instrumental pieces were performed in a very tasteful and correct manner, and the music of the handbells was immensely appreciated. Most of the performers received a hearty encore, to which they kindly responded. Miss B. Harrop ably accompanied upon the piano. At the conclusion of the programme, the Rev. W. Glen moved a vote of thanks to Mr. J. S. Buchanan for his great efforts made on behalf of the change-ringers to provide the excellent programme they had all so much enjoyed. The motion was carried with enthusiasm. Mr. J. S. Buchanan thanked the audience, and also gratefully acknowledged his obligations to the performers, and to Mr. T. L. Brown and Miss B. Harrop for their valuable and kindly co-operation. The church bells, he said, were still in a sad state of dilapidation, but he trusted the time was not far off when their renovation would be effected.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB ROYAL.

5040.

By JOHN R. PRITCHARD, *Liverpool*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 3 8

3 5 2 6 4 - -

5 2 3 6 4 - -

3 6 5 2 4 - -

6 2 5 3 4 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

3 2 5 4 6 - -

5 4 3 2 6 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

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4 2 3 5 6 - -

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4 5 2 3 6 - -

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Repeated.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

6208.

By HENRY DAINS, *London*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

3 2 6 5 4 - I 2

3 6 5 2 4 - I 2

3 5 2 6 4 - I 2

6 2 5 3 4 I - 2

3 6 2 4 5 - 2

6 3 5 4 2 2 - 2

4 5 3 6 2 - 2 2

6 4 5 2 3 - 2

2 6 4 3 5 - 2

2 4 3 6 5 I - 2 2

4 2 5 6 3 2 - 2

6 5 2 4 3 I - 2

5 3 2 4 6 I - 2

3 4 2 5 6 I - 2

4 3 6 5 2 - I 2

5 4 3 2 6 - 2

4 2 3 5 6 I - 2

2 4 6 5 3 - I 2

5 2 4 3 6 - 2

2 3 4 5 6 I -

This peal has the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6, and the 5th the extent home, the 5th and 6th being in their respective positions at six course-ends.

If the last four courses are called as below, and the reverse calling used for the ninth course the peal is reduced 5184 changes, with the 4th and 6th their extent home.

6 5 2 4 3 M B W H

5 3 2 4 6 I 2

5 2 4 3 6 I 2

5 4 3 2 6 I - 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 I - 2

A DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB
MAJOR.

1888.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

6 2 5 3 4 - 2 2

2 4 5 3 6 I 2

3 2 4 6 5 2 2 2

3 4 6 2 5 I - 2 2

2 3 4 5 6 2 2 2

A DATE TOUCH OF STEDMAN
TRIPLES.

1887.

By DR. A. B. CARPENTER, *Croydon*.

2 3 1 4 5 6

*5 I 4 3 6 2 4 I 3

4 I 5 2 6 3 - -

4 I 3 5 6 2 - -

4 I 2 3 6 5 - -

2 I 4 5 6 3 - -

2 I 3 4 6 5 - -

2 I 5 3 6 4 - -

5 I 2 4 6 3 - -

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3 I 4 5 6 2 - -

4 I 3 2 6 5 - -

4 I 5 3 6 2 - -

5 I 4 2 6 3 - -

5 I 3 4 6 2 - -

5 I 2 3 6 4 - -

2 I 5 4 6 3 - -

2 I 3 5 6 4 - -

2 I 4 3 6 5 - -

Round next change.

*This course contains twenty sixes, and is produced by bobs at 6, 7, 8, 15, 19.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5056.

By SAMUEL MARSH, *West Bromwich*.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

2 4 5 3 6 I - 2 2

3 6 4 5 2 2 - 2

2 6 5 4 3 I - 2 I

3 2 4 6 5 - 2 2

2 5 4 6 3 2 - I 2

2 4 6 5 3 I - 2 2

3 2 5 4 6 - 2 2

3 5 4 2 6 I - 2 2

2 3 5 6 4 - 2

3 4 5 6 2 2 - I 2

2 3 6 4 5 2 I 2

2 6 4 3 5 I 2

3 4 6 2 5 I - 2

2 3 4 5 6 2 2 2

This peal has the 6th the extent in 5-6, with all the 8-6's and eleven 8-6-7's, also the 5th the extent wrong and eighteen times right, the 2nd or 3rd in the hunt at each course-end. It has never yet been rung.

A DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

1888.

By FREDERICK W. HARDING, *Eastbourne*.

2 3 4 5 6 W B M H

3 5 4 2 6 3 - -

4 3 5 2 6 - -

5 2 4 3 6 - -

4 5 2 3 6 - -

2 4 5 3 6 - -

5 3 2 4 6 - -

2 5 3 4 6 - -

4 3 2 5 6 - s

Repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

5824.

By HENRY ROBERTS, *Cheltenham*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 6

6 3 5 2 4 s -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

5 6 3 2 4 - -

6 2 3 5 4 - -

5 3 2 6 4 - -

3 6 2 5 4 - -

6 5 2 3 4 - -

3 2 5 6 4 - -

2 6 5 3 4 - -

4 3 6 2 5 - -

2 6 3 4 5 - -

6 4 3 2 5 - -

4 2 3 6 5 - -

6 3 2 4 5 - -

3 4 2 6 5 - -

4 6 2 3 5 - -

3 2 6 4 5 - -

2 4 6 3 5 - -

The last nine courses repeated produce:--

3 2 4 5 6

The whole repeated.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

5004.

By F. E. WARD, *Cheltenham*.

2 3 4 5 6 I 4 5 6

3 6 4 5 2 - - -

2 5 6 3 4 - - -

3 6 5 2 4 - - -

4 2 6 3 5 - - -

3 2 6 4 5 s - -

5 4 2 3 6 - - -

4 3 2 5 6 - - -

5 2 3 4 6 - - -

2 4 3 5 6 - - -

4 5 3 2 6 - - -

2 3 5 4 6 - - -

3 4 5 2 6 - - -

2 5 4 3 6 - - -

5 3 4 2 6 - - -

3 2 4 5 6 - - -

Repeat the latter part three times, with s instead of B at 1 in the last course of second part.

A 1/2-PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES.

1260.

By W. J. CARTER, *Biddulph*.

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

4 3 6 2 5 s -

6 4 5 3 2 - -

5 6 2 4 3 - -

2 5 3 6 4 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - - s

Twice repeated.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1887.

AGAIN do we find that the latest of the numerous progeny of Old Father Time has all but run his course, for before the next number of this journal appears the year of grace One thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight will be of the present instead of the future. The commencement of such a period invariably affords a grand opportunity for moralists to descant, at inordinate length in some cases, upon the wisdom of examining ourselves—our habits, our likes and dislikes, our antipathies and sympathies, our jealousies and other shortcomings which are the heritage of the children of ADAM; to take stock, as it were, of what has been our behaviour throughout the year which has just fled: whether during that period we have faithfully exercised that duty towards our neighbour which is enjoined upon us by that great teacher the anniversary of whose nativity we have been recently celebrating, or our gratitude towards that teacher Himself. To exhort to such self-examination is without doubt commendable from many points of view, though cynical people may decry and jeer at the preacher who is content to impress upon his auditors but once in a twelvemonth the necessity for such a personal investigation. Inquiry like this may not be pleasant to every one; the retrospect of the flying year may be in many cases too sad even for a passing view, let alone dwelling upon; contemplations upon the future, with settled and decided purposes of improvement, are perhaps the most agreeable. Yet the lesson of the past cannot be regarded as anything but salutary and beneficial. Periodical glances at the mirror of life, though its painful shadows may reflect forms repulsive to the inward workings of conscience, have their advantage if in the end they lead to the happy effect of persevering in good resolutions.

As we have just hinted, however, considerations of the future are likely to be more pleasant than retrospects of the p. st. That the year upon which we are entering will be more eventful and important, so far as the Exercise is concerned, than any of its predecessors, no one who has had his eyes open upon recent events can scarcely doubt.

Greater ringing achievements may not be performed than we have already heard of, but efforts will no doubt be made to revise and improve the organization of several well known ringing societies. The imperfect constitution of some of these bodies is notorious, and rank among the principal ingredients which militate against the progress of ringing. The Metropolitan societies are not the pink of perfection in this respect which a number of people believe. When we say that their constitutions need revision of the most radical character, we only utter a mere truism. The arrangements respecting the fees for what an old and valued friend terms "parochial ringing," are by no means everything to be desired, and the pleas of custom or antiquity cannot save them for many years longer. The present election to the office of a "parochial ringer" is not always attended with that dignity which we would fain behold; nor is it possible to look with approval upon the eagerness of some aspirants for the position, or, if reports be true, the means sometimes employed to ensure election. A statement is current that a steeple-keeper of a noted church just outside the city—himself a tenor-man—informed a very old half-pull ringer that his services would not be wanted on the next scruffe-day, and this it is averred is owing to the attitude taken by the old man in a question which affects the prestige of the society which has its head-quarters at the church alluded to. Such regulations, or we may say the want of them, is a matter which we believe is ripe for consideration, and will be dealt with during the coming year. The constitution of the society in question has recently received a severe wrench, and if in addition the above incident is correct, a great reform is surely needed. But when changes either for the better or worse are mooted, vulgar personalities between opponents, it should be remembered, have a tendency to defeat the objects in view. The senseless repartee of the meeting room, as well as the epistolary mud which is sometimes thrown, is never edifying to lookers on, who generally discern the weakest points of each combatant.

That the coming year may be a happy and prosperous one with all is our earnest wish. Happy not only in business, and domestic concerns, but happy and prosperous in the practice of the science. Whoever labours to this end among his fellows fulfils a part of that duty for which he is suffered to walk God's earth; whoever knowingly and wantonly creates offences among them is certain to meet with a sure reward sooner or later. The feelings and sympathies of many ringers are most acute. Their attachment to one particular church and its bells is often very great, and a compulsory expropriation from them has been known to produce tragic results. To seek peace, and endeavour to keep it is the bounden duty of all, and whoever is the wilful cause of discord incurs a terrible responsibility. May occasions for unseemly differences become less and less, and may the practice of generosity and self-denial become the current coin of all ringers' daily existence. If these sentiments are taken to heart there is but little doubt that our brother strings will, in the practice of the art, enjoy what we heartily wish them—

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTICE.—The first meeting of the Macclesfield branch of the above Guild will be held in St. Michael's choir vestry on Saturday, January 14th, at 3.30 p.m., to elect a Chairman and a representative from each band to form a Committee, and to elect members, besides other important matters. It is hoped that all will be present. After the meeting a tea will be held at a moderate figure, at the "Black Horse" Inn, and those who intend having tea must inform the undersigned on or before January 10th.

WILLIAM WALMSLEY,
Gurnett, near Macclesfield. Local Sec. and Treasurer.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Colchester, on Saturday January 7th. The tower of St. Peter's church (eight bells), will be open for ringing after 1 p.m. Tea (price 6d.) to members who give notice beforehand, at No. 19, Head Street, at 4 p.m., to be followed by the usual business meeting. Return tickets at reduced fares will be issued by the Great Eastern Railway, to members of the Association who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, January 4th, from what station they intend to travel.

T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.
Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

A General Meeting of this Society will be held on Wednesday, January 4th, 1888, at the Society's meeting house.

BY ORDER.

THE "JAMES RUDD" FUND.

Mr. Ireland acknowledges the receipt of the undermentioned sums for this fund:—

Mr. E. Gibbs, London, 2s.; Mr. E. Carter, London, 2s.	...	...	s. d.
Mr. R. S. Storey, Whitley, Newcastle-on-Tyne	4 0
Mr. John Spratt, Norwich	5 0
Mr. Joel Hern, North Shields	5 0
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The Provinces.

BEDFORD—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 21, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

Yorkshire Court, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor and Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

CHARLES PASS	Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN	4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE	2.	SAMUEL J. CULLIP	5.
WILLIAM G. BIGGS	3.	MAURICE WARWICK	Tenor.

Conducted by MAURICE WARWICK.

*First peal. The above was rung on the 3rd anniversary of the reopening of the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.

On Friday, December 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SNOWDON'S VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART PEAL.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

F. A. UNDERWOOD*	Treble.	S. SMITH	5.
A. CRESSER	2.	W. BIRKINSHAW	6.
G. DRAYCOTT	3.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.	7.
J. HARDY	4.	E. WIGHTMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

*First peal. This is Mr. Taylor's 50th peal, out of which he has conducted 24—made up as follows: Treble Bob Royal, 2, Major, 19; Stedman Caters, 3, Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 4, Triples, 19; Double Oxford Bob Major, 2.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CHARLES PASS	Treble.	MAURICE WARWICK	5.
SAMUEL J. CULLIP	2.	WILLIAM C. ALLEN	6.
FREDERICK KEECH	3.	WILLIAM G. BIGGS	7.
HARRY CHAPMAN	4.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE	Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, and Conducted by W. G. BIGGS.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th its extent right and twenty times wrong. It was the first peal in this method by the above Association; also on the bells; and the first peal in this method by the 1st, 2nd, 2nd and 5th ringers

ROTHWELL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS, UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:—

College Treble, College Exercise, Olty Delight, London Scholars Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, and Violet.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH G. VERITY	Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW	4.
JOHN CHAPMAN	2.	STEPHEN STACEY	5.
ALF CHAPMAN	3.	JOHN M. CHADWICK	Tenor.

Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HOLDEN	Treble.	JOHN T. HOLDEN	5.
FRANK BRIERLEY	2.	MOSES BRADBURY	6.
EDWIN B. SHAW*	3.	JOHN T. DICKEN	7.
JAMES DICKEN*	4.	JOHN BUCKLEY	Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

On Sunday, December 25, 1887, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES OF TREBLE BOB MINOR;

BEING THREE 720'S OF OXFORD AND FOUR 720'S OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR,

Tenor 9½ cwt. in Ab.

GEORGE JONES	Treble.	MARMADUKE BLEZARD	4.
GEORGE JONES	2.	WALTER THOMAS	5.
WILLIAM MORGAN*	3.	JAMES MORGAN	Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

This peal was rung early on Christmas morning. *First peal.

RANMORE, DORKING, SURREY.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1887, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

E. DODD*	Treble.	W. ARGENT	5.
G. CROUCHER*	2.	E. KENWARD	6.
E. MOSES	3.	S. BROOKER	7.
W. SADLER*	4.	F. HUDSON*	Tenor.

Conducted by S. BROOKER.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Argent, Croucher, Kenward, and Moses; hail from Reigate, Sadler from Betchworth, Brooker from Leatherhead, and Dodd and Hudson from Dorking.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Jubilee Peal.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1887, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HARRISON'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION.

F. J. COPE Treble.	H. SLANEY 5.
H. MEACHAM 2.	GEORGE WOODS 6.
A. E. GREENWOOD 3.	W. FEARNEYHOUGH 7.
J. KEY 4.	E. GALLIMORE Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. COPE.

The above was arranged as a Jubilee peal, and was thought a fitting occasion as the bells have only recently been put in, the opening peal being rung about two months ago. The ringers desire, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the vicar for kindly giving permission, and to the churchwardens for so kindly entertaining the ringers after the completion of the peal.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

Birthday Peal.

On Monday, December 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THOMAS CATHERALL* .. Treble.	ALFRED CROSS 6.
CHARLES PRICE† 2.	EDWARD ROWLAND 7.
ROBERT JONES† 3.	THOMAS NEWELL 8.
JOSEPH WILLIAMS† 4.	EDWARD EVANS 9.
JAMES MOULTON† 5.	JAMES KENDRICK Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., of Birmingham, and conducted by EDWARD ROWLAND.

The above peal was rung to celebrate the 22nd birthday of Mr. Joseph Williams, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Moulton and Cross hail from Chester; C. Price from Eccleston. †College Youths. *First peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON BRANCH.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1887, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble.	RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 5.
HARRY BUTTON 2.	JOHN BUTTON 6.
FREDERICK WILSON 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
ALBERT LINCOLN 4.	THOMAS E. SHEARING .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

HENRY BASTABLE Treble.	JAMES W. CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
JOB JOYNES 2.	BERNARD WITCHELL 8.
HENRY JOHNSON, JUN. .. 3.	CHARLES STANBRIDGE .. 9.
WILLIAM KENT 4.	SAMUEL REEVES 10.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 5.	ALFRED THOMAS 11.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 6.	THOMAS HOLMES Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, SEN., and Conducted by H. BASTABLE.

Charles Hounslow hails from Oxford; Thomas Holmes from Burton-on-Trent. The peal, which was on this occasion rung for the first time, will appear in a later number of "THE BELL NEWS."

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
WARNHAM BRANCH.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Treble.	HENRY CHANDLER 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
GEORGE CHARMAN 4.	GEORGE WOODMAN Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE WARNHAM AND HORSHAM BRANCHES.

On Thursday, December 22, 1887, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
HENRY COOK 2.	FELIX KNIGHT 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY BURSTOW 7.
HENRY CHANDLER 4.	JAMES WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING BRANCH.

On Friday, December 23, 1887, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
ON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

WOODBINE, DOUBLE OXFORD, KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE COURT, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, YORKSHIRE COURT, AND PLAIN BOB.

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. SEARLE Treble.	C. TYLER 4.
G. GATLAND 2.	J. WOOLGAR 5.
C. CHAMBERS 3.	G. SMART Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON BRANCH.

On Saturday, December 24, 1887, in Three Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY WESTON Treble.	CHARLES TYLER 5.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE 6.
JOHN REILLY 3.	JAMES SEARLE 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	WALTER F. VERNON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SEARLE.

The above is the first peal in the method by the Sussex County Association and by all the band. It is also the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by a Sussex band.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM BRANCH.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	HENRY COOK 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	HENRY CHANDLER 7.
GEORGE CHARMAN 4.	JAMES WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

This peal was rung prior to the eight o'clock service, being commenced at 4.30 a.m. Mr. H. Chandler also conducted a second peal during the afternoon at Arundel.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE WARNHAM AND ARUNDEL BRANCHES.

On Monday, December 26, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE TREAGUS Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
GEORGE BALCHIN 2.	HENRY CHANDLER 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	*CHARLES BLACKMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK LUXFORD 4.	JAMES WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKMAN.

* First peal as conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
STEYNING BRANCH.

On Christmas Day, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following methods:—

Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Yorkshire Court, College Single, and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. MORRIS .. .. .	.. Treble.	E. BRACKLEY	4.
G. GATLAND	2.	T. WOOLGAR	5.
C. CHAMBERS	3.	G. SMART	Tenor.

Conducted by G. SMART.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BALCOMBE BRANCH.

On Monday, December 26, 1887, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES, IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS:

Being 720 each of the following:—

YORKSHIRE COURT, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, CANTEBURY PLEASURE, PLAIN BOB, COURT BOB, AND OXFORD SINGLE BOB.

TENOR 11 cwt.

R. BOURN .. .. .	.. Treble.	H. MEADS	4.
A. STONER	2.	J. CHEESEMAN	5.
E. STREETER	3.	J. GASSON	Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GASSON.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRIGHTON BRANCH.

On Monday, December 26, 1887, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER .. .. .	.. Treble.	HARRY WESTON	5.
GEORGE GATLAND	2.	JOHN REILLY	6.
WILLIAM PALMER	3.	JAMES SEARLE	7.
GEORGE A. KING	4.	CHARLES TYLER	Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHAS. TYLER.

First peal of Major by Geo. Gatland, who hails from Steyning. The above peal has the 6th the extent home at nine course-ends.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
THE ARUNDEL AND WARNHAM BRANCHES.

On Christmas Day, 1887, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

G. TREAGUS† .. .. .	.. Treble.	H. HAGGETT	5.
F. LUXFORD	2.	W. SHORT	6.
H. CHANDLER	3.	G. BALCHIN	7.
C. BLACKMAN	4.	W. L. CHAMBERLAIN	Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY CHANDLER.

† First peal. Messrs. Chandler and Short hail from Warnham.

Date Touches.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Thursday, December 22nd, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. Dr. A. B. Carpenter (composer and conductor), 1; E.

Bennett, 2; W. Burkin, 3; G. Welling, 4; J. Plowman, 5; J. Fayers, 6; J. Trappitt, 7; J. Hartley, 8. This touch is an adaptation of one of 1875 by Hubbard, given on page 65 of the 4th edition. The composition of this touch will be found on another page.

Miscellaneous.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, December 20th, at the parish church, 1050 Grandsire Triples, being the fourth and fifth part of Reeves's ten-part peal. H. Parslow, 1; G. Woodis (conductor), 2; J. Parslow, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Strutt, 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Tuesday, December 20th, for practice, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., on the back eight of the augmented ring of ten, at All Saints' church. T. A. Underwood, 1; J. W. Taylor, sen., 2; J. Hardy, 3; Amos Cresser, 4; S. Smith, 5; W. A. Tyler, 6; W. Birkinshaw, 7; E. Wightman, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. Composed by W. T. Billinghurst, and conducted by S. Smith.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, December 13th, at the church of St. Peter, by the Voluntary Band, a 960 changes in 36 mins, being a 240 in each of the following methods, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Minor. R. Grimes, 1; W. Day, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Brett, 1; W. Wright, 2; H. Hill, 3; H. Allen (conductor), 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes, 6. Also on Tuesday, December 20th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (30 Bobs and 2 Singles), in 27 mins. W. Wright, 1; Dr. Seccombe, 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; R. Grimes (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Saturday, December 24th, at the church of St. Giles, on occasion of the marriage of Miss Sweetzer, sister to one of the local ringers, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Bonney, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; A. H. Evans, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Also several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in which H. Smart, and A. Hind took part. Tenor 19 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCLAND.—On Monday, November 21st, a 120 of Bob Doubles. *W. Charlton, 1; H. C. Mayne, 2; F. Charlton, 3; G. J. Pratt, 4; J. Cleminson (conductor), 5. *First 120 of Bob Doubles with a bob bell. Also on Sunday, November 27th, a 360 of Bob Minor. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; F. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Castree, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6; E. Titt, 7; T. Edwards, 8. And on Monday, December 5th, 360 of Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; F. Charlton, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; F. Castree, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, December 11th, a 120 of Grandsire Doubles. *W. Charlton, 1; J. G. Pratt (conductor), 2; J. Pallister, 3; F. Charlton, 4; E. Titt, 5. Also a 240 of Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; J. G. Pratt, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Pallister, 6; J. Cleminson (conductor), 7; E. Titt, 8. And on Sunday, December 18th, a 588 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; F. Castree, 6; J. Cleminson, 7; E. Titt (conductor), 8. Also on Monday, December 19th, a 588 of Grandsire Triples. H. C. Mayne, 1; G. J. Pratt, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; F. Castree, 8. Also on Saturday, December 24th, a 360 of Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 2; E. Titt, 3; T. Wick, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. G. Pratt (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins. *W. Charlton, 1; F. Charlton, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. G. Pratt, 4; T. Wick, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also on Sunday, December 25th, a 120 of Bob Doubles. A. J. B. Waldron, 1; J. Pallister, 2; E. Titt, 3; J. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton (conductor), 5. And 120 of Grandsire Doubles, with F. Charlton, 4; J. Cleminson (conductor), 5; the others as before. Also on Monday, December 26th, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Charlton, 1; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; F. Charlton, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Pallister, 6; J. G. Pratt (conductor), 7; E. Titt, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Charlton, 1; J. Cleminson, 2; A. J. B. Waldron, 3; J. G. Pratt, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. Pallister, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CONSETT (Durham).—On Tuesday, December 20th, at Christ Church, a 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. J. Carter, 1; S. Martin, 2; H. Morgan, 3; F. T. Fraser, 4; J. T. Taylor, 5; *D. Davies (conductor), 6. This is the first peal by the whole band in this method. *First peal as conductor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On Wednesday evening, December 21st, for practice at SS. Mary and Cuthbert, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 30 mins. A. Thompson, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Anderson, 3; T. Walker, 4; J. Swinburn, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor who belongs to Jarrow. Tenor 20 cwt.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Monday, December 26th, at St. Michael's church, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 30 mins. H. C. Mayne, 1; J. G. Pratt, 2; J. Pallister, 3; J. Cleminson, 4; F. Charlton, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. And several touches of Oxford Treble and Plain Bob. J. Pallister, 1; J. Pratt, 2; F. Charlton, 3; H. C. Mayne, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; E. Titt (conductor), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH.—On Tuesday, December 13th, at St. Editha's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 34 mins. J. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; J. Wainwright, 3; J. Timms, 4; F. Chapman, 5; H. Slaney (conductor), 6; G. Woods, 7; R. P. Brindley, 8. The tenor man was elected the previous week.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, December 27th, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing 3 hrs. it came to grief. J. Bartlett, 1; G. Cramp, 2; A. Hinds, 3; R. Edwards, 4; J. Sharp, 5; H. G. Rummery, 6; G. Neve (conductor), 7; H. Holdstock, 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Christmas Day, after service in the evening the local company rang 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), at the parish church. R. Packer, 1; R. Jeffries, 2; C. Bate, 3; J. Kitchener (conductor), 4; J. Preater, 5; T. Smith, 6.

CROOME D'ABITOT (Worcestershire).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, December 22nd, the following rang what is believed to be the longest touch ever rung in this parish, viz., a date touch of 1887 changes of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and St. Dunstan's Doubles (each called differently), in 47 mins. *Alfred Clifford, 1-2; Lionel Longney (conductor), 3-4; *William Longney, 5-6. *Longest length.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 756 Stedman Triples (nine courses). G. Croucher, 1; C. Boxall, 2; E. Jordan, 3; R. Jordan, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; G. Barnes, 8. And after service 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Dodd, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; R. Jordan, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5; E. Jordan, 6; H. Boxall, 7; J. Robinson, 8. The above was rung in honour of the sixty-sixth birthday of Mr. C. Boxall, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Mr. Brooker hails from Leatherhead, the brothers Jordan from Capel; Messrs. Argent, Moses, and Croucher, from Reigate; the brothers Arnold, Sadler, and Barnes, from Betchworth; and J. Robinson, from Buckland; the others are local men.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, December 27th, at the parish church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; W. Sanders, 2; H. Pederick, 3; G. Wyatt, 4; J. Easton, 5; T. Miles (conductor), 6; J. Hawkins, 7; J. Page, 8. This touch was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 17th. Tenor 16 cwt.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, December 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), consisting of four 6-scores with extremes, and six and a half scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), in 47 mins. T. Hill, 2; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 2; W. Tarling, 3; A. Pitt, 4; A. Aspey, 5; W. Turner, 6.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Mary's church, the local company rang for practice a 720 of Bob Minor, with the seventh covering (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Perrin, jun., 1; R. Tabor, 2; A. Gerney, 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; A. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 6; A. Bass, 7. This is the first 720 by the local company.

HORFMONDEN (Suffolk).—On Christmas Day, for early service, 720 Bob Doubles, in 28 mins., by the local band. Thos. Lambert, 1; Allert Miles, 2; W. Lambert, 3; G. Hodge (conductor), 4; F. Lambert, 5; J. Hicks, 6.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Thursday, December 22nd, at St. Ethel dreda's Church, for practice, three 120s, of Grandsire Doubles on the

back six. J. Kentish, 1; J. Hollingsworth, 2; H. Rowe, 3; J. Richardson, 4; T. Gathard, 5; F. Stocks, 6. Also six 120's with A. Sheppard at the second. Also two 120's, with 7, 6, 8, for cover. F. Stocks, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; H. Rowe, 3; W. J. Richardson, 4; T. Gathard, 5; D. Dollimore, 6; J. Kentish, 7; W. Smith, 8. Also one 120 on the back six. F. Stocks, 1; J. Hollingsworth, 2; H. Rowe, 3; A. Sheppard, 4; T. Gathard, 5; W. Smith, 6. Tenor 27 cwt. T. Gathard, conductor. Also on Saturday evening, December 24th, 2 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the trebles leading. J. Hollingsworth, 1; D. Dollimore, 2; J. Kentish, 3; A. Sheppard, 4; H. Rowe, 5; J. W. Richardson, 6; T. Gathard (conductor), 7; F. Stocks, 8. Also on Christmas Day, December 25th, for morning service, 6 six-scores on the back six, treble leading, with W. Smith on treble, and W. Valentine tenor; others same as before. Also for evening service, December 25th, a six-score. W. Smith, 1; D. Dollimore, 2; J. Kentish, 3; J. Hollingsworth, 4; H. Rowe, 5; A. Sheppard, 6; T. Gathard (conductor), 7; F. Stocks, 8.

REIGATE (Surrey).—At the parish church, on Christmas Day, for Divine Service, 252 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Hoad. And 447 in the same method, conducted by E. Moses. In the evening, by special request, to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the marriage of Captain and Mrs. Cox, at this church, 420 Stedman Triples. G. Croucher, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Linter, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Stedman, 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Kenward, and 224, conducted by W. Webb. On Monday, December 26th, an attempt was made to ring a Surrey Association peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing thirteen courses, 1092 changes in 39 mins., the conductor called stand, as two bells had changed course. G. Croucher, 1; T. Miles, 2; S. Brooker, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Moses, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; E. Kenward, 8. Afterwards a touch of Bob Major, conducted by S. Brooker. G. Williams hails from Midhurst; S. Brooker from Leatherhead; T. Miles from Epsom. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Christmas Day, at the house of Mr. E. Moses, upon handbells, three 120's of Stedman Doubles. E. Moses, 1-2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. Williams, 5-6. And two courses of Stedman Triples. E. Moses, 1-2; G. Croucher, 3; F. Linter, 4; G. Williams, 5-6; Mrs. Williams, 7-8. And a course of Grandsire Triples. Miss A. Moses, 1-2; G. Croucher, 3-4; E. Moses, 5-6; F. Linter, 7-8. A course of Grandsire Caters. F. Linter, 1-2; G. Croucher, 3-4; E. Moses, 5-6; G. Williams, 7-8; Mrs. Williams, 9-10. And 112 Grandsire Triples. Miss A. Moses, 1; G. Croucher, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; E. Moses, 5-6; F. Linter, 7-8. And 120 Stedman Doubles. G. Williams (conductor), 1-2-3-4; Mrs. Williams, 5-6. Another 120 in the same method. G. Williams (conductor), 1-2-3-4; F. Linter, 5-6. On Boxing Day, 180 Bob Minor. Mrs. Williams, 1; Miss A. Moses, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3-4; E. Moses, 5-6.

RIPON (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 20th, 720 Stedman Triples, for practice at the Cathedral, in 30 mins. *Albert Pratt, 1; *Joseph Baines, 2; Jno. Strodder, jun., 3; *A. H. Clark, 4; *A. Ingleby, 5; *Jno. Flower, 6; *T. Clark (conductor), 7; H. Rumbold, 8. *Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Christmas Day, for morning service at the parish church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and one course of the same, with 6, 8 covering. J. Everard, 1; A. Edwards, 2; R. Wood, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; F. Radley, 5; C. J. Dennison, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. And on Boxing Day, five of the above with Messrs. De Lisle (Galleywood), Piper and Tarbun (Widford), attempted Holt's Original, but lost it through a change-course after about an hour's ringing.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

The following is the account of ringing done at the parish church during the months of November and December by the local company, in fourteen different methods:—

On Sunday, November 13th, 720 Duke of York, and 720 of Kent; And on Sunday, November 20th, 720 of Violet; also on Sunday, November 27th, 720 College Pleasure, and 720 of Arnold's Victory; and on Tuesday, December 6th, 720 of College Trebles, and 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure; also on Sunday, December 11th, 720 of City Delight; and on Tuesday, December 13th, 720 of Tulip; also on Sunday, December 18th, 720 of Primrose; and on Tuesday, December 20th, 720 of Morning Exercise; also on Wednesday, December 21st, 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and 720 of College Exercise; and on Sunday, December 25th, 720 of Oxford; also on Tuesday, December 27th, 720 of Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. One was conducted by G. Marsden, and fourteen by G. Norman. J. Shaw rang the second in the Oxford.

ST. EDMUND'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The members of the above Society (including Messrs. S. Herbert, H. Swift, Crane, Tucker, Gubb, Webber, Northcott, Goss, Roberts, Pitt, Allen, Townsend, Fraser, Shobbrook and Meadows) have presented Mr. W. Richardson with an eight-day clock, together with a scroll containing the names of the subscribers, it being the occasion of his marriage. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. C. Marsh, who made the presentation, and in the course of his remarks spoke in high terms of the ability of Mr. Richardson as a change-ringer. Those remarks were confirmed by Mr. S. Herbert (Vice-Chairman), who reminded those present that he had the privilege some years ago of introducing Mr. Richardson to the art of change-ringing, which he was pleased to see was making such rapid progress in Devonshire. He was glad to see among those present, members of the Society (Messrs. Marsh, Swift, and Goss) who were instrumental with others in introducing change-ringing into the city, and it must be very gratifying to Colonel Troyte, President of the Devonshire Guild, to know that he has so thoroughly established the science in the county. Several toasts were drunk, songs were sung, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The clock was supplied by Mr. Sidney Herbert, and the scroll was the work of Mr. E. Pitt, both members of the Society.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26TH, 1887.—

By the Arundel branch at Arundel.—On Thursday, December 22nd, a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; *H. Haggett, 3; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 4; G. Balchin, 5; C. Blackman (conductor), 6; J. Knight, cover.

By the Arundel and Warnham branches at Arundel.—On Christmas Day, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples (Reeves's variation), in 3 hrs. (for particulars see peal column). And on Monday, December 26th, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Treagus, 1; C. Blackman (conductor), 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Chandler, 5; F. Luxford, 5; G. Balchin, 7; H. Haggett, 8.

By the Balcombe branch at Balcombe.—On Monday, December 26th, a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, in 2 hrs and 39 mins. (for particulars see peal column).

By the Brighton branch at St. Peter's, Brighton.—On Saturday, December 17th, an attempt was made to ring Thurstan's peal of Stedman Triples, but failed after ringing 2100 changes, in 1 hr. 17 mins. H. Weston, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; J. Reilly, 3; W. Palmer, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. And on Tuesday, December 20th, at St. Nicholas', Brighton, another attempt was made for Thurstan's peal of Stedman Triples, but was lost after ringing 1512 changes, in 57 mins. H. Weston, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; J. Reilly, 3; G. A. King, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; H. Cornwall, 8. And on Saturday, December 24th, a 5040 of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), in 3 hrs. 6 mins. (for particulars see peal column). And on Monday afternoon, December 26th, a 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. (for particulars see peal column). And on Monday evening, at Southover Lewes, an attempt was made to ring Holt's 6-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but failed after ringing 1344 changes, through the treble bell leaving its bearings. C. Tyler, 1; W. Palmer, 2; G. A. King, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; J. Searle, 5; J. T. Rickman, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; Horace Cornwall, 8.

By the Steyning branch at Steyning.—On Friday, December 23rd, a 5040 in seven Minor methods, in 3 hrs. and 13 mins. (for particulars see peal column.) And on Christmas Day, a 5040 in seven Minor methods, in 3 hrs. and 2 mins. (for particulars see peal column.) And on Saturday, December 24th, a 720 of College Single. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Chambers, 3; F. Morris, 4; G. Gatland, 5; G. Smart (conductor), 6.

By the Warnham branch at Warnham.—On Tuesday, December 20th, 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. (for particulars see peal column). And on Thursday, December 22nd, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. and 53 mins. (for particulars see peal column). And on Christmas Day, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. (for particulars see peal column). Also by the Warnham and Arundel branches at Warnham, on Monday, December 26th, a 5040 of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. (for particulars see peal column).

GEO. F. ATREE, Hon. Sec.

A CORRECTION.—In Christmas Supplement—list of Mr. Wakley's peals—read: "Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 16."

Church News.

We regret to learn that the Bishop of St. Albans was unable to preside at his ordination on St. Thomas's Day, and is now confined to his house through illness. He is suffering from weakness resulting from over-work, and is ordered complete rest for the present.

Mrs. Wyatt, wife of the vicar of Hawley, near Farnborough, has presented the Dean and Chapter of Winchester a superb altar frontal worked by herself and her daughter. The work has occupied the two ladies seven years.

Canon Scott, of St. John's, Leeds, Commissary of Bishop Scott, of North China, requests the Bishop's correspondents to address "Cheefoo," instead of Peking, after the 1st of January, and not to write at all after the 1st of February, as the right rev. prelate will leave China at the end of March to be present at the Lambeth conference.

The Queen has, through the Dean of Windsor, presented to Mr. Mitchell, the oldest member of the choir at St. George's chapel, an engraved portrait of herself in consideration of his long musical services. Mr. Mitchell, who is upwards of seventy-eight years of age, has sung in the chapel for seventy-two years.

The *Northampton Herald* says that, owing to their greatly reduced income through the agricultural depression, the Dean and Chapter of Peterborough decided last week to reduce the salaries of officials 5 per cent. The decision was arrived at with reluctance; but as the Dean and Canons have had for a long time to submit to a reduction of 30 or 40 per cent., it was imperative that something should be done, the falling off in the annual income amounting to about £2000.

The last Advent lecture at St. Alphege, London Wall, was preached on Friday evening by the Rev. Gordon Calthrop. It was a very striking and original sermon, based on St. Matthew i., 21, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins," and was listened to with great interest and attention by the congregation. Some carols were sung by the choir after the service.

The *Yorkshire Post* says that on Sunday week the Rev. F. W. Paul, vicar of Emanuel Church, Nottingham, who is himself a football player of some repute, and has a brother of still greater renown both as a cricketer and a football player, delivered a sermon on the revival of pugilism. He did not take a text, saying it would be merely a matter of form to do so, but proceeded at once to refer to the revival of prize-fighting. They had the spectacle, he said, of a prince of the blood royal one day laying the foundation stone of a house of God, and another day shaking hands with a professional prize-fighter, who had avowedly come to this country to break the law. So far from bravery, prize-fights were generally displays of cowardice. He was determined to protest against prize-fighting, as he considered it the duty of the church to do so. The leading newspapers published side by side reports of innocent sports, such as football and foot-racing, accounts of encounters between those bruisers, and it was put under the heading of "sporting news," without word or comment to show disapproval of it. Such newspapers silently approved of such practices, and what humbug it was for them to hold up their hands with horror when Mr. Gladstone said "Remember Michels-town," for themselves to encourage the breaking of the law. He would not have the assistance of such publications—no, not to save disestablishment of the Church.

Spittlegate church, Grantham, (says the *Lincolnshire Chronicle*) was about the last church in the diocese where we should have expected to hear of any unpleasantness between parson and people respecting High Church practices, but on Sunday week, when the Bishop preached, the vicar sent to the Churchwardens asking them to be at the church in good time before the commencement of the service. On their arrival the vicar informed them that a lady in the neighbourhood whose husband had taken a leading part in the recent mission, had sent a cross to be placed on the communion table, and he asked the senior churchwarden, when taking up the alms of the congregation, to present the cross to the Bishop, and ask him to place it on the communion table. The churchwardens, well knowing the feelings of many members of the congregation, both declined to take part in such a ceremony, and so for a time the matter ended. At the evening service, however, the cross was upon the table, and very great offence it has given. At least two of the sidesmen forthwith resigned their offices, and they and many of the seatholders declare that they will not enter the church again unless the cross is taken away. This the vicar does not see his way to do, feeling that to remove it now would be a desecration. No one appears to really object to the cross in itself, but it is pointed out its presence is the first step to high church practices, which they detest, and so they think it their duty to protest now. The congregations on Sunday were exceedingly small.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, evening, December 22nd, at St. Alban's church, eight members of the Lancashire Association attempted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of the 84th birthday of Mr. Thomas Bamford, an old ringer at the Rochdale parish church for over 60 years, but was unfortunately lost through a change-course, after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins., after which Queens, firing, and a short touch was gone through in the same method. Mr. Bamford is an exceptional ringer, as we do not hear of many at that advanced age ringing for Divine Service every Sunday; he, at 78 years, having rung a 5000, and another on his 80th birthday, and on his 82nd birthday a 2520 for Divine Service, and now he thinks he could ring another. Mr. Bamford possesses a wonderful memory and is able to ring any pair in a course of Caters, and will talk as well about events in ringing which took place when he was a young man as if it only took place yesterday, he is also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. Bamford also takes a very great interest in "THE BELL NEWS," and always expresses great admiration for such men as Mr. Wakley, Mr. Washbrook, Mr. Heywood, and Mr. Wood of the long peal fame. The ringers take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Bamford, and also Mr. Walmsley, whose birthday it was, many happy returns of the day. The band was as follows; George Hoyle, 1; James Adshead, 2; F. Birtwistle (conductor), 3; J. Pilkington, 4; W. H. Walmsley, 5; W. R. Barrett, 6; J. Millett, 7; Samuel Brierley, 8. J. Adshead is a member of the local company, and was proposed a member of the Lancashire Association previous to the commencement of the peal. Hoyle and Birtwistle belong to Rochdale; Brierley hails from Milnrow; the rest belong to Heywood.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS' QUEX PARK BAND.

On Christmas morning, in accordance with the usual custom, the band mustered at the tower at 7 o'clock, and some good touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round, conducted respectively by Leon and Charles Willshire. After ringing, by the kind hospitality of H. H. Powell Cotton, Esq., the band sat down to a substantial breakfast, provided for them in the servants hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the band, this being a new but very acceptable addition which is very enjoyable after two and a half hour's ringing. At four o'clock, by kind permission of the Rev. J. P. Alcock, vicar, six members of the band rang at All Saints church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Willshire, 1; T. B. Reed, 2; C. Willshire, 3; T. B. Read, jun., 4; L. Willshire (conductor), 5; J. J. Bristow, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first 720 at the parish church, the five old bells having been rehung by a local bell-hanger, and a new treble added by Warner and Sons, a beautiful bell, clear in tone and perfectly in tune, a credit to the firm who supplied it. The go of the bells is all that a half-pull ringer could wish for.

MEETING OF RINGERS AT CAMBRIDGE.

It is proposed to hold a meeting of ringers at Cambridge on January 21st, to commemorate the centenary of the long peal of 6600 of Bob Maximus rung at Great St. Mary's, on January 21st, 1787. There will also be a meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association on that day. Further arrangements will be announced. Ringers who will attend the meeting are requested to communicate with M. C. Potter, 17, Fitzwilliam street, Cambridge.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society, will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 1888 at Bilston. Ringing at 2.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, One Shilling per head. Kindly let me know on or before the 4th, inst, how many of your band will attend, and oblige
S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

In Memoriam.

ARTHUR CRUWYS SHARLAND.

One of the oldest of the Devonshire ringers has passed away this week, in the person of Arthur Cruwys Sharland, Esq., of Tiverton, at the ripe age of eighty years.

Mr. Sharland was a vice-president of the Devonshire Guild and the St. Peter's Society. In his earlier days he became attached to the art of change-ringing in his native parish at Cruwys Morchard, and was well-known as one of the band of that village for many years. His zeal and interest did much to keep at a high state of perfection the ringing in this part of Devon. Though originally a round ringer, he was a true sympathizer with change-ringing, and all the improvements connected with it; and on special occasions rang a bell until he was seventy years of age. His daughter, Miss E. Cruwys Sharland, is well-known as an accomplished campanologist, and she has composed date touches which have been rung in many parts of England quite recently. The St. Peter's Society rang a knell at St. Peter's church, Tiverton, on Friday, December 23rd, for eighty minutes, and the muffled, as well as the real sounds of the beautiful bells could be distinctly heard at Cruwys Morchard (six miles off) when the body of their faithful vice-president was being placed in the family vault of that churchyard. The following members took part: Richard Grater, John Grater, Jas. Babbage, Richard Grater, jun., Jas. Grater, Tom Harvey, John Grater, jun., Sam Hoare, Ben Grater.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A trial of skill in the art of change-ringing on eight bells will take place at St. Thomas's church, Leesfield, Lees, on Saturday, January 21st, when the Association Cup will be competed for (according to the terms stated in the last Annual Report), and two other prizes given, namely: 2nd prize: eight silk pocket handkerchiefs, with figured bells and ringing mottoes woven in, by Edward Matthews, of Macclesfield, given by the Leesfield ringers. 3rd prize: Eight walking sticks of exquisite design and workmanship, given by a few friends. The draw for priority of ringing will take place at the undermentioned house at 12 o'clock. This competition is for members only. The annual dinner and meeting will take place on the same day at the house of Mr. William Taylor, "Devonshire Arms," Lees, near Oldham. Dinner at 4 p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each. Those intending being present at dinner must signify the same to host Taylor on or before Thursday, January 19th. Members are notified that the annual subscription is due at this meeting.

JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

Having obtained permission from the vicar of Heene, near Worthing, for the use of the bells on Boxing day, nine members of the Crawley branch of the Sussex County Association journeyed there to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 1296 changes, in 50 mins., they came to grief. W. Collison, 1; M. Heffer, 2; B. King, 3; W. Wadey, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; H. Burstow, 6; D. Jordan, 7; F. Wickens (conductor), 8; and J. Newnham as spare member. They visited afterwards the Broadwater church, and rang two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with Mr. B. Bassett, a member of the Heene branch, the bells not being in good going order for Minor. The members wish to express their best thanks to the vicar for use of bells, and to the members of the Heene and Broadwater branches for their kindness in making the visit so enjoyable, although not able to get the peal tried for, to the great disappointment of the conductor.

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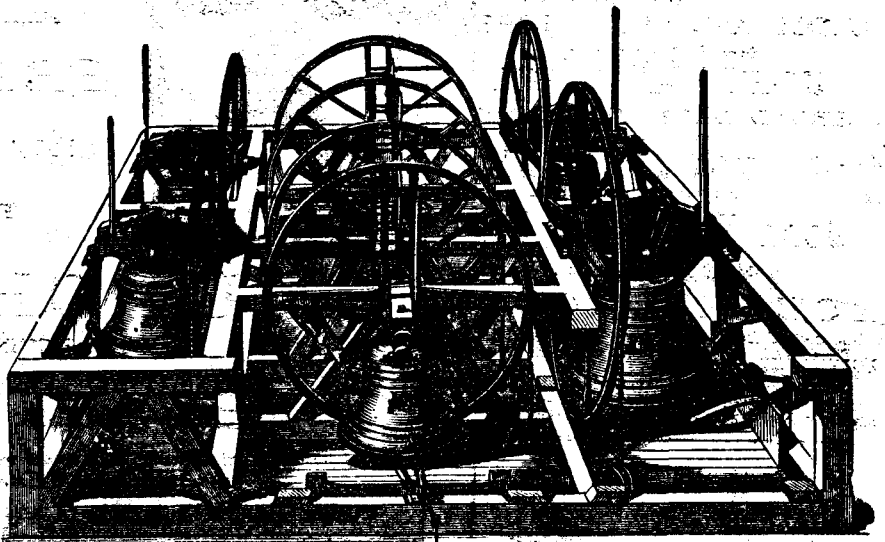


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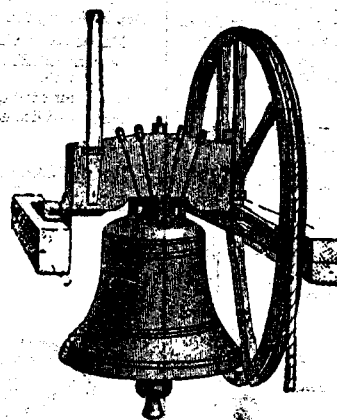
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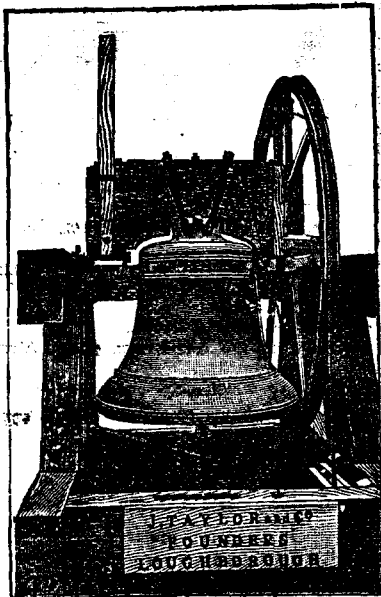
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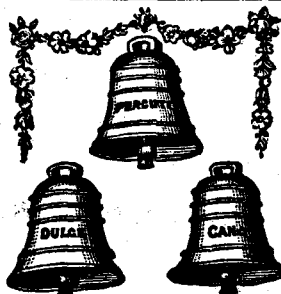
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